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LIFESTYLE

Drunk residents' relished burgers top national list

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An article by Thrillist.com recently honored popular drunk eateries at the top party schools in the nation, and Gainesville's Relish made the cut.

Relish was chosen as the best intoxicated eatery at UF, but runners-up included Five Star Pizza and Larry's Giant Subs.

Other listed favorites include the Grill at the University of Georgia, New York Roma Pizza at the University of Miami and Guthrie's at Florida State University.

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Zack Henrikson

shift leader at the downtown Relish location

Zack Henrikson, shift leader at the downtown Relish location and a 20-year-old Santa Fe College English sophomore, said he agreed with the decision.

"I think that the Midtown location is really good for drunk

people because it's so close to all the bars, and it's right across the street from campus," he said.

Henrikson said that on popular going-out nights like Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the restaurant has to "funnel people in."

"In the downtown location, we're the only place that's still open, so everybody just comes and gets a burger," he said.

However, even with the multitude of choices for late-night eats, Henrikson said he thinks burgers will always come out

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Merry Go 'Round

Auriel Shupack, 7, plays at the Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Park, 1001 NW 34th St., Tuesday afternoon. Read about Gainesville's parks department on page 8.

Local pumpkin patches selling strong despite rain

KAYLA MARCUS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Favorable fall weather and unusual amounts of summer rain may have balanced out for local pumpkin patches.

Rogers Farm, 3831 NW 156th Ave., has produced locally in years past, but this year, it had to ship in pumpkins from Mississippi due to excess rain during this year's growing season.

"We normally grow our own pumpkins. The soil is too wet for the seeds to grow this year."

Earline Rogers

wife of Rogers Farm owner

"We normally grow our own pumpkins," said Earline Rogers, whose husband owns Rogers Farm. "The soil is too wet for the seeds to grow this year."

But Rogers said the patch still

seems to be thriving with customers.

The values of pumpkins harvested from the six top producing states tallied \$113 million, according to a U.S. Census press release.

Megan Bultemeier, the youth director at the First United Methodist Church of Alachua, 14805 NW 140th St., said business is booming at the church's pumpkin patch.

She said it seemed to be doing slightly better than last year.

"The weather has been nice this year, and I think that has helped," Bultemeier said.

So far, the church's patch has received two shipments totaling about 3,500 pumpkins, ranging from 50 cents to \$35. She said pumpkins range in variety, too.

"Our pumpkins come in all shapes and sizes," Bultemeier said. One was so large that "one youth could not fit their arms around it themselves," she said.

College students most susceptible to identity theft, report says

► MORE THAN 57,000 ADULTS IN THEIR 20s REPORTED BEING IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS IN 2012.

ELIZABETH BROWN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Jordan McPherson thinks twice before he uses his credit card.

The 18-year-old UF journalism freshman said after his grandmother's identity was sto-

len, he became much more cautious about how he handles important personal information.

And he has good reason.

The Better Business Bureau recently reported that college students make up the highest percentage of identity theft victims.

The Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book found 57,491 adults between the ages of 20 and 29 reported being identity theft victims in 2012.

The bureau stated that those numbers accounted for about 21 percent of the total number of reported thefts, the highest of any

"Nobody is ever going to ask you to confirm your username or password."

Alicia Keaton

senior associate director at UF Student Financial Affairs

10-year age range. The data book also found Florida has the highest rate of reported identity thefts.

Alicia Keaton, a senior associate director at UF Student Financial Affairs, said she has

heard of some UF students having their identity stolen, but she wouldn't consider it a rampant problem.

Because college students tend to be more lax with their information, she said, it makes them more susceptible to identity theft.

Keaton said stealing mail and changing address forms are common types of identity theft, as well as phishing — emailing consumers asking for username or password information. Thieves often identify themselves as a bank, a

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

All-you-can-eat spaghetti fundraiser tonight

Purchase a \$5 all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Institute of Black Culture. All proceeds help the Flossie B. McLendon Memorial Drill Team purchase new uniforms. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, a drink and dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the fundraiser or by emailing vees@multicultural.ufl.edu.

'The Buddy Holly Story'

The Broadway musical "Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Student tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Phillips Center Box Office, the University Box Office — Stephen C. O'Connell Center (Gate 1) — or by calling 352-392-2787. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Torah on Tap

Come discuss what Judaism has to say about everyday topics. Join UF Hillel from 8 to 9 p.m. on the back patio of Leonardo's Pizza by the Slice located on University Avenue and 13th Street. Rabbi Swedroe will lead the discussion and provide pizza. Just bring money for the tip, and get ready to chat. For more information, check out the UF Hillel calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal, or email Rabbi Swedroe at RabbiSwedroe@ufhillel.org.

Free challah roll

Who wants to celebrate Shabbat a little early this week? Come meet Melissa from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday on Turlington Plaza to get a free challah roll to "chomp" on. Contact Melissa for more information at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Come play gaga

From 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flavet Field, come learn Israeli

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games like gaga with UF Hillel. Snacks and drinks will be provided for free to attendees. The event is open to all students, regardless of faith tradition. For more information, contact Sam at samt-blfan@gmail.com.

Health Care Around the World: the German System

In an ongoing series called "Health Care Around the World," Just Health Care is holding a presentation and Q-and-A comparing the German health care system to that of the United States. The group is an advocate for a single-payer solution to the health care system in the U.S. The presentation will address the merits of the German system and its use of public non-profit insurance companies to provide universal health care for all its citizens. The presentation will take place Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Pugh Hall, Room 120. Following the event, there will be homemade German cuisine and desserts. The event is free and open to the public. Email info@justhealthcareflorida.org or call 352-375-2832 for more information.

The Innocence Project

From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Derrick Williams from the Innocence Project will be in the Hillel multipurpose room in honor of Social Impact Week. The Project works to exonerate victims who were accused for crimes they did not commit. Williams will be speaking about his conviction in 1993 for sexual battery. He spent 18 years in prison before the Innocence Project

helped exonerate him in 2011. For information regarding this event, contact Rachael Cain at tzedek@ufhillel.org, or check out the UF Hillel calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal.

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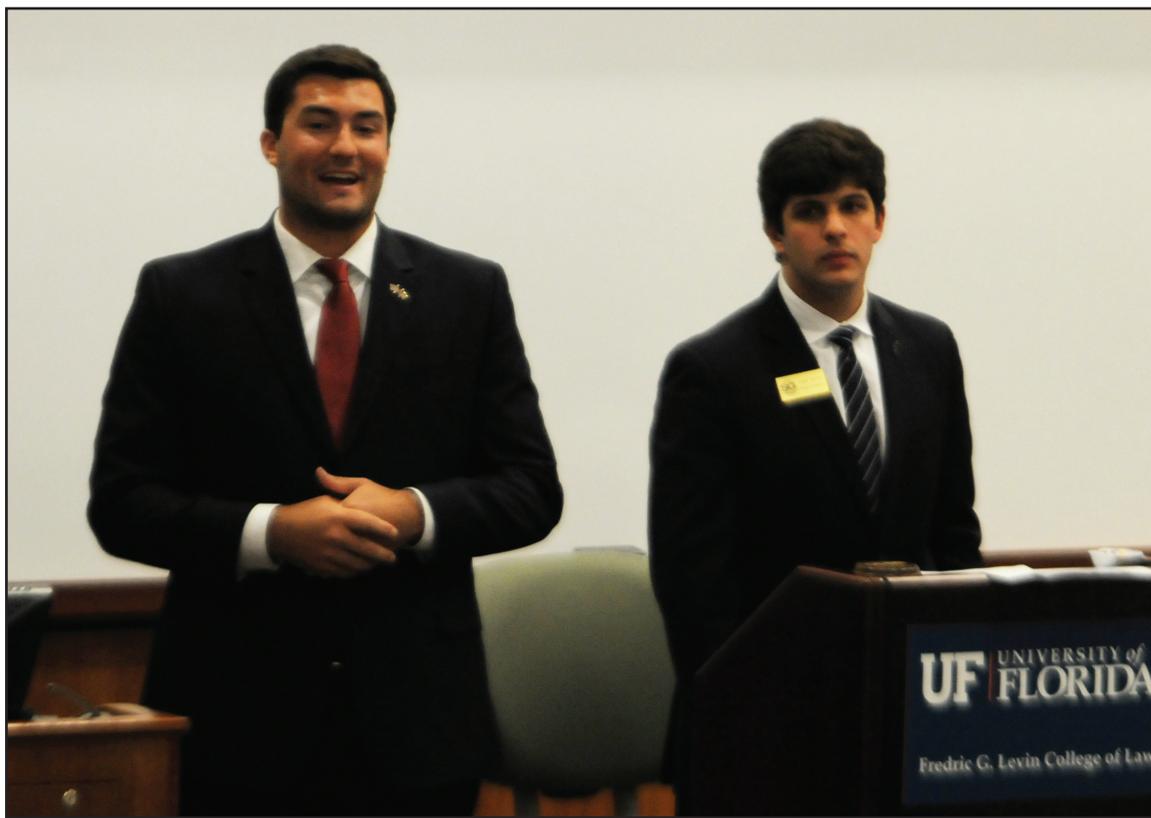
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Sen. Davis Bean, left, and Senate President Cory Yeffet speak at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting. Bean was appointed chair of the Allocations Committee.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New senators take a stand about nominee

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The Fall batch of senators broke the habit of approving recommendations and bills unanimously at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The Allocations Committee chair nomination was singled out from the block of Replacement and Agenda Committee recommendations that were unanimously approved at the beginning of the meeting.

One senator took issue with the nomination of Sen. Davis Bean for the allocations chair position. Bean had no previous experience on the committee.

Senate President Pro Tempore and Replacement and Agenda Committee chair Elliot Grasso said committee members selected Bean for his experience on the Budget

and Appropriations Committee and various fee committees.

"His ideas really made him stand out as a great candidate," Grasso said.

During the allotted presentation time, Bean declined to speak on his own behalf.

Sen. Michael Christ said he believed allocations vice chair Liz Kleinfeld, who also applied for the position, was a better fit.

"I felt when we're looking for an allocations chair, we should look to the committee first," Christ said.

In a vote, two nays failed to negate the broad majority of yeas, and Bean was appointed allocations chair.

Sen. Liz Kleinfeld said she did not review Bean's qualifications.

"I was obviously trying to go for it, but I don't have a comment," she said.

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LOCAL

Alachua County domestic violence task force launches

DAVONA WILLIAMS

Alligator Contributing Writer

"Gary killed her."

Those were the words Joe Jackson's 17-year-old daughter Lisa said in a phone call from the hospital the morning of Aug. 29, 1989. Jackson's first love and ex-wife had been stabbed and shot in the throat by her new husband Gary.

"There was blood everywhere, all up and down the walls, like she was crawling to get out of there," he said.

Jackson is a longtime board member of Peaceful Paths, a domestic violence network

that works with Alachua, Bradford and Union counties to aid survivors.

He shared his story at a news conference Tuesday, when the network officially announced the launch of the High Risk Team in Alachua County.

The team will take on local cases of domestic violence and will meet monthly with local experts and community advocates to assess how dangerous the relationships are. The goal is to provide a stronger system for supporting victims of intimate partner violence.

"One of the very productive outcomes of this team effort has been the research," said Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell. "Each

year going back to 2003, there's a minimum of 1,500 and as much as 1,900 related offenses in addition to the ultimate offense, which is murder."

"We're the first in Florida to do this at the high-risk team level."

Sadie Darnell

Alachua County Sheriff

The group will work out a plan to get victims to talk, said Capt. Lynne Benck, commander of the GPD Investigations Bureau.

"Statistics show that a lot of people who are actually victims of intimate partner violence

never actually contact the law enforcement," she said. "That's a problem area. But there's no doubt in my mind we will identify a plan of action to save lives."

The team's greatest hope is to be a system of power against the threat of domestic violence, said Theresa Beachy, Peaceful Path's executive director.

"We're the first in Florida to do this at the high-risk team level," Darnell said.

Jackson said he's proud of the continuing efforts made by the organization.

"This is one of the best groups of people you can find, here at Peaceful Paths. The impact is tremendous," Jackson said.

Sexy characters may have startling consequences

► SEXUALIZED AVATARS LEAVE WOMEN FEELING OBJECTIFIED.

LAUREN ADHAV

Alligator Contributing Writer

The virtual world can have some serious implications in reality, according to recent study conclusions from Stanford University researchers.

Jeremy Bailenson and Jesse Fox, researchers at Stanford's Virtual Human Interaction Lab, found women who become sexualized avatars in a virtual reality world feel objectified and are more likely to accept rape myths.

An "avatar" is the virtual representation of a user where the user can create an online character and control the actions of that character, much like "The Sims."

"The bias towards women is ridiculous and crude," said Sarah Hernandez, vice president of UF's Women's Student Association.

Although the video game industry is largely made up of men and marketed toward them, it should be more inclusive to women, the 19-year-old public relations sophomore said.

During the study, women wore helmets that blocked out their surroundings, immersing them in a virtual, 3-D world. Some women became sexualized avatars, wearing short dresses and cleavage-bearing tops, while other women became nonsexualized avatars.

After their time in the virtual world, participants filled out a questionnaire and researchers found from the results that women who took on sexualized avatars agreed more with rape myths. One myth in the questionnaire is that in the majority of rapes the victim is promiscuous or has a bad reputation. The findings were published in the science journal *Computers in Human Behavior*.

Popular video games such as "God of War," "Mortal Kombat" and "Tomb Raider" often depict sexualized female characters.

"Just because there's more men in the field doesn't mean that there has to be more objectification and misogyny," Hernandez said.

Electronic Entertainment Design and Research, a video game research firm, found that of 669 games that had protagonists with recognizable genders, 24 had female protagonists — only 3 percent.

Jordan Youngblood, 27, a UF doctoral candidate, said being embodied in a virtual world leaves behind "the residue of experience."

His research includes gaming, gender and sexuality, and he agreed there is an unequal representation of women in video games. He said female characters are encoded to act and respond in games in a way that perpetuates negative female stereotypes.

"I think it would be short-sighted to say that video games don't have ideological impacts," he said. "This is still a very problematic issue on an everyday basis."

Students say juicy burgers are filling

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on top.

"It's so filling," he said. "It feels good in your stomach."

Manuela Burtscher, a 21-year-old UF business administration junior, said she agreed.

"It's juicy, and it tastes very, very good when you're intoxicated," she said.

Burtscher said the topping options seal the deal for many patrons. Her favorite is the fried egg.

The popularity of Relish was echoed by the Thrillist article, which called Relish "one of Gainesville's top pick-up spots... seriously" and "hands-down the most fun line in town," especially when "your friends start passing out left and right because of the wait — so be ready to abandon them to get your burger."

But not all UF students agree. Will Baldock, a 21-year-old microbiology senior, said he prefers other spots for his post-Midtown meals.

Baldock said he sees more patrons at Taco Bell and Steak 'n Shake, his personal favorite.

"It's not as much food," he said. "With the Relish burgers, it's a lot of food, and I want substance but not a ton of food after I've gone out to Midtown."



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Relish employees cook burgers for customers Monday evening. The restaurant has been named by Thrillist.com as the best place to eat while intoxicated in Gainesville.

Tip: Don't give out passwords, usernames

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credit card company or even as UF to get information. She said students should never respond to those emails.

"Nobody is ever going to ask you to confirm your username or password," she said.

Failure to receive bills, receiving credit cards that weren't applied for, having credit denied or receiving calls from debt collectors are all signs that a person might have had his or her identity stolen.

Keaton said the Student Financial Management Center offers financial literacy courses about identity theft, and the department will go to classes or organizations to educate UF students about the process.

"There are so many ways for your identity to be stolen," she said.

Identity theft prevention tips from UF Student Financial Affairs:

- Don't give away sensitive information to organizations or strangers.
- Never give personal information over the phone or Internet.
- Check your credit regularly with a free copy of your credit report.
- Create secure passwords that don't include your name, birthday or other easy-to-guess information.
- Shred all credit card offers, receipts or other documents with personal information.
- Only use a credit card to make purchases on secure websites.
- Install virus protection on your computer.

CAMPUS

New student organization finds joy in fighting drunk driving

NATALYA KURI

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has been selected as the next university to help spread happiness.

UF's collegiate chapter of the Happiness Foundation, a nonprofit organization based out of Maryland with a mission to spread news about the dangers of drunk driving, officially became a student organization Oct. 4.

The foundation was created after a drunk driving accident on May

"At the end of the day, Gators For Happiness would like to see UF students view drunk driving as socially unacceptable."

Victoria Wrigley

president of Gators For Happiness

15, 2011, injured one passenger and left three young adults dead.

None of the passengers knew at the time that the decision they made to get in a car with a drunk driver would change the lives of

many forever, said Victoria Wrigley, president of Gators For Happiness.

Wrigley, a 20-year-old UF marketing junior, lost three friends that night. Since then, she and the community have been trying to spread awareness of drunk driving.

"At the end of the day, Gators For Happiness would like to see UF students view drunk driving as socially unacceptable," Wrigley said. "We would like to see students take responsibility for their own safety."

Car crashes are the leading

cause of teenage deaths, and about a quarter of them involve an underage drunk driver, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The club plans to host benefit concerts, hand out promise shirts, raise awareness and provide transportation for students who have been drinking, Wrigley said.

Gators For Happiness also plans on working together with other student organizations on campus to make shirts that include the Happiness logo.

"Having a club on campus that

is trying to help prevent students from driving after a night of drinking is such a great approach and will be a big eye-opener for students," said Erika Cook, a 20-year-old UF criminology junior.

Cook said she lost friends to drunk driving and doesn't want anyone to go through the same pain.

"Drunk driving is preventable," she said. "I'm glad an organization on campus is finally going to be able to show students how impactful one decision can actually be."

Semitruck driver hit woman, didn't stop

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Gainesville Police are looking for information about a Tuesday morning crash involving a semitruck and a woman who was found on the road with severe injuries.

At about 3 a.m., an officer heard a loud crash coming from a truck driving south on Northeast Waldo Road, wrote GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias in an email. The truck, driven by 62-year-old Wayne Primm of Virginia, slowed down but didn't stop.

The officer then saw a woman, later identified as 34-year-old Cherry A. Smith, lying in the middle of the road at the intersection of Northeast Third Avenue, Tobias said. The

Gainesville resident was taken to UF Health Shands Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

After police issued an alert for the truck, another officer stopped it at the intersection of Southeast 16th Avenue and Southeast Williston Road, Tobias said. The officer reported that Primm seemed sleepy. The officer also observed a wig stuck in the front grill of the truck.

Police later found Primm had been driving for more than 12 hours. He began his trip at about 2 p.m. and made a stop in Jacksonville. Investigators also found that Smith was crossing Northeast Waldo Road when Primm hit her.

Residents are encouraged to call GPD's Traffic Safety Team at 352-393-7744 with any information.



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The Music Man

UF civil engineering transfer student Devon Kiszania, 19, sings "The Night" by Disturbed near Little Hall on Tuesday. He has been nicknamed "the Serenader" because he sings before class and around Gainesville.

CAMPUS

Gay couple talks love, race

MICHAEL BALLOU

Alligator Contributing Writer

Growing up was a challenge in itself for Robert Brown, but growing up as a black, gay male was a different story.

Robert Brown and Nate Gay visited the Institute of Black Culture on Tuesday night for a talk titled "Mr. and Mr. Being Black, Gay and in Love," to talk about the experience of growing up as being both black and gay in the South and the media attention their marriage received.

Brown and Gay grew up in Kentucky in Baptist families. They said it was hard for them to express themselves while trying to fit a certain image.

"It was kind of hard for me to come out," Gay said.

Gay had a girlfriend throughout high school and college but said he knew he had feelings for men.

"But I didn't know how to act on it," he said.

Brown and Gay met at Walmart when the two were in high school, but their romance didn't blossom until later.

After a monthlong split from Brown, Gay said he finally realized he knew what he wanted.

"I knew when I told my mom she was go-

ing to tell the rest of the world," Gay said.

Brown had a similar problem and waited until after college to come out.

"I felt like my uniqueness was being hidden," Brown said. "There comes a point in your life when you feel like you're not living to the fullest."

"For a community like ours, it's the first time that me and everyone else can see our own happy ending."

Dashari Kearse

UF exploratory student

After the struggle of telling their families, Brown and Gay became Internet sensations for publicizing their wedding. Within a week of their wedding video being put on the Internet, it received about 2,000 views, Gay said.

Gay and Brown talked to a crowd of about 40 people, addressing how more public figures are opening up about their sexuality and the importance of love no matter who it's with.

Dashari Kearse, a 19-year-old UF exploratory student, said he was inspired.

"For a community like ours, it's the first time that me and everyone else can see our own happy ending," Kearse said.

Author visiting campus dead serious about zombie survival

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Max Brooks, author of the best-selling books "Zombie Survival Guide" and "World War Z" is coming to campus to prepare UF students for the zombie apocalypse.

Kayla Clark, a director of the Reitz Union Board Entertainment's lecturers and comedians committee, said with the recent release of the movie "World War Z" and Halloween coming up quickly, the timing was right to have Brooks come and speak.

"UF is crazy about zombies," said Clark, a 20-year-old recreation, parks and tourism junior.

She said the free event will be held in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

Brandy Burgess, associate director of programs, arts and leisure for the Reitz Union, said Brooks is being paid \$15,500 to come and speak. Corey Berner, president of the Gators Humans vs. Zombies club, said his club is working with RUB Entertainment to promote the event.

Berner, a 21-year-old UF geography se-

nior, said the two groups are coordinating a zombie dress-up contest, where the winner will have the opportunity to meet Brooks.

"I'm actually a really big Max Brooks fan," he said. "I have (two) of his books and I've read them multiple times."

Brooks said his survival guide was based on real-world research and solutions. After he saw people liked his book, he started going on the road and doing talks about zombie survival.



Brooks

His tips on how to survive an apocalypse of walking flesh eaters are applicable for any crisis, not just ones that involve the undead, he said.

He said when people ask him if he has a zombie survival bag, he tells them he's had one since he grew up in Los Angeles — except he called it an earthquake bag back then.

"If you're ready for a zombie apocalypse, you're really ready for any disaster," he said.

Editorial

Re: Broward Hall Pranksters are no 'Animal House'

Tuesday, we ran a story about a group of freshmen boys — of course — whose pranks at Broward Hall prompted the installment of surveillance cameras on their floor.

Along with a photo of the pranksters — who've dubbed themselves the "Eastside Boys" — some flashing peace signs and sporting blazers with no shirts on underneath, was a list of their acts: shredding the posters and door tags made by their RA, stealing signs from construction sites, and stapling thongs and used condoms to the floor's bulletin board.

One of them said they wanted to be "the floor that goes down in history."

Sorry, boys, but you're going to have to try a little harder. If anyone goes down in Broward Hall history, it's going to be the guy responsible for the drunkenly-pooing-in-the-oven incident of the 2011-12 academic year.

No criminal action was reported in connection to the gang — just a bunch of obnoxious, unoriginal, low-grade shenanigans.

On the surface, the incident with the Eastside Boys — which is impossible to write without cringing, for the record — may smack of National Lampoon's "Animal House." They seem similar at first: a group of raucous college guys behaving badly with no regard of consequences, cost to the university or the sanity of those around them.

However, upon closer inspection, the freshmen of Broward Hall and the men of Delta couldn't be more different.

"Animal House," like many other National Lampoon movies and, years later, movies from the 1980s by directors such as John Hughes, emphasized a difference between the wealthy, stodgy types in the fictional university's administration and the rebellious, uncouth members of the Delta fraternity. When John Belushi and co. acted out, it was a calculated effort to undermine the stuffy, old-fashioned reign of authority the snooty Omegas and the university's evil president held.

But trashing a dorm with your bros simply because you find it funny? Not so cool.

Chalk it up to youthful naiveté: The boys quoted in the article were all fresh-faced 18-year-olds, blissfully unaware that in this age, incidents like this don't fade away after the security cameras are installed and the slaps on the wrists are administered.

As veterans of the residence halls, we are asking the — ugh, one more time — Eastside Boys to cool it. The RAs and other residence hall staff members aren't paid enough to deal with your childish games. We're happy to hear that fraternity recruitment has hindered your pranking, but the fact that your stupidity culminated in the installment of security cameras is disheartening nonetheless.

We get that you're away from mom's watchful eye, but remember: You're living in a veritable ant farm with hundreds of other students in close proximity to you. One of the lessons you'll learn in college, aside from time management and how to mitigate hangovers, is how to be decent human beings. Stapling your used condoms to the community bulletin board for all to see doesn't constitute decent human behavior.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you happy?

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Column

UF's Accent is rife with corruption

A strange set of events unfolded last week. In just hours, all 1,700 tickets were taken. The next day, an eager audience packed the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts to listen to the words of a frail 84-year-old speaker. Who was this old geezer?

The New Yorker calls him the "devil's accountant."

A global phenom, Noam Chomsky is the world's most cited living author and a renowned champion of human rights.

But, unknown to most of the public, there was much drama in bringing Chomsky.

Before I continue, here's a disclosure: I'm a member of Islam on Campus (IOC), a Muslim student group.

Initially, Accent Speaker's Bureau — the student speaker's bureau at UF — seemed interested in sponsoring Chomsky, but this Fall, they backed out of the event, giving a litany of excuses. IOC quickly seized the opportunity and offered to sponsor Chomsky.

Soon it became clear that IOC's enthusiasm was not shared.

In a weird turn of events, the Student Activities and Involvement staff called IOC members to a meeting — I was present there — where the head of Accent explained why bringing Chomsky was ill-advised.

After days of haggling, IOC gave up on the sponsorship attempt.

Accent is no joke — its nearly half-million-dollar budget comes entirely from our student fees. On a campus with more women than men, only once in its 46-year history has a female led Accent. Since 1990, the chairmanship of the bureau has always been given to men of the same fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, with rare exceptions.

I wish the reports of our Student Government having a fetish for the medieval tradition of "legacy positions" were just conspiracy theories.

Apparently, this is old news. The 1992-93 chairman of Accent, an alumnus of AEPi, confessed to The Gainesville



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Sun in 2010: "There is nepotism, but it's nepotism with qualified candidates."

Once again, a member of AEPi was chosen this year to lead Accent.

You begin to realize why so many absurd excuses were given for not bringing Chomsky:

After all, what can we expect of a university that doesn't care to reflect our Student Body's vast diversity?

Don't expect the Center for Student Activities and Involvement to lose any sleep over the cronyism.

The center's director, Nancy Chrystal-Green, told The Gainesville Sun in 2010 that the administration didn't want to meddle in such student affairs.

To ensure I would not be dissuaded from writing on this, I avoided talking to IOC members about this problem.

Minority organizations at UF are in no position to voice grievances — the risk of retribution from SG can be enough to silence most groups.

With no end in sight to the nepotism, the Gator Nation has lost much confidence in UF's extracurricular scene.

Every year, some concerned students try to fix the system through the ballot box. And every year, they fail.

This much is clear: For the thousands of UF students who don't belong to exclusive cliques, the situation has become unbearable.

Perhaps the university needs to appoint a task force to tackle the corruption before lawsuits and national headlines are made.

I honestly don't know the solution, but if you do, please speak up.

Zulkar Khan is a UF microbiology senior. His column runs on Wednesdays.

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

Letter to the Editor

RTS website is useless

After living in Gainesville for three months, I can say without equivocation that the bus system here is an utter failure. I cannot count how many times the bus drivers

and the website have failed me. Apparently, I live in a Bermuda Triangle of bus scheduling. One morning a particular bus comes at 8:40. Another, it's not there until 9:05 a.m. How could a schedule have a 25-minute

window of error? When their website tells me I have 15 minutes to get to my stop, that means the bus will fly by in five with me standing 10 yards away and the driver being too rude to wait for me. Their refusal to

pick up customers, I feel, has little to do with their desire to follow the letter of some rule. Something has to change with this system.

Jack J. Hutchens

UF Center for European Studies visiting lecturer

Guest column

Inside the mind of a bomber

This column is a response to a guest column published in the *Alligator*: "Palestinians are people with a voice"

Avia Gridi
Speaking Out

"uses the very personal anecdotes of women to justify the massively oppressive actions of Israel."

Anat Berko is a world-renowned terrorism expert who has lectured before Congress, the Department of State, the FBI and NATO. Berko lectures before these important individuals because of her unique research and experiences. Last week, UF was lucky enough to have the chance to hear Berko speak about her interactions and research with attempted suicide bombers. She studies the relationships and lives leading up to the event in which these individuals were strapped with explosives. Her lecture was eye-opening, thought-provoking and exceptional.

Unfortunately, while she was speaking, three students stood up holding signs that claimed, " Hamas is not the problem."

Additionally, they rudely started speaking over her in an attempt to distract students from the lecture. These same students, who were asked by Berko to stay and listen, immediately left and published an op-ed about an hour-and-a-half-long event they only attended for 10 minutes.

If these students had listened to Berko's lecture, they would have heard her state, "This lecture is not about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It's purely on the research I have conducted."

They would have heard her examples of women and children suicide bombers — only one was Palestinian. Instead of asking questions, they interrupted and were disrespectful.

Farah, Rami and Eric stated that Berko

was never mentioned in the lecture except once — to tell a story of a bombing that almost happened there. If these students had stayed and listened to the lecture, they would have understood that Berko's life is dedicated to listening to the stories of these women. If anyone is trying to show that "Palestinians are actual human beings," it's Berko, who tries to explain why these women find themselves in these situations, clarifying that they don't just wake up one day and become suicide bombers.

Moreover, "Less Hamas, More Hummus" is not offensive. Hamas is a recognized Islamist terrorist group that focuses its attention on creating chaos and sending missiles into Israel instead of helping Gaza grow. These students claim Israel is the sole reason the Palestinian people are lacking human rights. However, the people living in Gaza are often stripped of these rights by Hamas. In 2010, Hamas shut down six human rights groups' offices. Among these organizations were a women's health society and the Woman and Child Development Association.

Next time there's a speaker on campus, you should listen. Listening is the only way to achieve peace. Berko was an amazing speaker, and I'm thankful to the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, UF Hillel and the ICC for bringing her to campus.

Avia Gridi is a UF student and CAM-ERA fellow.

Column

Clues in 'The Shining' reveal the moon landing was faked

Stanley Kubrick was one of the most evocative and accomplished directors in history. Even his worst movies were great, and his best movies

pushed filmmaking into territory that was previously unthinkable. Even in death, he continues to influence directors and writers, and people still debate what his films mean to this day. He also secretly directed the Apollo 11 moon landing.

The first time this theory surfaced was in 2002 with the documentary "Dark Side of the Moon," directed by William Karel. It claimed that Richard Nixon's CIA recruited Kubrick to oversee the creation of fake moon-landing footage.

They were desperate to gain an advantage over the Soviet Union, and, real or not, beating them to the moon was a victory.

The theory cites Kubrick's Academy Award-winning visual effects used in "2001: A Space Odyssey" as experimentation and development of the techniques used to create the false moon-landing footage.

The idea that Kubrick was involved in the moon landing did not gain traction, though.

Moon-landing conspiracy theories are already on the fringe of popular thought, and adding Kubrick to the mix makes something that was already dubious at best seem absolutely insane.

Other than his production of a space-themed movie in 1968, there is no connection.

At least, that's how the situation appeared to be until 2011, when Jay Weidner released his documentary "Kubrick's Odyssey: Secrets Hidden in the Films of Stanley Kubrick." His claims were no different from those of other theorists — he just had proof.

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Proof of the Apollo/Kubrick conspiracy, he said, can be found in Kubrick's 1980 horror masterpiece "The Shining."

While the film has been subject to many interpretations — most of which claim that it's about the destruction of the Native Americans — Weidner believes "The Shining" was Kubrick's secret confession to being involved in Apollo 11.

He describes his theory further in the 2012 documentary "Room 237," which brought together several people to give their interpretation of "The Shining."

His segment of the film uses differences between the original book and the movie — there are many — and other clues to prove his point.

Kubrick was known for perfectionism that came close to insanity, so the documentary's theorists assume that every detail in his films, including "The Shining," is intentional and full of meaning.

When Weidner sees Danny Lloyd stand up in an Apollo 11 sweater on top of a carpet pattern that looks like a launchpad, he sees proof enough for his theory. Weidner has "The Shining" act as a metaphor for the turmoil Kubrick went through to fake the moon landing.

He has other clues, too.

The ghostly twins represent the Gemini missions, and the haunted Room 237 exists because there are 237,000 miles between the moon and the earth — even though it's actually 238,855 miles, but why split hairs?

The evidence is there, and the explanation makes sense.

The truth has been revealed.

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Column

Republican political strategy relies on misinformation, deception

During a recent discussion with medical students at the University of Louisville, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) inadvertently gave rare insight into the political strategy employed by him and his fellow Tea Party politicians.

Paul was asked if he had any advice for the students to succeed on their upcoming exam.

"Actually, I do," Paul responded. "I never, ever cheated. I don't condone cheating. But I would sometimes spread misinformation. This is a great tactic. Misinformation can be very important."

Paul explained that when he was a medical student, he and his friends would spread false rumors about the content of upcoming exams in order to sabotage the scores of their peers.

He is far from alone among American conservatives in his advocacy of spreading lies for personal gain. Paul's Tea Party allies have wholeheartedly embraced the use of misinformation and outright lies to advance their political beliefs.

Examples of distortion of the truth by conservative politicians and media figures abound.

Recently, Sean Hannity, host of "Hannity" on the Fox News Channel, invited a number of ordinary Americans, members of the middle class and small-business owners to be guests on his show. Hannity brought on these individuals to share their economic struggles, which the guests claimed were a result of the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's signature health care reform law.

In one case, business owner Paul Cox and his wife, Michelle, claimed they had been forced to cut back on their employees' hours because of increased costs resulting from the Affordable Care Act. Another guest, Allison Denijs, complained that her insurance company dropped her policy and plans to replace it with a new one, which she claimed would cause problems for her family and increase their financial burden.

Salon's Eric Stern did some investigative work and found that all of Hannity's Affordable Care Act "horror stories" were utter fabrications. Stern discovered Cox's company only has four employees, far below the threshold of 50 employees that would



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require his business to provide health insurance to his workers.

Stern also found that the insurance policy that would replace Denijs' old plan would cost her family about \$7,600, "a 60 percent reduction from what they would have to pay on the pre-Obamacare market."

According to Stern's report, not a single one of Hannity's guests had even visited the new federal health care exchange website, healthcare.gov, to explore their insurance options and determine how much they would have to pay under the new law.

Hannity's exploitation of the guests on his show in an attempt to demonize Obamacare is a prime example of how prominent conservatives use deception and misinformation to advance their political goals.

The use of misinformation and deception by the conservative right is also reflected by the false beliefs of conservatives and Tea Party supporters regarding the economy and the federal budget deficit.

Al Hunt of Bloomberg, citing a recent poll, said "two-thirds of regular Republicans believe the federal budget deficit has grown

this year and 93 percent of Tea Party Republicans agree."

As Hunt points out, this claim is completely false. The federal budget deficit in 2012 was \$1.1 trillion. In 2013, that deficit will shrink tremendously to just \$642 billion, its lowest level since 2008.

These false beliefs about the state of our economy and budget abound among voters sympathetic to the Tea Party because they are constantly reinforced by conservative politicians and media figures. Conservative congressmen and senators rail against the supposedly socialist, oppressive and overspending Obama administration, making claims that have absolutely no grounding in reality.

In order to resolve the challenges that confront our nation, our political debates must be conducted in a manner that respects facts, logic and evidence-based reasoning. The embrace of misinformation by Tea Party Republicans and the lies to advance their political agenda undermine the American political process.

Elliot Levy is a UF political science and public relations junior. His column runs on Wednesdays.

Halloween has scary effects on kids' teeth

COURTNEY NACHLAS

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In the frenzy of Halloween-themed sugary treats, some UF health experts are urging parents to pay attention to their children's teeth and candy collections.

Karina Miller, a pediatric dentist at UF Health Shands Hospital, recommended avoiding sticky or liquid candies due to their tendency to stick in children's teeth. She said she instead prefers fruit snack gummies but cautioned all candy contains sugar.

"There is no 'better' candy," Miller said.

Monica Lefkof, a 21-year-old UF pre-dental food science and human nutrition senior,

agreed that consuming consistent amounts of sugar is a habit worth reforming.

"I used to be a big sweets eater but not anymore," she said.

Miller said the Halloween season does not appear to spark a direct increase in doctors' visits. But some dentists offer to buy back kids' stashes of candy for \$1 a pound to reduce the number of cavities, Time magazine reported.

Linda Bobroff, a UF nutrition and health professor, also advised parents to check the candy their children collect.

"What parents can do is look at it, and if anything is open, tampered with, then they can just throw it out," Bobroff said. "When in doubt, throw it out."

CAMPUS

Scuba Club membership resurfacing

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A group of Gators carved pumpkins to celebrate Halloween — except they did it underwater.

The Gator Scuba Club traveled to Blue Grotto Dive Resort in Williston to carve their jack-o'-lanterns, a tradition that has recently been brought back after skipping the event last year.

Vice president Sean Deeb, a 21-year-old UF marine sciences senior, said group members removed the pumpkin guts and drew their designs above the water.

Miranda Gingold, a 21-year-old UF biology senior and club member, said the divers weighed down the pumpkins so they wouldn't float away.

But the team wasn't alone underwater.

"There was this annoying turtle

that kept trying to eat our pumpkins, so that was funny," Gingold said.

"All the officers are graduating, so we need new faces."

Miranda Gingold
club member

However, even with a calendar full of events, the club has seen clearer conditions.

"All the officers are graduating, so we need new faces," Gingold said.

The club has lost members in the past year over what Deeb refers to as financial complications and executive-board members' issues with timing. This year, though, the club is finally seeing the number of new members return to where it was three years ago.

"It's hard to get the word out

about it. Our events are not campus-based," Deeb said. "I don't think it's anything people inquire about."

Currently, the club is focusing on tabling at different events around campus to improve its membership.

To spike interest, Deeb said he is trying to secure guest speakers and plan new events.

"We are really starting to rebuild the club," he said. "I think it's a really cool time to be involved with Scuba Club."

Cindy Medina, a 21-year-old UF microbiology senior, is in a scuba class and said she is looking forward to joining the club once she is certified.

"It will provide the perfect scuba community to dive with," Medina said. "This is especially important since scuba is a sport that relies heavily on diving in groups and with a buddy."

Parks get national honor

► IT IS ONE OF 13 AGENCIES ACCREDITED THIS YEAR.

PATRICIA POTESTADES

Alligator Contributing Writer

The city of Gainesville has made Leslie Knope proud.

Gainesville's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs recently received accreditation from the National Recreation and Park Association. The department had to meet 142 standards before it could receive the national seal of approval, said Steve Phillips, department director.

Some of the benchmarks include clear and effective policies, good foresight in planning, direction for management and well-structured administration, according to the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

The accreditation was finalized when the department received its award earlier this month at the NRPA's Congress and Exposition

in Houston. It is one of 13 agencies across the nation accredited this year, and it is one of 23 agencies in Florida that has received the accreditation.

"It's a real proof that the agency is excelling at what they're doing in their community."

Lauren Hoffman

National Recreation and Park Association spokeswoman

"It's a very significant accomplishment," said Lauren Hoffman, spokeswoman for the National Recreation and Park Association. "It's a real proof that the agency is excelling at what they're doing in their community."

Jennifer Gelfand, a program coordinator with the city, said securing accreditation was tedious.

"For us, it just means that we are doing that job, and we are at that level," Gelfand said.

The department must reapply for accreditation every five years.



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Set and Spike

Students play spikeball on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday afternoon. Spikeball combines four square and volleyball and is generally played in teams of two.

LOCAL

UF student fundraises for breast cancer research with style(s)

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A UF student is putting a twist on fundraising by donating half the proceeds from her at-home hair business to fund breast cancer research.

This month, Victoria Esiobu, a 20-year-old UF health education and behavior junior, is holding a campaign she's dubbed the Do Your Hair, Be Aware fundraiser.

"I realize that women love to get their hair done, and a lot of women that have breast cancer lose their hair," Esiobu said. "So we might as well get our hair done for a cause."

Esiobu said since she began the fundraiser Oct. 1, she's received a high number of customers seeking to get their hair done.

If it goes well, she will continue to raise

money for other awareness causes throughout the year such as Sickle Cell Awareness Month, she said.

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Victoria Esiobu

UF health education and behavior junior

She specializes in African-American hairstyles such as braids and extensions. Her prices range from \$30 to \$90, depending on the hairstyle, she said.

Esiobu began her business during high school when she started doing her classmates' hair and charging fees. Once she

moved to Gainesville, she gained clientele through referrals from friends.

Chelsea Ogugua, a 19-year-old UF sociology sophomore, said she's had her hair done by Esiobu multiple times. Ogugua said Esiobu is great at accommodating her clients' schedules.

When she found out Esiobu was donating proceeds to breast cancer research, she immediately wanted to help.

Although Esiobu has no family members who have been affected by breast cancer, she said she's done a lot of research about the disease. She's also active in Women of Respect, Achievement, Perseverance and Service, a UF organization that's encouraging its members to implement creative ideas to raise money for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Camila Camargo, a 19-year-old UF pre-nursing sophomore and an executive-board member for the organization, said it hopes to raise a minimum of \$250 for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, which it will be participating in downtown on Saturday.

Each committee within the organization has created a fundraising project and will compete with one another to raise the most money. The committee that raises the most money will receive a prize.

For example, Camargo said the public relations committee members will be holding an event on Turlington Plaza. They will distribute pink balloons with breast cancer-related sayings in exchange for donations.

Esiobu said she plans to raise \$100 during her hairstyling fundraiser this month.



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Lift Off
Geology students set up a type of positioning and communication device to communicate with Cape Canaveral on Tuesday.

Bike culture taking off in Gainesville as shops organize scheduled rides

► BIKES AND MORE, 8TH AVE. BIKE & COFFEE HOUSE AND SWIFT CYCLE PARTICIPATE.

ANA FAJARDO

Alligator Contributing Writer

With an abundance of bike lanes and trails around town, weekly group bike rides hosted by local shops have become an avenue for cyclists to socialize as well as a healthy incentive to pedal faster.

At Bikes and More, closing up shop doesn't necessarily mean employees rush home immediately.

Austin Joiner, an employee at the shop at 2133 NW Sixth St., said staff members spontaneously go for joyrides after closing. They'll call friends to see who is available to join, and after the ride, they go back to the shop to hang out and drink beer together.

The shop also organizes Sunday morning racing team road rides and Wednesday evening mountain bike rides through town. The mountain bike group usually has about seven to 15 participants, Joiner said.

Similarly, the 8th Ave. Bike & Coffee House, 235 NW Eighth Ave., recently added a Tuesday Night Sweaty Ride to its schedule. The shop also holds a Sunday Recovery Ride to Micanopy, and Ride and Dine on Thursday nights.

"The distinctive factor of leading a ride out of Eighth Avenue is that it's more accessible to everyone in the community," said Ali Brody, a shop employee.

Apart from the weekly ride schedule, the shop has held an Espresso Social, during which participants rode around town sampling coffee from local shops, and the Amour Chat Alleycat, a couples team bike scavenger hunt.

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Ali Brody

8th Ave. Bike & Coffee House employee

Swift Cycle, located at 607 W. University Ave., also contributes to the cycling community calendar. A group ride departs from the shop at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings, said Keith Richards, one of the owners.

Though local bike shops are competitors in the market, Richards said the employees are friends across businesses.

That's how Ryan Aulton, the 32-year-old co-owner of 8th Ave. Bike & Coffee House, sees the community bike rides.

"It's just riding, having fun, chitchatting," he said.

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7 Beginning on	DOWN	38 FICA-funded org.	59 Allen's successor on "The Tonight Show"
11 "Essence of Man" cologne	1 Rehab symptoms	39 Nile snakes	60 Give off, as rays
15 Bar game fodder	2 Crumb	42 Game in which one player doesn't speak	61 Reggae kin
16 Old Roman coin	3 Bind	45 Pizza-making need	62 Bankbook abbr.
17 Light, to a moth	4 Actress Longoria	47 Contented sighs	64 Sixers' #6
18 Cooks, in a way	5 Life partner?	50 It can shorten a sentence	65 Vichy water
19 Up the creek	6 Vision-correcting surgery	53 Put to work	67 Start to dig?
21 "Small fruit first cultivated in Oregon"	7 Come down to earth		
23 Ruler divs.	8 "Arrowsmith" Pulitzer decliner Lewis		
26 '80s-'90s German chancellor	9 Sports MD's specialty		
27 Brief brawls	10 Orbit info		
30 Kansas City footballer	11 Said suddenly		
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1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Levantine Basin found?
2. ART: Who created the work titled "Twittering Machine"?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek word "dactyl" mean?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How long is a giraffe's tongue, on average?
5. THEATER: Actor Richard Burbage was closely associated with which famous playwright?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the book "Where the Wild Things Are"?
7. TELEVISION: Who played the lead female character in "The Bionic Woman"?
8. MEDICAL: What is the common name for "tinea pedis"?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does a lepidopterist study?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How much champagne does a magnum hold?

- Answers**
1. Mediterranean Sea
 2. Paul Klee
 3. Finger
 4. 18 inches
 5. Shakespeare
 6. Maurice Sendak
 7. Lindsay Wagner
 8. Athlete's foot
 9. Butterflies or moths
 10. Two standard bottles
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Finney-Smith to contribute early for shorthanded Gators

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Required to sit out the 2012-2013 season after transferring from Virginia Tech, Dorian Finney-Smith dedicated the off year to adding muscle, shooting at the peak of his jump and completing every task Billy Donovan asked him to do.

But with just more than two weeks until Finney-Smith makes his debut with the Gators, Donovan said the former four-star recruit and Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman team selection has his work cut out for him.

"I think he's just been OK," Donovan said.

"There's a lot of expectations on him. I think when you get a chance to see and be around a player every single day, especially for a year, you kind of have an idea (of) strengths and weaknesses and areas that they've got to get better in."

When he originally committed to Virginia Tech, the 6-foot-8 forward was ranked 31st on Rivals.com's top-150 recruits of 2011.

Even with Finney-Smith, who was coach Seth Greenberg's highest-rated recruit during his tenure at Virginia Tech, the Hokies failed to make the NCAA Tournament for a fifth straight year.

Greenberg was fired and

Finney-Smith decided to find a new home in Gainesville.

"I just wish I'd signed with Florida out of high school," Finney-Smith told the school's website in February.

"Can't do nothing about it now, though, but practice hard and wait for my time to get here."

Now that Finney-Smith's time has come, Donovan said the redshirt sophomore is going to feel the pressure right out of the gate because the Gators lost three top scorers from last year's squad.

"Now where a lot of those guys are gone, and we're dealing with some injuries, there's been more fallen on his plate. And I don't want to say he has not handled that well, but I do think he's got to get better."

Billy Donovan

UF coach

Florida has also been hampered by injuries to Will Yeguete and Eli Carter. Scottie Wilbekin will serve an indefinite suspension to begin the season, leaving Finney-Smith with an even heavier burden.

"Now where a lot of those guys are gone, and we're dealing with some injuries, there's been more fallen on his plate," Dono-

van said.

"And I don't want to say he has not handled that well, but I do think he's got to get better."

Despite making the ACC All-Freshman team for the 2011-2012

season, Finney-Smith averaged just 6.3 points per game while shooting 33 percent from the field.

Donovan said Finney-Smith should not feel pressure to score

because that is not who he is as a player.

But Donovan added that the forward will need to prove he can move up and down the court

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Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Dorian Finney-Smith poses for a photo during Florida's basketball media day. The redshirt sophomore, who transferred to Florida from Virginia Tech prior to last season, is expected to fill a large role for UF.

New runners provide depth

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After eight runners had career-best days at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational on Saturday, the Gators are feeling a sense of assurance as they prepare for the Southeastern Conference Championships.

"To come off a race like that, for most everybody to run lifetime bests and do it in a really tough field, it definitely gives them a lot of confidence," coach Paul Spangler said.

A record-breaking run by senior Mark Parrish and performances by junior Jimmy Clark and redshirt senior Agata Strausa that cracked the top-10 in Florida history paved the way for Florida at the adidas Invitational, a meet Spangler dubbed "arguably the most competitive cross country meet outside

the NCAA Championships."

However, less-experienced runners have also helped fuel the Gators as they prepare for the SEC Championships, which will be held in Gainesville on Nov. 1.

UF Cross Country

For the women, the extra boost needed to stay at the top of the SEC comes from sophomore Julie Macedo and freshman Taylor Tubbs.

Macedo and Tubbs have been two of the top-four runners for the women in every meet this season, filling a void created earlier this year by the absence of redshirt junior Cory McGee and injuries to seniors Stephanie Strasser and Shelby Hayes.

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SOCCER

Junior scores first goal of '13

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Annie Speese's first goal of the season was impressive.

The junior midfielder took a free kick following an LSU foul in its attacking third and curved a shot past a wall of defenders from 20 yards out.

Speese's goal, which came in the 62nd minute, finalized the Gators' second consecutive 3-0 shutout.

"Getting that goal kind of just took a little bit of pressure off of me," Speese said. "Obviously, one of my roles on the team is to contribute with scoring goals and having not been able to do that in the start of the season was a little frustrating."

Speese has been an offensive weapon since her freshman season in 2011. She scored eight goals her debut season — one was a game-winning goal — before tally-

ing six more as sophomore.

As a junior, Speese has spent more time getting teammates involved. In 16 games, she has six assists — three shy of her career high in a season. She led UF with nine assists in 2011.



Speese

Coach Becky Burleigh said Speese's free-kick ability could prove helpful against physical opponents.

"If a team wants to stop us by fouling us, then we need to be dangerous," Burleigh said. "With the people who do take free kicks, when they're dangerous, teams have to think twice about using that as a strategy. Annie has been really good at practice with free kicks, so I was really happy to see her score because

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Freshman Alex Holston is a focal point on offense for the Florida volleyball team. Read the story on page 14.

Poll Question

Who is to blame for Florida's offensive shortcomings? Vote online at alligatorSports.org.

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Holston proving to be valuable asset for Florida offensive attack

► RIGHT-SIDE HITTER HAS 175 KILLS IN 2013.

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Alex Holston played well in high school, but she never thought her success would translate to the college game so quickly.

Florida's freshman right-side hitter has proven to be a valuable contributor already this season.

"I think it's crazy; I never really imagined it," Holston said. "I didn't know these games were so huge like that, but I think they're a lot of fun."

Holston received more than 40 offers to play college volleyball, but she said she committed to Florida in September of 2011 because of its rigorous Southeastern Conference schedule.

"By the time we're warming and running around the court, I'm fine and I know that I'm where I need to be and that I can start focusing on the game."

Alex Holston

UF right-side hitter

In Florida's loss to Missouri — the Gators' first loss in more than a month after winning 13 consecutive matches — Holston outplayed her teammates and competitors with a career-high 17 kills.

She also recorded a hitting percentage of .583, second only to Missouri freshman middle blocker Julia Towler, who notched a .667 clip during the match.

"It is nerve wracking," Holston said of playing against elite opponents. "I usually get nervous in the locker room."

"But then by the time we're warming and running around the court, I'm fine and I know that I'm where I need to be and that I can start focusing on the game."

Holston's nerves have not held her back this season.

After she helped Florida sweep Texas A&M and Alabama during the first weekend of October, she was named the SEC Freshman of the Week.

Holston totaled 18 kills with just one error in each of the matches.

"Alex has been great for us week after week," coach Mary Wise said Monday.

"I think after this past weekend, I can't imagine her staying under the radar as some people have had her."

During a home match against Kentucky on Oct. 11, Holston outplayed Gators redshirt senior middle blocker Chloe Mann.

Mann recorded a hitting percentage of .647 and 11 kills, while Holston notched a .667 clip and 13 kills.

Mann, a fifth-year senior, and Holston, a true freshman, have teamed to create a formidable duo for the Gators.

"She (has) come in and done her role knowing the game plan," Mann said. "Just really showing the nation how amazing she is every time she comes on the court."

THE RALLY

Who deserves to win the Heisman Trophy?

Phillip: Now that we are mid-way through the season, there is one thing certain about the Heisman Trophy race — it will be dominated by quarterbacks.

There are many choices, but the clear-cut favorite is Marcus Mariota.

Oregon's sophomore signal-caller has dazzled in 2013 and will shatter the impressive numbers he compiled as a freshman. Through seven games, Mariota is completing 62.4 percent of his passes and has thrown 19 touchdowns.

His running proficiency is even more impressive.

Mariota has gained 10.1 yards per rush attempt this season and has scored nine touchdowns on the ground, including a jaw-dropping 71-yard dash against Virginia.

Thanks in large part to his absurd start to the season, No. 3 Oregon is in position to play for a national title when Florida State turns in its usual choke-job performance later this season.

Did I mention that Mariota has thrown exactly zero interceptions this season? Your boy Blaine Gabbert can't even say that after most first quarters. Give this man the hardware.

Joe: You can make fun of my Jaguars all you want, but Tom Brady threw the same number of touchdown passes for your beloved Patriots last Sunday as Gabbert did while sidelined with a hamstring injury — none.

(Chad Henne also had zero. Man, being a Jags fan really makes my Sundays miserable.)

More than making up for the lack of production from Brady and Gabbert (and Henne) last weekend was No. 2 Florida State's redshirt freshman phenom Jameis Winston — the clear-cut frontrunner to win the Heisman Trophy.

Winston enjoyed his best performance yet in his first major test last Saturday, leading the Seminoles to a signature win against formerly third-ranked Clemson. The redshirt freshman silenced a hostile crowd in Death Valley with 444 passing yards and four total touchdowns in the Seminoles' blowout victory.

Even more impressive was Winston's efficiency. He led FSU to three touchdown drives against the Tigers that lasted 1:39 or less.

The rise of "Famous Jameis" hasn't even taken that long. At this rate, the Heisman Trophy might win him at season's end.

Phillip: You leave Brady out of this. You would be off your game, too, if you were coming home to Gisele Bundchen every night. He can hang it up any time he wants and go down as one of the five best quarterbacks to ever play.

Besides, Gabbert's QBR is 1.8. The next lowest is Josh Freeman at 18.9. That is damning. Can't the Jaguars just leave Gabbert in London this week? Would anyone really care?

Anyway, if you want to argue about who is the most effi-



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cient quarterback, you have to give the nod to Mariota.

He has been so good — and Oregon has been so dominant — that prior to playing Washington two weekends ago, he had not played in the fourth quarter of any game this season. That's just ridiculous.

Imagine what his numbers would look like if he had even more time to

shred these helpless defenses?

Sure, Winston is phenomenal. Considering he is a redshirt freshman, the start to his career is almost unprecedented. But he can't beat opposing defenses in as many ways as the incredibly versatile Mariota can.

If Oregon's sophomore sensation continues putting up these eye-popping numbers when the Ducks face the brunt of their schedule — spoiler: he will — there is no chance the voters turn him down. It doesn't matter how famous Jameis is these days.

Joe: I'm not even worried about the Blaine Train anymore. My heart is set on another Heisman candidate — Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater. #TankForTeddy!

Jameis is more famous than Mariota — and my beloved Teddy — because, like this Rally posits, he's performed better against better competition so far.

The best defense the Ducks have faced this season is Virginia's, which ranks 47th nationally with 377.6 yards allowed per game. Florida State has already faced three teams ranked higher than that with four more on the way, including Florida's fourth-ranked unit.

(UVA, by the way, has surrendered 83 points and 978 yards of total offense in home losses to Ball State and Duke this season.)

There's no telling how Mariota will do in back-to-back games against No. 12 UCLA and No. 6 Stanford. Until he (very likely) does what he's been doing against teams like the Bruins and the Cardinal, he can take a backseat to the amazing Winston.

Facing better competition, Winston has actually improved an offense that lost starting quarterback EJ Manuel while facing tougher opponents.

Quarterbacking the nation's fifth-ranked offense, Winston ranks among the top seven FBS signal-callers with a 71.3 completion percentage, 12 yards per pass attempt, 20 touchdown passes, a 210.4 passer rating and a 92.5 QBR.

Mariota ranks right up there with Winston in each of those categories, but there's no denying that the redshirt freshman has faced tougher competition so far.

The Heisman race is tight between these frontrunners, but based on each quarterback's body of work so far in 2013, Winston leads by a tomahawk chop.



HEISMAN WATCH



1. ▲ Marcus Mariota. Oregon quarterback (19 points): 181.7 passer rating, 2,051 passing yards, 62.4 completion percentage, 19 passing touchdowns, 0 interceptions.



Mariota, who is a redshirt sophomore, is at the helm of the nation's most dynamic offense. He is averaging 10.1 yards per rush and has scored nine touchdowns on the ground in addition to 19 passing touchdowns and no interceptions.

2. ▲ Jameis Winston. Florida State quarterback (17 points): 210.4 passer rating, 1,885 passing yards, 71.3 completion percentage, 20 passing touchdowns, 3 interceptions.



Florida State's redshirt freshman quarterback has helped the Seminoles become heavy favorites to win the Atlantic Coast Conference and national title contenders. Winston threw for 444 passing yards and scored four total touchdowns to beat No. 3 Clemson on Saturday.

3. ▲ Johnny Manziel. Texas A&M quarterback (7 points): 182.8 passer rating, 2,289 passing yards, 73.3 completion percentage, 18 passing touchdowns, 7 interceptions.



A year after scoring 47 total touchdowns en route to winning the Heisman Trophy, Manziel is again one of the nation's top quarterbacks. The redshirt sophomore threw for 464 yards and five touchdowns during a 49-42 loss to top-ranked Alabama on Sept. 14.

4. ▲ Melvin Gordon. Wisconsin running back (4 points): 1,012 rushing yards, 9.5 yards per carry, 11 rushing touchdowns; 1 reception, 5 yards.



Gordon has helped Wisconsin fill the void of departed running back Montee Ball. He topped the 1,000-yard mark for the season by rushing for 142 yards and three touchdowns during a 56-32 victory against Illinois on Saturday.

5. ▲ Michael Sam. Missouri defensive end (3 points): 27 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, 9 sacks, 5 quarterback hurries, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery.



Sam takes the spot on our list entirely on the strength of one third-place vote. Missouri's defense end wreaked havoc against the Gators on Saturday, sacking quarterback Tyler Murphy three times, and leads a Missouri defense that has helped the Tigers stay undefeated midway through the season.

OUR RANKINGS

* The number in parentheses next to each name indicates how many points each candidate received from the alligatorSports columnists.

Joe Morgan:

1. Jameis Winston
2. Marcus Mariota
3. Michael Sam
4. Brandin Cooks, Oregon State
5. Teddy Bridgewater, Louisville

Adam Lichtenstein:

1. Marcus Mariota
2. Jameis Winston
3. Melvin Gordon
4. Johnny Manziel
5. Mike Evans, Texas A&M

Adam Pincus:

1. Marcus Mariota
2. Jameis Winston
3. Johnny Manziel
4. Jordan Lynch, Northern Illinois
5. Teddy Bridgewater

Phillip Heilman:

1. Marcus Mariota
2. Jameis Winston
3. Johnny Manziel
4. Bryce Petty, Baylor
5. Melvin Gordon

UF improving

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"Whenever you have an athlete go down, you're looking for someone to fill that spot," Spangler said. "Taylor and Julie did a great job of that on the women's side."

Although McGee and Hayes returned to the lineup Saturday, the underclassmen maintained their success. Tubbs was the third Gator to cross the finish line on the Thomas Zimmer Championship course with a time of 21:15; Macedo finished one second behind her. Both ran personal-best races in Madison, Wis.

"Taylor and I work really well together," Macedo said. "Where I have weaknesses, she is strong and vice versa."

On the men's side, junior Eddie Garcia and freshman Carlos Miranda are two runners who have caught Spangler's eye this season.

Garcia finished in the top three for the Gators in each meet he has participated in this season.

"Eddie's a guy who really had a breakthrough season," Spangler said. "It was a good race for him. I think he's got something more in the tank."

Miranda broke the 25-minute barrier for the first time in his career on Saturday, a feat that Spangler takes in high regard.

"He was willing to do anything you ask of him," he said of the three-time SEC Freshman of the Week. "That's a big reason why he's improved as much as he has and a big reason why I think he's going to be really good as the years progress."

Their consistency, along with Parrish, Clark, and junior JL Hines, will be pivotal for the men as they try to improve on their fifth-place finish in Nashville, Tenn., at last year's SEC Championships and overtake reigning champion Arkansas.

"As always, it's going to be a dog fight," Spangler said.

"There are very, very good teams in the SEC and we've just got to put ourselves in a position where we can contend for a title."



Kan Li / Alligator Staff

Mark Parrish competes in the Mountain Dew Invitational men's 8K on Sept. 14 at the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville. Parrish, a senior, placed second in the event behind Florida junior Jimmy Clark with a time of 23:59.41.

Finney-Smith transferred from Virginia Tech

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and grab rebounds like he did in his first year.

Finney-Smith finished his lone season in Blacksburg, Va., averaging seven rebounds per game — 10th most in the ACC.

"He has the ability to impact the game with his defense," Donovan said.

"He has the ability to impact the game with his rebounding. But I think he needs to play with a much better motor. He needs to impact practice a lot more with his motor."

With non-conference tests in the form of Wisconsin, Florida State, UConn and Kansas coming within the first 10 games of the season, Donovan wants to temper the expectations regarding Finney-Smith.

"The first thing — I've dealt with this with (Mike) Rosario and (Vernon) Macklin — when a guy transfers in here and he's very decorated coming out of high school like those guys have been, what happens is sometimes when people don't watch a guy play for a year, their legend grows by leaps and bounds of how good they actually are," Donovan said.

"In fairness to Dorian, I don't want him to feel undue pressure on himself."

Freshman on Cousy Award Watch List: Kasey Hill was nominated Tuesday as one of 45 point guards on the watch list for the 2014 Bob Cousy Award, which recognizes the best point guard in the country after the season.

Speese capped shutout with free-position goal

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she has put a lot of work into becoming better at that."

Speese's free-kick prowess is nothing new. She scored on a 23-yard free kick in a loss to UCF in the second round of the 2011 NCAA Tournament.

"We know Tennessee is fighting to get in the tournament, so we know they're going to give us a really tough game. They always do."

Annie Speese
UF midfielder

The junior also dabbles with bicycle kicks, but those are for her own entertainment.

"That's more just messing around," Speese said.

"We definitely promote creativity in the way that we play, so you never know what could happen in the attacking third."

Florida travels to play Tennessee on Friday night before returning to face Texas A&M at home Sunday. With just three matches remaining in the regular season, Speese knows she and the Gators must take advantage of every opportunity they are given — especially on the road.

"We know Tennessee is fighting to get in the tournament, so we know they're going to give us a really tough game," she said. "They always do."



Jordan McPherson / Alligator

Annie Speese dribbles the ball during Florida's 3-0 victory against LSU on Sunday afternoon at James G. Pressly Stadium. The junior midfielder scored from a free kick during the 62nd minute — her first goal of the 2013 season.

SWIMMING

Beisel honored despite loss

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Elizabeth Beisel was named the Southeastern Conference Female Swimmer of the Week, the league announced Tuesday.

Beisel's award came after she won three individual events against California on Saturday and Sunday, including beating four-time Olympic gold medalist Missy Franklin in the 500-yard freestyle.

Florida's women dropped the meet to Cal, losing multiple races by just fractions of a second.

"When we talk about competing, we tell our athletes, 'You have to put yourself in position to do well in those races,'" assistant coach Anthony Nesty said.

While the women's team suffered its first loss of the season, the Florida men's team has looked dominant.

Currently 2-0 (1-0 SEC) in dual meets this fall, the men's team is on the radar to win a national title thanks to strong performances from upperclassmen.

"I think the way the season progressed, if you look at (redshirt senior) Sebastien Rousseau's performance throughout the season, he's been on point all semester," Nesty said.

Nesty credited Rousseau's work

ethic in practice and during the off-season, saying Rousseau is "the key to the success of the men so far."

Nesty also praised Marcin Cieslak's effort this year.

The senior has posted three top NCAA times this season in the 100- (47.36 seconds) and 200-yard butterfly (1:45.03), as well as the 200-yard individual medley (1:46).

As a team, Florida's men own seven of the 22 event-best times this year, including junior Dan Wallace's 500-yard free (4:23.09), the 200- (1:20.23) and 800-yard free relay (6:32.82), as well as the 400-yard medley relay (3:13.30), to go with Cieslak's three event bests.

The UF men lead the NCAA in top times. Second is Michigan, which won the national title a season ago, with four.

The women's team also has national-best times this season. Beisel owns top marks in the 500-yard free (4:45.09) and the 400-yard IM (4:09.54). Sophomore Natalie Hinds has the 100-yard fly (53.91 seconds), and UF's 800-yard free relay (7:19.27) is almost three seconds ahead of second-best Georgia's time.

Florida's next meet will bring the defending women's SEC and NCAA champion Georgia to Gainesville in a dual meet featuring both its men's and women's teams on Nov. 1.

Incoming transfers to play big role

UF HAS NINE HEALTHY PLAYERS ON ROSTER.

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Out with the old, in with the new.

It is a mantra Florida must accept to have success this season.

After losing Sydney Moss, Vicky McIntyre and Chandler Cooper to transfers during the offseason, UF has holes to fill.

However, incoming transfers Antoinette Bannister and Cassie Peoples will help offset the losses.

With a team only nine players deep, the potential impact of the incoming transfers is limitless.

"Two really, really dynamic pieces for the puzzle for us," coach Amanda Butler said of Peoples and Bannister.

"Both of those young ladies have high basketball IQs. They're both scorers and playmakers in very different ways. They understand the game on both ends of the floor. They both fit in the way we like to play in being very aggressive."

Peoples has been plagued with injuries for much of her college career.

She was limited to six games in her only season at Texas before receiving a medical red-

shirt after having an intramedullary rod placed in her left leg.

Peoples chose to transfer to Florida after her injury and the resignation of then-Texas coach Gail Goestenkors.

Last season at Florida, she sat out due to transfer rules but suffered a torn labrum in January.

Finally healthy, Peoples credits her conditioning regimen for getting her into top form.



Bannister

"Tyler Stewart, our conditioning coach, definitely got us in really good shape this summer," she said.

"We worked really hard to become that team. It'll show, once season comes, the work that we put in this summer."

Bannister, a Jacksonville native, is a shooting threat.

However, she hopes to become more versatile in her first season with the Gators.

"I feel like I'm going to bring a lot of shooting to the team," Bannister said. "From high school and AAU, I feel like that's all people remember. 'That Bannister girl, she's a shooter.'

"I feel like I have a lot more

to bring to the table. I'm just excited about finally being able to show it because I wasn't really able to show it my freshman year.

"When they do scouting reports, I want them to say, 'She's a strong attacker,' and, 'How are we going to guard her?'"

Butler will attempt to employ a new, fluid offense this season to maximize the skill set of players like Bannister and Peoples.

Florida is built for speed, and a strong emphasis on the transition game is a focal point in the team's revamped offense.

"We want to give them a little bit more freedom to make decisions and make plays and a little less structure," Butler said. "We're trying to maximize their abilities within a place on the floor instead of saying, 'Go here. Screen here. Roll here. Dribble here,' and giving them so many specific directives."

Butler has said in the past that a primary strength of her team is its versatility and player interchangeability, but there may be a few kinks to work out at first.

"You're going to see a lot of excitement on offense that at the beginning of the year may look a little chaotic," she said. "But hopefully, it will make sense to us."

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