

Alachua County has a high number of recent rabies cases, but it's mostly bats and raccoons. Read the story on page 3.



**CAMPUS**

# Though chipping, blue trees continue conversation

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The blue trees on Turlington Plaza are fading away as the paint nears the end of its life expectancy, and students have taken notice.

Although the natural bark peeking through the blue paint looks to some like the trees are now orange and blue, to

others, the trees just look like they haven't been maintained.

"It became a waste of money because it wasn't kept up," said Steven Turner, a 22-year-old UF food science and human nutrition senior.

However, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said the paint will chip away.

"The paint was intended to last six to 12 months," Orlando said. "We're now at the

outer edge of the time frame. It is lasting longer than anticipated."

Some students were upset that the blue trees, which were intended to raise awareness for deforestation, in front of the Reitz Union were removed for construction.

"You shouldn't take down trees for deforestation," said Brittany Weintraut, an 18-year-old UF health science freshman.

"It shows we care a little bit, but not fullheartedly care."

But Orlando said the artist was aware that the trees would be removed for the construction and painted them anyway.

The trees will be replaced after the construction, Orlando said.

"The goal of raising awareness was accomplished, and they will be replaced," he said.



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Artist Konstantin Dimopoulos paints the trees on Turlington Plaza blue with a natural water-based pigment Oct. 16, 2012.



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The environmentally friendly blue paint chips off the trees on Turlington Plaza on Tuesday afternoon. It has been coming off for months.

## Obama talks diplomacy, airstrike options in Syria

► HE ADDRESSED THE NATION TUESDAY NIGHT.

**STAFF REPORT**

Following President Barack Obama's speech Tuesday night, which outlined a national course of action — or inaction — toward Syria, Gainesville opinions are mixed, as were President Obama's messages, some locals said.

In his speech, Obama called for diplomacy instead of military action, but he left the option of an air strike open while confirming he wouldn't put

troops on the ground. He asked Congress to postpone a vote to use force, and instead said he is working with the United Nations to come up with resolution that would force Bashar al-Assad, Syria's president, to give up chemical weapons.

UF associate professor of U.S. and international history Matthew Jacobs said Obama called Syria a national security threat but not an immediate one, leaving the scope of the threat ambiguous.

"There was some tension there that came out in the speech, I think," he said.

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## Internet would've impacted 9/11

**STAFF REPORT**

Today, people all around the United States will take to Facebook and Twitter expressing their thoughts and concerns about the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

But if social media was as prevalent 12 years ago, the coverage of the events would have been different. Instead of turning on TVs to watch the news broadcasts, people would go online.

David Ostroff, UF College of Journalism and Communications chair of telecommunication, said more information would be flowing.

"I think, obviously, there would have been a lot more information coming around," he said.

But the influx of information would be chaotic, forcing people to spend time making sense of it, he said.

Bruce Floyd, UF social media expert, agreed that coverage would have been different if these technologies were around 12 years ago. He said the event could have been crowdsourced.

"News agencies would scour social media to find discussion about what is happening and piece things together in real time," he said.

Molly Disabb, a 19-year-old UF wildlife ecology and conservation sophomore, said she isn't going to post anything about the terrorist attacks online.



Floyd

"I like to keep my affairs private on the matter. I don't feel Facebook is the place to discuss that," she said.

However, Floyd believes Disabb will be in the minority. He anticipates many students will post about the tragedy on Facebook and Twitter. Floyd said he encourages students to be cautious about what they put online.

"Don't be surprised if someone responds positively or negatively," he said. "Being that it is 9/11, there are still some sensitivities out there."

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empower students pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. The meeting will be held at Rinker Hall, Room 106.

## Writing as a spiritual practice

It will be at 8 p.m. Guiding questions will be offered as a way to reflect on how to lead a more intentional life. It is a particularly good way to get in the right headspace for Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, this Saturday, or as a way to reflect on 9/11. All are welcome — questions are not inherently religious in nature. Please bring a writing implement and something to write in. Rabbi Swedroe will lead the event at UF Hillel's conference room, 2020 W. University Ave.

## Wine-tasting event

The Fresh Market store, located at 4120 NW 16th Blvd., will host a fine wine tasting event Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation North Florida Chapter. Tickets are \$25, with all proceeds to benefit research of Type 1 diabetes. The Fresh Market will close its doors to the public. Tickets may be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/finewinegl](http://tinyurl.com/finewinegl), by calling the JDRF office at 904-739-2101 or at the door at the event.

## Yom Kippur at Hillel

This year, UF Hillel is starting off Yom Kippur the right way — with some food. Join friends for a relaxing meal from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. on Friday before Yom Kippur services begin at 7 p.m. The

prefast meal is subsidized for UF students and costs \$10. For community members and parents, the meal costs \$25. Please RSVP by visiting UF Hillel's website at [www.ufhillel.org/high-holy-days-schedule](http://www.ufhillel.org/high-holy-days-schedule).

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Resident Assistant information sessions

Come out to an RA information session this week. RAs serve as advisers to residents, build a community for their residents, enforce policies and regulations, exercise good judgment in crisis situations and plan programs. RA information sessions this week are at 4:30 p.m. in the Keys Complex Classroom and Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Murphree Area Commons. Visit [www.housing.ufl.edu](http://www.housing.ufl.edu) for more information.

## Democracy and Science

Today at 5:30 p.m. in Smathers Library East, Room 1A, Dan Kahan of Yale University will discuss the perceived gap between the scientific community and the general public. He will suggest individuals understand scientific claims but still make decisions based upon their values and beliefs. This event is organized by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere as part of the "Civil Society?" speaker series. For more information, visit [www.humanities.ufl.edu](http://www.humanities.ufl.edu).

## IBC Cinema Presents: 'School Daze'

IBC Cinema is a showcase of documentary films that highlight the diversity of the black experience. This month's movie is "School Daze," written and directed by Spike Lee. School Daze is a story about fraternity and sorority members clashing with other students at a historically black college during homecoming weekend. Movie showings are at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Contact the Institute of Black Culture at [ibc@multicultural.ufl.edu](mailto:ibc@multicultural.ufl.edu) for more information.

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# Alachua County has high number of rabies cases — mostly bats and raccoons

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Alachua County ranked among the highest for reported cases of rabies in animals this year, according to recently released data from the Florida Department of Health.

Those numbers don't necessarily reflect negatively on the county's dogs and cats, said Vernon Sawyer, director of Alachua County Animal Services.

"Primarily in Alachua County, bats and raccoons are the source of rabies," he said.

According to data, 45 out of 68 cases were related to raccoons infected with rabies.

Alachua County had reported four cases within the year: two cases with raccoons and two cases with bats.

Sawyer said the numbers are due to the county having a large rural area that is often being disrupted by construction.

He said because of the human invasion, animals are looking for different sources of food and coming into contact with humans more

frequently.

Jennifer Gray, a 22-year-old UF first-year veterinary medicine student, said she agreed.

"Anything to disrupt the environment will cause animals to come out of their habitats," she said. "I just saw a raccoon on campus the other night."

*"Wherever there are high population densities of raccoons, since it's the leading carrier of rabies, is where rabies will be prominent."*

**Samantha Wisely**  
UF wildlife ecology and conservation associate professor

Gray said education is essential in keeping people safe. She said many people do not realize when they see unfamiliar animals out in daylight that they can still be harmful and can possibly be carrying rabies.

Samantha Wisely, a UF wildlife ecology and conservation associate professor, said rabies is a disease that generally requires a large num-

ber of hosts to become a high risk to humans.

"Wherever there are high population densities of raccoons, since it's the leading carrier of rabies, is where rabies will be prominent," Wisely said.

Wisely and Sawyer both said the data varies from year to year.

Wisely explained that because the disease is fatal, the areas dense with the disease fluctuates as infected animals die, and the cycle repeats.

"This is exactly why it's so important to have animals vaccinated," Sawyer said.

Ashley Coxen, a 21-year-old UF animal sciences senior, said pet shelters and adoptions usually have a fee associated with adopting an animal because it may already come with all shots that are necessary for the animal's health, which includes a rabies shot.

"We're in a college town," Coxen said, "and I would bet most college kids don't spend the money on their animals' shots because they don't think they need them, which is not true."



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Two kittens sit in a cage at the Alachua County Humane Society on Tuesday afternoon. Unvaccinated cats are the domestic outdoor animals most at risk for developing rabies in the state.

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# Sister City Program of Gainesville plans Poland trip

► THE CONFERENCE IS FROM OCT. 19 TO 27.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Mayor Ed Braddy and an official delegation are gearing up for a trip to Rzeszow, Poland, to represent the City of Gainesville for the first time there.

Through the Sister City Program, Gainesville already collaborates with Rzeszow, a leading city of innovation in Poland. The weeklong conference, which is slated to run from Oct. 19 to Oct. 27, aims to establish a stronger relationship between the two.

Some of the delegates are UF professors and officials who will build relationships with professors in Rzeszow.

In February 2013, a delegation of

six representatives from Poland visited Gainesville, and Rzeszow became an official sister city during a signing in a Gainesville City Commission meeting.

Rzeszow is similar to Gainesville in many ways, said Margaret Andraka, director of the Gainesville-Rzeszow Sister City Program. It has two universities, so it has a similar demographic. Rzeszow seeks to become a leader in medical and science innovation just as Gainesville has done with institutions like UF Health Shands Hospital, she said.

"Leaders in Rzeszow are anxious to learn from Gainesville," said Steve Kalishman, president of Gainesville's Sister City Program.

The goal is to exchange activities and formal agreements to secure relationships that will allow more opportunities for new groups to travel.

## LIFESTYLE

# Locals debate unpaid internships

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As people across the U.S. are collecting petitions and lobbying for legislation that would outlaw unpaid internships, some locals are expressing mixed opinions about changing what has become a corporate norm.

Jeremiah Tattersall, of the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force, said he disagrees with unpaid internships. In fact, he said, they can be filed as cases of wage theft. The 27-year-old UF alumnus is working to find local remedies to wage theft, which includes illegal withholding, underpayment or nonpayment of wages.

"The problem with internships is that most people don't know what their rights are," he said. "About half of college internships are not paid, and unless they follow a very strict guideline set up by the Department of Labor, they should be getting paid at least minimum wage."

However, Chad Paris, the owner of local design and printing firm Parisleaf, said student interns are working for themselves, gaining experience that will pay off later. Mandating a wage would dry up the opportunities for students to

do professional work for firms, he said.

Paris has had about 20 interns since 2010. Four are now employees. Although he said the company can't afford to pay all of its interns, it is giving them opportunities to learn and create portfolios to help make money in the future.

"We would never exploit our interns — it's not about how much sugar we like in our coffee," Paris said. "We give them an amazing opportunity that will help them make life decisions. By paying them, we wouldn't be able to help as many people."

Tattersall said students should reap the benefits. To educate them, he is pushing to create a fact sheet for freshmen welcome packets with information about their rights.

"I'm hoping by the end of the semester or early next semester that we'll actually have the Student Government behind us and the UF administration," Tattersall said. "No one wants to send their kids to college unprepared."

Zack Peterson, a 20-year-old UF journalism junior, spent the summer working at the Valley News in Vermont. Peterson said he wasn't reimbursed for his labor, but he didn't complain about the situation.

"I had a good experience," he said, "but I had a scholarship."

# City, residents mull effects of upcoming utilities rate increase

► RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES WILL GO UP \$17 A MONTH.

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Gainesville Regional Utilities rates will increase for all services beginning Oct. 1 — a measure OK'd by the City Commission that may leave businesses unharmed but strain families, some residents say.

Due to the addition of the biomass plant, residential utilities prices will increase by 7.3 percent, or about \$17 per month, based on the company's projections, said GRU

spokeswoman Amelia Bell.

"The key reasons for the increases are declining sales over the past several years and the addition of a new renewable generation source," Bell wrote in an email.

Evelyn Foxx, president of the Alachua County branch of the NAACP, said the projected rate increase is both disheartening and disturbing.

"If your rates go up \$15 a month, that's money you don't have to buy medication or put food on your table," she said. "It doesn't look very promising."

Foxx said the lower-income population of Gainesville will likely bear the brunt of the increase.

"We disproportionately pay most of it, even with the rate changes," Foxx said. "It's a no-win situation, so we just got to deal with it, fussing about it isn't going to do any good."

But for some businesses, the rate changes that will soon take effect are negligible.

Roger Beebe, owner of local store Video Rodeo, said the rates will affect his business, but the benefits of the plant outweigh the rising costs.

"I hear people complaining that the GRU rates are going to make or break us, and I think that's sort of insane," he said. "I think if we pay a few more pennies — or a few more dollars — each month, it's not going

to drive us out of business."

Beebe said because his business doesn't create huge profits, any fluctuation in finances makes a difference. Still, he is in favor of the biomass plant and is OK with paying the increased rates.

*"If your rates go up \$15 a month, that's money you don't have to buy medication or put food on your table."*

**Evelyn Foxx**

Alachua County NAACP president

Jonathan Watkins, manager of Modern Age Tobacco and Gift Shop, agreed that although the rate chang-

es are noticeable, they will "not be that significant" in the long run.

Bell said GRU is also making efforts to reduce the effect of the biomass plant by refinancing existing debts and cutting the original 2014 budget by about \$10.8 million.

City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins said the plant is more expensive because it is new, and the type of fuel used has nothing to do with the price increase.

"The biggest driver in increasing costs is the purchase power agreement for the biomass plant," he said. "The first couple of years you pay above market, but in the long run, you save money."

# Locals' opinions differ

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Jacobs said an intriguing point of the speech was Obama's "effort to deal with a range of criticism." He compared the promises that there would be "no boots on the ground" and that the U.S.'s involvement "won't be prolonged" with the potential impact of what Obama called "deter and degrade" — to prevent Syrian usage of nuclear weapons.

"He's trying to walk a very fine line, which forces him into these sort of contradictory statements," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said he thought the president did a good job laying out the moral argument for why Syria is a problem, but he said Obama left the government's next steps unclear in the event of Congress voting "no" to his proposition.

Skye Schmelzer, a 21-year-old UF history senior and a lead organizer of Students for a Democratic Society, said Obama's talk of an airstrike is narrow-minded. She said regardless of the timing of a U.S. airstrike, it's in Obama's interest to

play a policing role.

Although Sameer Saboungi, a 19-year-old international studies sophomore and Syrian-American, also disagreed with Obama's speech, he said it was because he was disappointed in Obama's inaction.

"I think the risks of inaction are greater than the risks of action," he said. "We're not addressing the root of the problem. Chemical weapons are a symptom of the problem."

However, Dante Frisiello, a 20-year-old UF philosophy and political science junior, called the president's speech "spot on."

"It was probably the first time since he's taken office that I've agreed with every word he said," Frisiello said.

He said letting a conflict go would set a precedent, sending a message that a country can use chemical weapons against its own people without consequence.

"You can't let that go," Frisiello said. "For a guy who constantly gets criticized for not being tough enough, he definitely scored with this."



Aubrey Stolzenberg / Alligator Staff

UF Students for a Democratic Society protest the United States' intervention in Syria. Obama addressed the nation Tuesday night and called for diplomacy but left options open for military action.

# Rape culture can lead to issues for victims reporting to police

## Lost memory, files mean mystery

Editor's note: This is part two of a three-part series.

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Sarah, a 22-year-old UF alumna, is diabetic.

"When my blood sugar drops, I black out," she said.

During her first semester in college, she said she experienced a severe drop in her blood sugar at a party. Sarah was at a house shared by eight guys, all members of fraternities.

"When we got to the party, I walked in and blacked out," she said. "The next memory I have is waking up in my bed."

When Sarah woke up in her dorm room alone, she said she "felt lost and confused." She said she was in pain. Her phone was missing — and so was her underwear.

In a panic, she borrowed a phone and called her friends to try to piece together what had happened the night before.

Sarah's friends tracked down her phone. One of the boys who threw the party had it, and he was angry. He told Sarah she could have her phone back — after she cleaned his sheets. His comforter was covered in blood.

Sarah said she was raped in the boy's room by one of his friend's younger brothers, a high school student visiting for the weekend.

She said she was attacked while she was in a blackout. Sarah was a virgin.

"I was in denial for months," she said. "I was lost."

Sarah was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. She recently stopped taking anti-anxiety medication.

She said she was harassed after the attack by people who thought she was lying. Behind her back — and sometimes to her face — they called her "the girl who cried rape."

Sarah reported the attack to Gainesville Police. There is a team of detectives that handles all sexual battery cases, according to GPD Spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

One of those detectives was assigned to Sarah's case.

Tobias said after talking to multiple witnesses, police determined Sarah was not the victim of a sexual battery.

Sarah said the detective told her that "if girls stop putting themselves in these types of situations, I wouldn't have to deal with cases like this."



Through Tobias, the detective declined requests to comment for this story.

calls for weeks while her case was open.

At one point, Philhower had to call Kalt on Sarah's behalf to make contact with the detective.

About a year after she filed her case, Sarah said, she was told the paperwork was lost.

When asked how it was possible for a case file to be lost, Tobias said, "Case files do not get lost because they are managed electronically — since 2005."

The copy of Sarah's case files, which she still has, contains notes from interviews conducted in 2009. Tobias said that usually officers maintain most of their notes themselves.

In the GPD document Procedures & Flow

A doctor, Elliot Michael Reisman, said there are three "real, honest possibilities."

One, her blood sugar got too low, and she was delirious.

Two, she had too much to drink and doesn't remember it.

Three, psychologically she just blocked it out — "which is a perfectly normal and reasonable thing to do if you've been raped."

Reisman said it's impossible to know what really happened.

There are too many variables: what she ate, what she drank, how much insulin she administered to herself that day.

Sarah will never know exactly what happened that night. She'll never know with certainty why she blacked out.

According to Laura Templeton, a victim advocate for University Police, none of that matters. Regardless of the cause of the blackout, it still constitutes rape.

Florida Statute 794.011 (e) states that sexual battery occurs when a victim is "physically helpless."

It defines this state as "unconscious, asleep, or for any other reason physically unable to communicate unwillingness to an act."

"If you feel like this happened, it happened," Templeton said. "It says in the laws that if you're under the influence of alcohol, you can't consent."

She said the interactions she has had with Gainesville Police and University Police have been positive.

"We're lucky that we've experienced really good, positive feedback from survivors about their experiences with our officers," Templeton said.

She said she has "heard stuff" from other victim advocates about law enforcement, court systems and some judges.

"That's part of prepping victims who are coming forward to report," Templeton said. "You want to make sure they know up front what they're getting into, and part of that is knowing the system."

She added she knows victim blaming by officials can happen, especially when there is alcohol involved.

"There's not a barrier between rape culture and law enforcement," she said. "It's everywhere."

According to [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org), the site for the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes.

Out of every **100** rapes,  
**46** are reported to police  
of those, **12** lead to arrest  
**9** get prosecuted  
**5** lead to felony conviction

To report a rape to the police, a person (or his/her friend) can call 911 or visit an emergency room and ask them to call. The number to connect to the local rape crisis center is 1-800-656-HOPE.

However, Tobias said the behavior Sarah alleged is uncharacteristic of the detective.

"I've known [the detective] for many years, and I definitely don't think that's something [the detective] would say," Tobias said.

He added that it "may seem on the surface that the Gainesville Police Department does not care about [sexual battery victims], but that couldn't be further from the truth. We care very much."

Tanja Philhower worked on Sarah's case in 2009. At that time, Philhower was a victim advocate at the University Police.

Laura Kalt, a victim advocate for Gainesville Police, spoke about Sarah's case very briefly before declining further comment.

Kalt said she never had direct contact with Sarah, only with Philhower, Sarah's victim advocate. Kalt said she received a call from Philhower asking her to check on the case.

Sarah said the detective didn't answer her

for the Criminal Investigations division, Section 5.01.05 B stipulates that, "Supervisors will make appropriate data entry into the computer system of the incident reports. Supplemental reports will be completed within ten (10) days of receiving an OPEN case for investigation. Additional supplements will be due every ten (10) days thereafter until the case is closed."

Sarah's copy of the case file shows no information was inputted into the GPD database until February 2011, nearly 15 months after the initial report. Tobias confirmed the date.

Sarah still has trouble talking about the ordeal.

"This is the reason why girls don't report things," she said.



Sarah has no memory of her assault. She said she was in a blackout, but there is no way to know for sure what caused her memory lapse.

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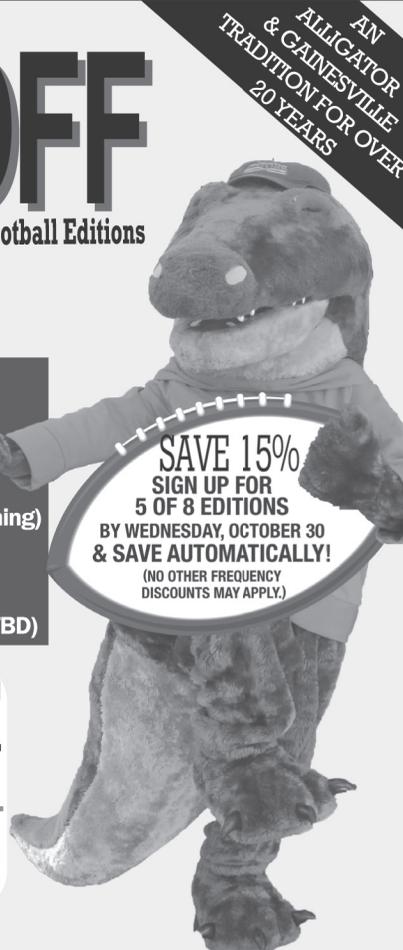
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Editorial

## Not So Fast: Ranking system needs to be examined

Yesterday, we reported that UF had shifted upward in the U.S. News & World Report's university rankings. Among public universities, we are now 14, and among national universities, we are 49. Damn, it feels good to be a Gator.

Consider, however, that the U.S. News & World Report's questionable methodology for ranking universities in America has been criticized since the early '80s.

During a lecture on Aug. 22 at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, President Barack Obama even commented on U.S. News' faulty rankings.

"It encourages a lot of colleges to focus on ways to . . . game the numbers, and it actually rewards them, in some cases, for raising costs," he said.

In addition, a large part of the metrics — about 22.5 to 25 percent — used to determine rank comes from a "reputational" measure that doesn't rely on hard data. The U.S. News requests "peer assessments" from college presidents, provosts, admissions directors and high school counselors.

But is there any value in asking the president of the University of California, Irvine, a large state school, to assess Yeshiva University, a small, private Jewish university with two campuses in Manhattan? The U.S. News ratings are, as Malcolm Gladwell of the New Yorker put it, a "self-fulfilling prophecy," because the school officials who complete these peer assessments often return to U.S. News' previous rankings to form their opinions. This flawed system results in a higher-education beauty pageant worthy of a TLC reality show.

As The Atlantic writer John Tierney put it, the U.S. News ranking only serves to further our cultural obsession with prestige, even if the supposed prestige is based solely on dollars spent rather than the quality of education.

All this considered, we urge you — and high school students, parents and alumni — to avoid placing too much weight on this particular ranking, especially since other higher-quality rankings actually place UF even higher.

Washington Monthly released its 2013 national universities ranking, and UF placed 24th. This list includes both public and for-profit schools, so this represents a noticeable shift from our slot at 49 on the U.S. News ranking.

The Washington Monthly bases its comparisons on each school's "contribution to the public good in three broad categories." These categories included social mobility, research and service. Social mobility refers to a university's capacity for recruiting and graduating low-income students, research refers to universities that provide the best scholarship opportunities and Ph.D. programs, and service applies to universities that encourage their students to give something back to the country. Y'know, the things that matter more than renovated dorms and high ratings in arbitrary categories such as "selectivity."

This year, Washington Monthly also released its first-ever Best Bang For Your Buck schools — with UF in the No. 1 spot.

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Should the United States go to war with Syria?

**Tuesday's question:** Do you try to talk like a Kardashian — on purpose?

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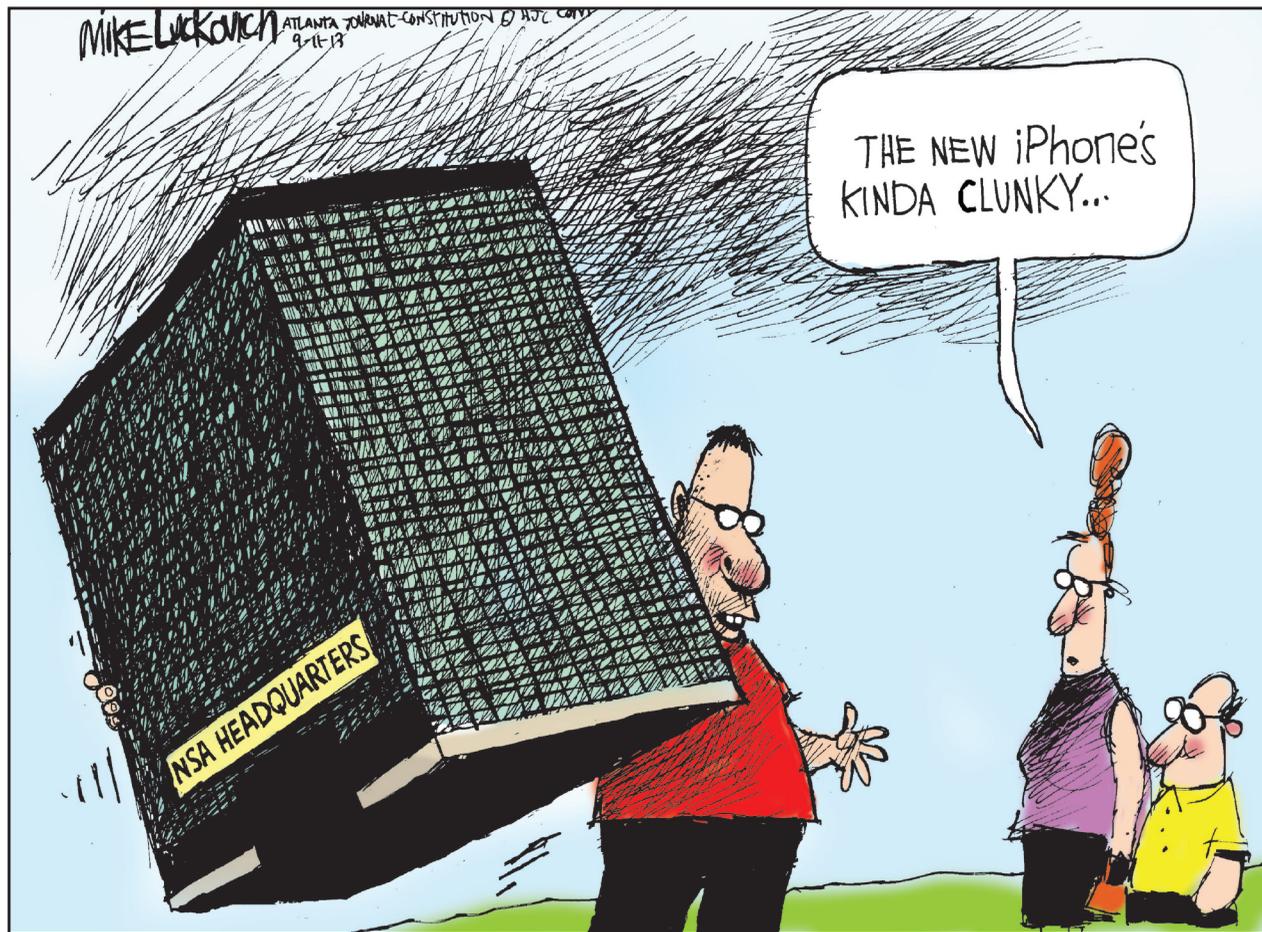
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### Column

## Support for impeaching Obama is cheap

The authority to impeach the president of the United States is one of the most seldom-used powers granted to Congress by the Constitution.

The Constitution states that presidents and other officials can only be impeached on the basis of "high crimes and misdemeanors." These violations include bribery, perjury, treason and a number of other very serious offenses.

The process of impeachment is long and difficult, which reflects the very specific and serious circumstances when it can be used. Impeachment requires a majority vote in the House to begin proceedings and a two-thirds vote in the Senate to convict the president and remove him or her from office.

In the 237 years since America's founding, only two of America's 44 presidents have been impeached: Andrew Johnson, for violating the Tenure of Office Act, and Bill Clinton, for committing perjury during the Monica Lewinsky scandal. A third president, Richard Nixon, likely would have been impeached by Congress in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal, but he resigned before proceedings could begin.

No president has ever been successfully removed from office, however — both Johnson and Clinton narrowly avoided conviction by the Senate.

Despite the weighty implications of supporting the impeachment of a president, some congressional Republicans have recently rallied enthusiastically around the prospect of impeaching President Barack Obama.

"If I could write that bill and submit it, it would be a dream come true," said Rep. Kerry Bentivolio (R-MI), according to The New York Times.

The Times also quoted Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK), who recently said the president was "perilously close" to being in danger of impeachment.

So, what high crimes has Obama committed to deserve impeachment and removal from office?

As of now, none of the Republicans supporting Obama's impeachment have come forward with any evidence of criminal activity or misconduct that would justify such an act.



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Instead, they frequently cite the Affordable Care Act — also known as Obamacare — a piece of legislation that was ruled fully lawful and constitutional by the Supreme Court. The recent IRS "scandal" involving alleged increased scrutiny for conservative political action groups, which has also been thoroughly debunked, is

another popular source of outrage for impeachment-happy Republicans.

Ironically, actions taken by the Obama administration that some consider unlawful, including the warrantless data collecting conducted by the National Security Administration, are never mentioned by Republicans supporting the president's impeachment. This is likely because these Republicans are more interested in scoring cheap political points than they are in contributing constructively to public policy.

Essentially, the motivation for impeaching the president for these Republicans is: "He doesn't share our views, and we don't like that." Unfortunately for them, that is not nearly enough of a reason to even consider supporting impeachment.

These Republicans may also be suffering from what some, including journalist and author Jonathan Alter, have called "Obama Derangement Syndrome." The Republicans who support Obama's impeachment are so blinded by their hatred for the president that they are willing to say or do anything simply to display their distaste for him.

It would be a political disaster for Republicans to impeach Obama and then provide no evidence to support their actions. Even if such a bill were to pass in the Republican-dominated House, the prospects of conviction in the Democratic-held Senate are essentially zero.

The talk of impeachment coming from congressional Republicans is likely just that: all talk.

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

Guest column

# Lessons from history: Hanoi to Damascus

Recent debate over American military intervention in Syria has sparked Cold War memories, and the parallels are stark. As I watched a discussion between Sen. John McCain and French writer Bernard Henri-Lévy at a Washington think tank on YouTube from November, this resemblance became apparent.

**Andrew Pentland**  
Speaking Out

In a moment of supreme irony, in regards to Syria, the moderator declared, "If the French are ready to go, we should go. That's my rule of thumb in foreign policy."

As if he did not realize that the man he was speaking to, Sen. John McCain, spent more than five years of his youth interned by a country initially imperialized by France and later invaded by the United States.

It's practically a given that the Cold War of the 20th century was, to put it bluntly, stupid. That is, motivated by false fears and assumptions, and responsible for reprehensible quantities of violence and trauma. Therefore, in making the argument for a strong resemblance between U.S. involvement in Syria and Vietnam, I aim to invigorate the historical anxieties of unjust wars past.

At the geopolitical level, former Cold War hegemony, China and Russia, stand firmly opposed to U.S. intervention — just as they were opposed to U.S. intervention in an already deteriorating French conflict in Indochina during the Vietnam War.

At a strategic level, as in the case of Vietnam, the conflict in Syria poses no existential threat to the United States.

However, in his Aug. 31 speech from the White House Rose Garden, President Barack Obama said, "I believe I have the authority to carry out this military action without specific congressional authorization."

If the president believes he has the authority to bomb a sovereign state without the consent of our elected representatives, then must he not also believe the Syrian conflict poses a direct threat to the common defense or general welfare of the United States, thus warranting a hasty and unapproved attack?

On a moral level, it is ridiculous to suppose more violence from an external force can help produce justice in Syria. Yet, President Obama speaks in the language of justice.

He said, "I'm confident we can hold the Assad regime accountable for their use of chemical weapons, deter this kind of behavior and degrade their capacity to carry it out."

Flipping the situation on its head helps highlight the absurdity of this reasoning. Imagine a contemporary American civil war. Regardless of the motivating factors for such an event, would any American think for a second it would be acceptable for the Syrian government to impose its self-proclaimed "just will" on our domestic conflict? The reverse is no different, and it is the situation we face.

Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara said it best, "The picture of the world's greatest superpower killing or seriously injuring 1,000 noncombatants a week, while trying to pound a tiny backward nation into submission on an issue whose merits are hotly disputed, is not a pretty one."

Andrew Pentland is a UF history senior.

Column

# 'Governments never learn. Only people learn.'

By noon, a third of the class was gone. As the minutes passed, more kids in my fourth grade class were being pulled out by panicky parents. During lunch, the few of us remaining were confused. The rumor in the cafeteria was that the Chinese had attacked us. The idea of the Commies invading U.S. soil made sense to my 9-year-old mind. Earlier that year, an international crisis had occurred after a mid-air collision between a U.S. Navy plane and a Chinese fighter jet. Diplomatic tensions soon subsided, but sitting in the cafeteria, I figured the only thing that could force my buddies to evacuate our elementary school was a ground invasion of South Florida by the Red Army.

Twelve years since that day, it's easy to laugh at my childish notions. But aside from whatever story we all remember from Sept. 11, 2001, today's anniversary brings painful memories to many. The terrorist attacks that morning caused 2,977 individuals to leave this world. The daughters and sons, the widows and widowers of those victims find restless hearts when they recall 9/11 — and so should we.

Immediately after 9/11, candlelight vigils and other solidarity events were held in the Muslim world expressing grief over the loss of innocent American life. In Iran — yet to be included in President George W. Bush's "axis of evil" at the time — an entire soccer stadium observed a minute of silence honoring the dead. If that wasn't enough to break the stereotype that all Muslims were terror lovers, the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat expressed horror at the crimes, and even the Ayatollah of Iran condemned the suicide attacks. For a moment, the headline of the French daily *Le Monde* spoke for the world: "Nous sommes tous Américains" — "We are all Americans."

Humanity held its breath, hoping America would grasp the mantle of moral leadership. But we lost it. We fell for our politicians' war drums, and we lost it. We toppled the Afghan government and militarily occupied the country instead of using the less-dramatic and more logical approach of criminally investigating the



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organizers and financiers of the isolated terrorist networks. Our response to foreign violence with American violence had just begun.

In September 2002, the Bush administration released its National Security Strategy. If the NSS had anything to do with "national security," we would have world peace today. The NSS called for action against countries before said countries could even threaten the U.S. with weapons of mass destruction. In proclaiming such a vague defense policy, much of

the world could be labeled a "security threat."

We went for oil-rich Iraq, with nearly 70 percent of Americans convinced that Saddam Hussein was somehow "personally involved" in the 9/11 attacks. Bush's favorite philosopher said in the Gospels, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword." Jesus didn't predict modern America's lack of ethical insight, but his teaching that violence begets violence remains true today.

American obsession with violence and hostility as tools to deal with 21st century problems hasn't changed much in recent years. Sure, we got out of Iraq, but we replaced that with hundreds of Yemeni and Pakistani civilians being killed in drone strikes ordered by the Obama administration. We continue to occupy Afghanistan, and now the war drums for striking Syria are beating loud.

The U.S. somehow manages to detain more than a hundred men without trial at Guantanamo — about half of them cleared for release — and force-feed dozens of others. In 2012, former President Jimmy Carter called our bipartisan disregard for human rights since 9/11 a "cruel and unusual record." Milton Friedman once said, "Governments never learn. Only people learn." Are we going to do anything about the moral decline of U.S. foreign policy? Or should we pray, as Pope Francis did in a four-hour public vigil last Saturday, pleading for divine aid to pull us out of the "spiral of sorrow and death?" Remember, humanity can only hold its breath for so long, so let's get the ball rolling.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Get ready for elections

Fellow Gators,

In three weeks, you will have the opportunity to elect 50 student senators representing the various residence halls and the surrounding Gainesville community.

As your supervisor of elections, I encourage you to learn more about Student Government, the political parties, the candidates and the election process.

Today is the last opportunity to interview to be a candidate with a political party.

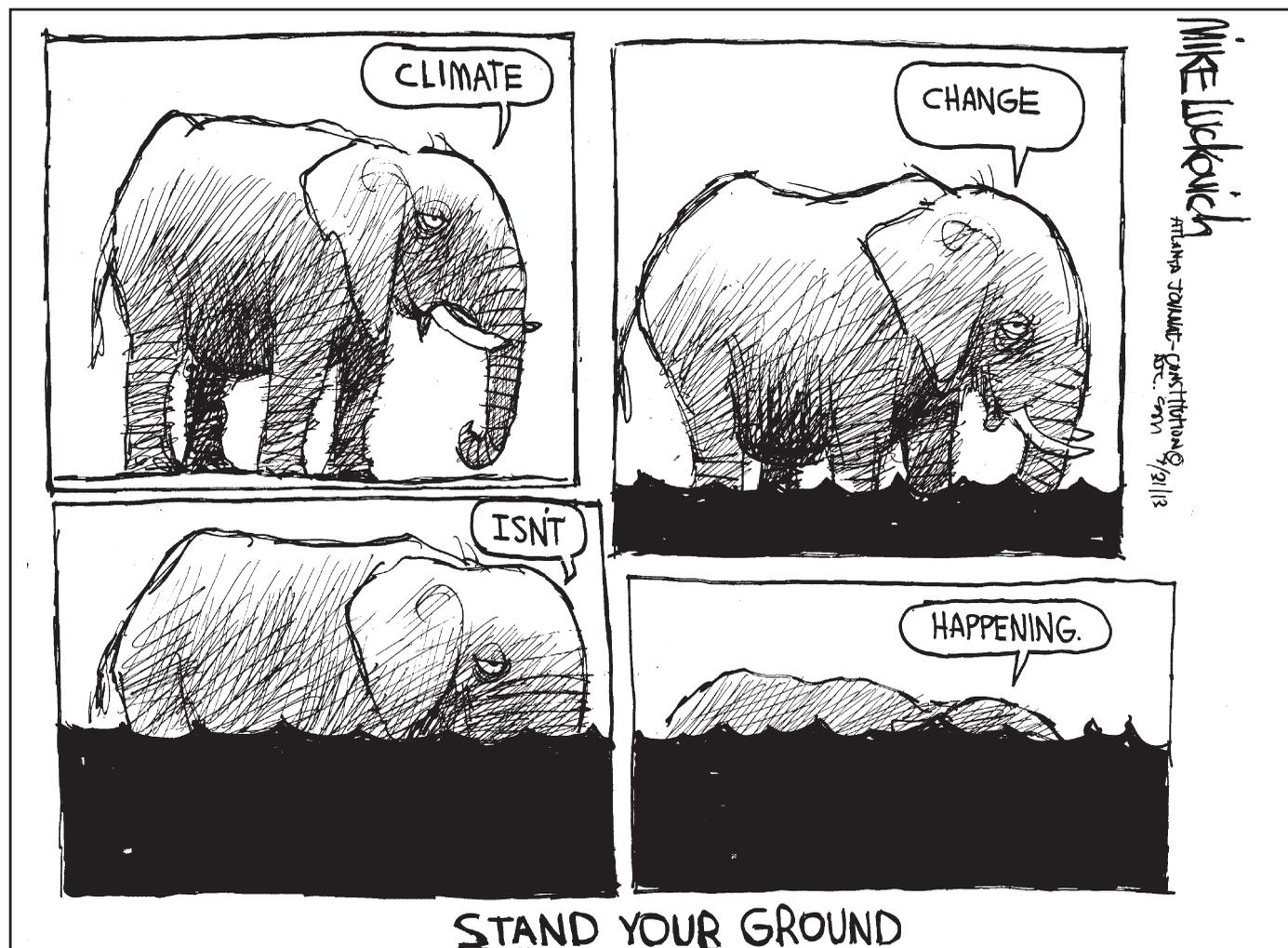
You can visit Room 362 in the J. Wayne Reitz Union if you are interested in becoming a part of Student Senate.

Election days are Oct. 1 and 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and we hope to offer 12 polling locations around campus. Please remember that in the upcoming election

you will be able to vote for candidates who represent you based off of where you live. Please take the time to ensure that you have the correct local address on file in myUFL.

For more information on the election process and how to properly update your local address please visit [www.sg.ufl.edu/elections](http://www.sg.ufl.edu/elections).

Justin Hoover  
SG Supervisor of Elections



## CAMPUS

# Graduate assistants protest lack of paychecks due to paperwork

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Alligator Contributing Writer

A small crowd gathered on the front steps of Tigert Hall on Monday in response to UF failing to pay 60 to 80 graduate assistants.

Members in Graduate Assistants United, the labor union representing all graduate assistants at UF, believe the main cause is a backlog of paperwork due to an overwhelmed administration staff.

"With so many new employees, it's not unusual to have these kinds of pay delays in the

Fall semester," said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

Sikes said if students are late in being hired by their department or miss a deadline for whatever reason, they won't be processed in UF's system and could be unpaid.

Last year, UF took administration staff out of different departments and funneled them into a shared services office where graduate assistants could be processed in a single place, said Graduate Assistants United grievance chairman Kevin Funk, a doctoral candidate in political science.

The college "can't definitively prove to you that it's causing a problem, but common sense would indicate that factor," said Funk, 31.

*"With so many new employees, it's not unusual to have these kinds of pay delays in the Fall semester."*

Janine Sikes  
UF spokeswoman

Graduate assistants who weren't paid last Friday are eligible to receive an emergency check this Friday. They must request an emer-

gency check from their individual department and have the request submitted to payroll before 4 p.m. today, according to an email provided by UF Graduate School.

Emily McCann, chief negotiator and co-president of Graduate Assistants United said graduate assistants fear they may remain unpaid or unappreciated, for their work.

"We're troubled that UF knew about this problem before and didn't do anything about it," the 28-year-old English doctoral candidate said. "But, this year, we've decided to take action."

## 9/11 babies used to sharing birthday

► STUDENTS CELEBRATE BUT ARE RESPECTFUL.

## STAFF REPORT

It was Sept. 11, 2001, and Kevin Weschler was excited.

What fourth-grader getting out of school early on his birthday wouldn't be? He didn't even know what the Twin Towers were.

Now, 12 years later, Weschler celebrates — carefully.

"I try to have a good time while still recognizing ... that day," said the 22-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior.

He's not alone. Likely due to it falling roughly nine months after New Year's Day and Valentine's Day, Sept. 16 is the most common birthday in the United States. Being born near that date — including Sept. 11 — is extremely common.

Andrea Sarcos, a 21-year-old UF visual art studies junior, remembers Sept. 11, 2001, as a good birthday. Her parents threw a pool party with a bounce house.

But as she grew older, she felt the tension.

"I was kind of selfish," Sarcos said. "I kind of ignored whatever was going on. It was hard to feel happy when everyone around you was sad."

That reaction isn't uncommon. On her 10th birthday, Stephanie Trappberger's friends kept coming up to her

and saying, "I'm sorry."

The 22-year-old UF animal sciences senior said on Sept. 11, 2001, she went out with her family to a seafood restaurant. They were the only customers.

"It was a normal day before it happened," Trappberger said. "As time went on and the older I got, now I really know the significance of the day."

She celebrates her birthday like normal, but she remembers what happened that day.

"It's still in the back of my mind," Trappberger said.

Similarly, now that she's older, Sarcos said, she feels a sense of tribute on the day.

"I respect it," she said. "I'll think about it. I'm just more aware."

But really, those with 9/11 birthdays can't seem to forget it.

Trappberger, Weschler and Sarcos all said when they tell friends their birth date, many react with surprise.

"I've never gotten anyone who's like 'Oh, cool,'" Sarcos said. "More like 'Are you serious?' or, 'Are you lying?'"

Each year, when the day itself comes, the students are challenged to strike a balance between somber remembrance and personal celebration.

"I separate 9/11 and my birthday in my mind as two separate concepts," Weschler said. "I think of '9/11' as a tragedy, and I think of September 11th as my birthday. Even though it happened to be simultaneous."

## Neutrality with a side of sax at Senate Meetings will be unbiased

COLLEEN WRIGHT

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Although the mood in the Chesterfield Smith Classroom in the Levin College of Law turned comical as Tuesday's Student Senate meeting was briefly interrupted by a shirtless student playing the saxophone for a promo video for Gator Growl, rhetoric stiffened with discussion of party neutrality.

Senate President Lauren Verno personally asked senators to leave buttons, T-shirts and any political

party paraphernalia behind during the upcoming election season.

"I consider these chambers to be very unbiased," she said.

In her past three years as a senator, Verno remembered tensions rising as students seemingly campaigned during Senate meetings.

"I really want this to feel like Senate and not two separate chambers," she said after the meeting.

Sen. Helie Dharia took her Students Party pin off her purse and reversed her Students Party T-shirt for Tuesday's meeting.

"We don't want to cause problems," she said after the meeting. "We want to be productive."

Swamp Party Spokesman Joseph Michaels said senators within his party are discouraged from wearing anything distracting in Senate.

"Those in Senate are reminded that their job is to represent students," he said.

As the Senate eases into election season, the second day of qualifying for Fall 2013 elections surpassed Monday's numbers. After a record low turnout Monday, 167 students qualified Tuesday, according to Supervisor of Elections Justin Hoover.



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David Greenstein plays saxophone shirtless to Senate President Lauren Verno as Senate President Pro Tempore Cory Yeffet laughs Tuesday evening during the weekly Student Senate meeting at the Levin College of Law. Greenstein's performance was part of a video promo for the 2013 Gator Growl.

## LOCAL

## HIV advocacy group to expand beyond Alachua County

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A local HIV advocacy group received renewed funding last week, so it can begin offering meetings outside of Alachua County.

The advocacy group, Let's Talk About It, is a program offered by local nonprofit organization Rural Women's Health Project. The group offers HIV-positive women of North Central Florida support and health education.

Previously, the program only offered meetings in Alachua County. With the new funding, Let's Talk About It will be able

to provide meetings in Marion and Putnam counties, said Angela Bakidis, project coordinator for the program.

Jean, a 61-year-old HIV-positive woman from Levy County, was one of the first to join the advocacy program. Before joining Let's Talk About It, she was a member of an online support group, which had taken her a year and a half to find.

Women try very hard to make it to meetings, she said.

"There's some that rode a bus. There's one that's a student that rides a bicycle," she said.

However, many women stop attending because transportation is difficult, she said. And some women have young chil-

dren they can't leave alone for long.

Robin Lewy, director of education at the Rural Women's Health Project, said Let's Talk About It currently has about 30 members who attend the meetings, but at least 120 women participate in the program through its self-titled magazine.

Lewy said she hopes more women will come to meetings when it is easier to attend.

Jean said talking with other HIV-positive women about their experiences helped with her depression.

"It's like being on a deserted island," she said. "No one else can understand it except someone else going through it."

# Jewish groups want students to do good

► PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE FROM A LIST OF DEEDS.

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Today, the Lubavitch-Chabad Student Center in collaboration with the Lubavitch-Chabad Student Group will host a Good Deed Mitzvah Marathon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Turlington Plaza.

The intention of the marathon

is to bring the UF community together to create an atmosphere of remembrance and selflessness, according to a news release.

"In high school, you wear a patriotic pin and go to an assembly, but in college, it kind of passes you by," said Aviela Weltman, social actions committee director of the Lubavitch-Chabad Student Group. "Taking the pledge grounds students by helping the community."

People will choose from a list of good deeds and pledge to com-

plete them in honor of 9/11 heroes and victims.

These will be hung on a wall connecting models of the Twin Towers.

Saiying Lin, a UF marketing senior, said she was interested in the event.

"Personally, I would assist the poor and homeless people," she said. "The United States stands for the rich and successful, but people need to focus on the needs of the hungry before anything else."



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## High Light

Nikki Yager, 18, works on a sketch of a cube Tuesday morning. The freshman architecture major used the windows in the overpass between Fine Arts Buildings A and C in lieu of a light box.

## CRIME

# Retired ASO deputy gets fired up about \$300 lawn mower

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A former deputy fired an accidental shot Tuesday evening after a Keystone Heights man tried to steal his lawn mower.

Officers charged William Brislan Melcolm, 46, with aggravated assault, theft and burglary, according to an arrest report.

At about 3 p.m., retired ASO Deputy

David Ryan Cox saw Melcolm taking his lawn mower, valued at \$300, out of a covered parking area and putting it in the bed of Melcolm's truck, according to the report.

Cox walked into the street to confront Melcolm, who accelerated his car at Cox, according to the report. Cox jumped out of the way and lost his balance, accidentally firing a gun he had. The shot hit the tail-



Melcolm

report.

gate of Melcolm's truck, according to an email from GPD Spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Two witnesses saw Melcolm driving away, and one identified Melcolm as the man Cox described, according to the

report. During an interview with police, Melcolm admitted to the attempted theft. He also told police he was unemployed and needed money and food. He said he accelerated because he panicked, according to the report.

Officers booked Melcolm into the Alachua County Jail at about 7:30 p.m., where he remained Tuesday night with a \$40,000 bond.

## LIFESTYLE

# Beating obesity can lead to eating disorders

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A recent case study conducted by three Mayo Clinic doctors suggests that young people who have overcome obesity in the past are at a higher risk of developing eating disorders, and some locals are weighing in to confirm the data.

According to the study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, a majority of adolescents who were diagnosed with eating disorders — typically bulimia or anorexia — also had a history of obesity.

Cathy Owen, a social worker at the UF Counseling and Wellness Center, said the explanation for these cases may trace back to a root problem: negative body image.

"Whether it's alcohol, drugs or repetitive kinds of behaviors, in a way, it really becomes a way of coping with underlying emotional distress," said Owen.

The condition can be deceitful because friends and family, and even doctors, likely won't recognize the problem. In two cases cited in the study, there was no early detection.

The girl in one of the cases was classified as obese when she was 12. She received nutritional and medical advice, adopted a 1,500-calorie diet and strict exercise regime, and dropped about 80 pounds.

It wasn't until her mother

started noticing signs of poor nutrition, stress fractures, fatigue and menstrual problems, among other issues, that the girl got help for an eating disorder.

It's a concern for local students, too.

In a 2010 survey of UF students, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 8 men reported that feeling fat frequently interfered with their everyday happiness. One in 6 students worried about losing control over how much they ate.

Jose Garcia, a 23-year-old UF political science senior, said he knew eating disorders were prevalent, but he said he wouldn't know where to start looking for help.

"My first thought would be the hospital, but what would I do?" he said. "Go up to the counter and say, 'I think my friend has an eating disorder?'"

One thing to remember, Owen said, when confronting someone you are concerned about is to go about it in an open manner.

UF's Counseling and Wellness Center offers individual and group counseling for eating disorders and body image issues, including a weekly group Making Peace with Food.

"As families and communities, we can start supporting these vulnerable kids and challenging our society's message, too," Owen said.

# Faith-based dorms at some public universities, not in UF's beliefs

► THEY ARE PRIVATELY FUNDED.

**ELIZABETH BROWN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Though some public universities have allowed religion-based dorms to be constructed on their campuses, students shouldn't expect to see them at UF anytime soon.

"There is no interest in building faith-based housing on the UF cam-

pus at this time," Sharon Blansett, UF Housing and Residence Education spokeswoman, wrote in an email.

However, Blansett said UF Housing respects religious beliefs and will continue to explore student interest in potential new Living Learning Communities.

Some colleges have already entertained the idea.

The Wall Street Journal reported that religion-based dorms have been privately funded for construction at some public universities.

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**Sharon Blansett**

UF Housing and Residence Education spokeswoman

These schools include Texas A&M University-Kingsville, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and most recently, Troy University in Alabama.

According to the article, the new-

est hall at Troy forbids alcohol use for residents, even if they are 21 years or older.

The hall also has a chapel, and residents can participate in group Bible study.

The faith-based dorms were built to unite religious students under one roof, particularly to avoid a party-centric residential experience.

The halls are funded by private institutions such as the Newman Student Housing Fund, which has constructed the halls on campus at Texas A&M-Kingsville and the Flor-

ida Institute of Technology.

Samantha Farmand, director of development for Catholic Gators, said religion-based housing might be a good way for students to share their faith with one another.

Felix Bartsch, a 22-year-old UF-neurobiological sciences senior, said faith-based halls would not promote diversity. With so many students on campus, he said those who come to a public school should expect to come across people with different beliefs.

"I'm in favor of getting anyone out of their comfort zone," he said.

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16 Indiana neighbor  
17 Palindromic fashion mag  
18 More aloof  
19 "Walking in Memphis" singer  
20 Accommodating work hours  
23 Large amount  
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29 Béchamel base  
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40 "Yikes!"  
41 Frito-Lay is its title sponsor  
43 Mark of Zorro  
44 Action on eBay  
45 USN rank  
46 Acquirer of more than 1,000 patents  
48 It includes mayo  
49 SUV part: Abbr.  
52 Culinary combination  
56 Roger Rabbit or Bugs Bunny  
58 Heart of Paris?  
59 Old Norse poetry collection  
60 Bring in  
61 Rockne of Notre Dame fame  
62 Look slyly  
63 Multitude  
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1 Taking the wrong way?  
2 Nametag greeting

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7 Toledo's lake  
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10 Lefty in Cooperstown  
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50 Rear-\_\_\_  
51 Found out  
53 Chaplin's last wife  
54 Neither masc. nor fem.  
55 Narcissist's love  
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7. LITERATURE: What was Dorothy Parker's pseudonym?
8. MOVIES: Which blockbuster movie featured the character Jack Dawson?
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**Answers**

1. Privately, between us
2. Dino
3. Rolaids
4. Hestia
5. Rome
6. Elton John
7. Constant Reader
8. "Titanic" (Leonardo DiCaprio)
9. Ag (argentum)
10. Camp Swampy

## Red-zone blunders spoil otherwise productive offense

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poised to lead a fourth-quarter comeback and win the game.

But it was not meant to be.

Driskel rolled out of the pocket to his right and tried to force the ball through traffic to wide receiver Quinton Dunbar. Instead, he found Miami cornerback Tracy Howard, who returned the interception 36 yards to the Miami 48-yard line.

"It was just a bad call on my part," Driskel

said. "He's covered. Either throw the ball away or try to pick up the first down with your feet."

Driskel's interception was the last of No. 18 Florida's (1-1) failures in the red zone in its 21-16 loss to No. 15 Miami (2-0) on Saturday in Sun Life Stadium. The Gators scored on only two of six drives when they advanced inside the Hurricane's 20-yard line.

"You've got to go down there and get points," coach Will Muschamp said after the game. "If you end every possession with a kick, you'll win a bunch of games. We didn't do that."

Three of those deep drives ended in Florida turnovers on Saturday. In addition to his interception late in the fourth quarter, Driskel threw a pick at the start of the second quarter when the Gators were on the Hurricanes' 11-yard line.

Even when he did not commit an official turnover via a fumble or interception, Driskel had a hard time in the red zone.

He was 2 for 5 on the day when attempting passes inside the 20-yard line, throwing for 7 total yards and tossing two interceptions. However, the junior did manage to run for 11 yards and a touchdown on three attempts.

Driskel also failed to convert on a fourth-and-1 play at the Miami 16-yard line, ending a Florida drive that could have leveled the score at 14 if the series continued or brought the Gators within five points of tying the game if Muschamp had opted for a field goal.

"We had confidence in our O-line that we could get a push," Driskel said. "On that play, Miami did a great job of really stuffing every hole. Sometimes the defense beats you."

After the game, Muschamp took the blame for the play call, saying that he believed Florida needed a touchdown in the situation.

Driskel was not the only player with costly turnovers in the red zone.

With Florida driving down field at the end of the first half, Driskel found senior receiver Trey Burton on a first-down pass. Burton then coughed the ball up when Shayon Green tackled him. Miami recovered the loose ball and ended the half.

"That's not really who we are," Burton said. "We work a lot on turnovers. A lot of protecting the ball."

The Gators' failures in the red zone on Saturday were unlike a team that is usually proficient at scoring when deep in the opponent's territory.

In 2012, Florida finished 50th in the country in red-zone conversions, scoring on 82.6 percent of trips inside the 20. Even though the Gators only scored touchdowns on 52 percent of those attempts, former kicker Caleb Sturgis made sure UF came away with points, kicking field goals on about 30 percent of red-zone drives.

Florida performed well inside the 20-yard line in its season opener against Toledo. The Gators scored on four of their six red-zone drives against the Rockets, coming away with touchdowns on three of the drives and kicking a field goal on another.

The only times when Florida did not come away with points were on a missed field goal by redshirt freshman Austin Hardin and when the Gators ran out the clock to end the game.

They did not turn the ball over in the red zone.

But after Florida's poor performance on Saturday, it fell to 117th in the nation in red-zone efficiency.

"We've just go to play smart football," Muschamp said. "In those critical situations, you're taking points off the board."



Ryan Jones / Alligator

Jeff Driskel runs through a drill during warm-ups prior to Florida's 21-16 loss to Miami on Saturday in Sun Life Stadium. Driskel turned the ball over three times in the game.

### Red-Zone Drives Against Miami

| Drive Start: | Drive End: | Result:           |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| MIA 9        | End Zone   | TD                |
| FLA 35       | MIA 11     | INT               |
| FLA 28       | MIA 16     | Turnover on downs |
| FLA 21       | MIA 17     | Fumble            |
| FLA 41       | MIA 15     | FG                |
| MIA 47       | MIA 17     | INT               |

## Play of middle blocker will prove critical to Gators' success

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moving forward.

"We talked to the team about the great experience for us to play such a good Penn State team," coach Mary Wise said.

"The separator was the serving-passing battle ... The beauty of volleyball is that these are just

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matches that help us for the long run."

The No. 5 Gators pulled off an upset of then-No. 2 Stanford on Saturday in four sets (28-26, 25-17, 18-25, 25-22).

Unfortunately for Florida, that effort was followed by a sweep at the hands of Penn State (25-18, 25-17, 25-20).

Playing against the top-two teams in the nation displayed weapons that will be instrumental for the Gators during the rest

of the season.

The biggest factor in each of the two weekend matches was Simone Antwi.

Antwi, a middle blocker, led the team against Stanford with a .706 hitting percentage on 13

**SEE VOLLEY, PAGE 15**



Florida goalkeeper Taylor Burke has not allowed a goal in the month of September. Read the story on page 16.

### Poll question

Will Gators quarterback Jeff Driskel play in every game this season? Vote online at [alligatorSports.org](http://alligatorSports.org).

### Gators recruiting

According to multiple reports, Class of 2013 offensive lineman Ben Knox decommitted from Florida on Tuesday. Rivals.com rates Knox a three-star prospect.

**WOMEN'S GOLF**

# Gators rally in final round to secure win at Cougar Classic

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The final round of the Cougar Classic was successful for Florida.

Entering Tuesday, the Gators faced an 11-stroke deficit.

But after a furious rally, Florida (-5) came away with the team victory and individual title for junior Anna Young (-5).

The Gators needed help heading into the third round after Clemson's (-4) impressive second day elevated it to the lead.

That's exactly what Florida got.

Clemson struggled, going 5-over par as a team in the final round after recording a 6-under par score — tied for the second lowest score of the tournament — on Monday.

Mississippi State (+7), the first-round leader, had trouble with a 10-over-par third round, dropping the Bulldogs from second to fifth.

No. 10 Florida showed its poise by capitalizing on the mistakes, registering 18 birdies and a tournament-best 7-under-par round while making its climb up the leaderboard.

Facing a large deficit, UF had two players shoot lower than 69 on the par-72 Yeamans

Hall course.

Young made five birdies, including the 18th hole, and did not shoot over par once en route to scoring a 67 on Tuesday — the third lowest single round score of the tournament. She played a key role in the Gators' 7-under-par performance that lifted them from fifth to first and brought her name from 16th to the top of the individual leaderboard.

She was not the only Gator to play well in the third round. Karolina Vlckova notched a 68, bringing her just outside the top-five, finishing tied for sixth. Her six birdies against two bogeys was her best performance of the tournament, making more birdies in one day than she had in the previous two rounds combined.

Camilla Hedberg also had her best round with a 74, and Katie Mitchell held par for the second day in a row.

However, freshman Maria Torres struggled. She was leading the Gators at 3-under par after two rounds and tied for third when she shot 4-over par on the front nine, double bogeying the ninth hole. She managed par on the back nine with two birdies and two bogeys, keeping her at 76 on the day.

## Cougar Classic Final Team Scores

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## THE RALLY

## Who will win the Texas A&amp;M-Alabama matchup on Saturday?

Each week, two AlligatorSports columnists will debate the biggest looming matchup in college football. Today, Joe Morgan and Phil Heilman preview No. 1 Alabama's showdown against No. 7 Texas A&M in College Station, Texas, on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.

**Joe:** Give Nick Saban two weeks to do anything, and he'll own you.

Plan a wedding? Imagine a small ceremony at a beach with family and close friends. Cue sunset the moment the bride and groom begin reciting their vows. Also, no sand in the cake.

Build a spaceship? He would captain the first manned mission to every planet in our solar system and build powerhouse football

programs on each one. Jupiter Crimson Spot, anyone?

Solve the crisis in Syria? Why hasn't President Barack Obama called him yet?

Simply put, Saban is the best at what he does. Ninety-nine percent of the time, he is untouchable.

With two weeks and a whole offseason to prepare, he is lethal.

Kevin Sumlin is a coaching mastermind with 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel at his disposal, but Saban's methods of preparation and planning are elite.

There's no shame in falling to Alabama, and Texas A&M will have to take solace in that.



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**Phil:** You said it perfectly yourself, Joe. Saban is untouchable 99 percent of the time.

Dominating on the recruiting trail? Untouchable.

Winning enough national championships to create a dynasty? Untouchable.

Escaping the NFL to return to a prestigious college program? Untouchable.

However, there is that one per-

cent of the time that Saban has proven to be beatable, and it has manifested itself as Johnny Football.

Johnny Football is everything and nothing you would want in a quarterback.

He draws attention to himself for the wrong reasons — taunting opponents, ignoring coaches and holding loose morals off the field.

But, on the flipside, he is mobile, athletic and equally strong-armed and strong-willed.

He showed that against the Crimson Tide last season, going into Tuscaloosa and handing Alabama its only loss of the season with a performance that catapulted him into the Heisman Trophy conversation.

Will he go 2 for 2 in beating Saban? You bet your Texas-sized ass he will.

**Joe:** Fool Saban once, shame on you. Fool him twice? Yeah, right. Alabama will not drop two straight against Texas A&M.

After the Aggies' monstrous first quarter in last year's contest, the Crimson Tide buckled down and got back on track.

Texas A&M jumped out to a 20-0 lead, but Alabama outscored Sumlin's team 24-9 the rest of the way.

Manziel tallied 82 yards on nine carries during the first half but managed only 10 yards on nine second-half carries. 'Bama bottled him up.

A combination of in-game adjustments and Alabama's prowess had the Tide 2 yards away from the go-ahead touchdown with 1:36 left in the fourth quarter.

Saban will not let his team start that slow again, and I'm not sure the Aggies can pull off the win if 'Bama doesn't spot them 20 points this time around.

Maybe I should have spotted you a few points in this Rally,

bud.

**Phil:** It's unfair to discount what the Aggies were able to do in the first quarter while patting the Crimson Tide on the back for what they did later in the game.

Points count the same no matter if they are scored in the first drive or the last drive — just ask the Gators about that.

If you look beyond the box score, you will see Texas A&M scored 20 points in the first quarter before Alabama stabilized and scored two straight touchdowns in the second quarter.

But from there, each team scored a touchdown and added a field goal. That is not exactly domination.

Manziel was limited on the ground in the second half, but he finished the game a cool 24 of 31 for 253 yards passing with two touchdowns and no picks. He is the prototypical dual-threat gunslinger.

But enough with last season. Let's look at the two teams as currently constituted.

Alabama brings back senior quarterback A.J. McCarron and sophomore tailback T.J. Yeldon. Other than that, not much is the same.

The offensive line is weaker, and the Crimson Tide defense has question marks. I will be surprised if Alabama can win in the trenches as consistently as it did last season.

Meanwhile, Manziel has a full season in the Texas A&M offense and a bevy of playmakers surrounding him on offense.

Defensively, the Aggies will get three previously suspended players back for the game.

With its defense intact, an offense capable of scoring 30 points and the 12th man in full force, the Aggies will be riding high in College Station this weekend.



AP Photo

Johnny Manziel scrambles during the third quarter of Texas A&M's 52-31 victory against Rice on Aug. 31 in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M faces Alabama on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

## Florida will play in the Active Ankle Challenge this weekend

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kills.

But the sophomore notched only five kills on a .133 hitting percentage against Penn State on Sunday.

"Simone Antwi really had a breakout on Saturday," Wise said. "Her best match by far as a Gator."

Having Antwi as a fourth option behind senior middle blocker Chloe Mann, sophomore outside hitter Ziva Recek and freshman right-side hitter Alex Holston could elevate Florida to the next level.

At 6-foot-2, Antwi is tied with Mann and sophomore outside hitter Gabby Mallette as the tallest player on the Gators — a trait that is important for UF's style of play.

Her height may be the determining factor

in her role as the season progresses as sophomore Naomi Santos-Lamb continues to rehab from an ACL injury that sidelined her for the entire 2012 season.

The theme of the season moving forward will be how the Gators develop a successful formula with all of the new talent on the roster.

"The win on Saturday does not define the weekend, nor does the loss on Sunday," Wise said.

"What defines the weekend is what we learned from it and how much better we are moving from this point forward."

UF will get another home weekend tournament, the Active Ankle Challenge, to refine some of its weaknesses that were displayed against Penn State.

Florida's first match is against Georgetown on Friday at 7 p.m. in the O'Connell Center.



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Simone Antwi jumps for the ball during Florida's 3-0 victory against New Orleans on Aug. 30 in the O'Connell Center. UF is 5-1 this season.

**SOCCER**

# Junior goalkeeper enjoying shutout streak during September

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Taylor Burke has been unbeatable in the net during September.

Since Florida lost 3-0 to Florida State on Aug. 30, the junior goalkeeper has posted three consecutive shutouts. The streak is nothing new for Burke, who has not allowed a goal since Oregon State's Chelsea Buckland beat her on Aug. 25.

"We're fortunate that goalkeeping is one of the biggest strengths of our team," coach Becky Burleigh said.

Burke began 2013 by splitting time in goal with freshman Nora Neset Gjoen. After Gjoen suffered a concussion during the first half against the Seminoles, Burke has become UF's full-time starting goalkeeper.

"I think I'm just playing the same game that I always play," Burke said. "I know Nora will be back, and we'll be playing the same games that we have been, so we're excited to get her back."

Burleigh added: "When Nora went out with the injury against FSU, Taylor stepped up, and she's done a terrific job of keeping a clean sheet. When Nora gets back, that's just even more competition."

Burke's responsibilities in goal are nothing new. She started all 25 matches last season and played the entirety of 19 to rack up 2,204 minutes.

Burke finished the season with a

0.86 goals-against average, saving 60 shots and allowing 21 goals.

Her recent run of shutouts is also familiar territory. She helped Florida

record four consecutive shutouts in 2012, beginning in the Southeastern Conference Tournament semifinals and lasting until Florida's loss to

Notre Dame in the Sweet 16.

With two years of experience, Burke's performance has become more consistent.



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Taylor Burke kicks the ball during Florida's 3-1 victory against Oregon State on Aug. 25 at James G. Pressly Stadium. The junior goalkeeper has three consecutive shutouts in September.

"I've [improved] a lot with my footwork," Burke said. "I kind of know how the games work now, how the weekends work, if we're traveling or not. I think that just having experience, knowing what to expect in each game and how our system works has helped."

The 6-foot-1 goalkeeper also credits her track experience — she is the UF indoor high-jump record holder — as being influential in her productivity.

"[Track and soccer] kind of interpret into each other," Burke said. "With high balls, it's kind of the same motion as high jumping as it is playing goalkeeper. They're weirdly alike."

Burke has not faced many shots this season behind UF's active backline — a benefit she has enjoyed.

"I have to give a lot of credit to my defense; they've been playing unbelievable," Burke said. "We've had a lot of new faces back there, and it's been fun having new people in the back. We've all been doing really well together."

Burleigh added: "Communication is huge. We expect a lot from our goalkeepers. For Taylor to be able to take care of things before they happen, it requires some communication and she's done a terrific job of that."

Florida will face two undefeated opponents this weekend: Minnesota at home and in-state rival South Florida in Tampa.

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