



Changes in economics department worry some

► FACULTY WILL BE CUT TO SIX.

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In the midst of reports that the economics department has stopped accepting students to its Ph.D. program, some people are concerned UF might not be able to sustain its undergraduate economics degree.

John Kraft, dean of the Warrington College of Business Administration — which houses the economics department — said he has long-term plans to cut the economics faculty from its current 11 tenure-track professors to six.

He said based on current resources, six professors would be enough to teach undergraduate courses while still staying fiscally responsible. He said currently, the economics department is in the largest deficit position compared to the rest of the college, and every department is shrinking.

"To me, the greatest tragedy is for students who arrive here, and we don't offer much in the way of undergraduate courses," said retired UF economics professor David Den-slow.

Twice, the department was offered a move from the business college to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and both times faculty voted against it, despite Kraft's offer to support the transition for three years.

"They made a choice," Kraft said. "Maybe they didn't like the choices they have, but it was all that was available."

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Candlelight Vigil

The UF Filipino Student Association hosted a candlelight vigil for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which caused about 5,000 deaths, at the Architecture Building atrium on Monday. All funds collected were donated. Read the story on page 8.

STATE

Local horses 'catching fire' on silver screen

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When the "Catching Fire" horses trotted their way into the Capitol pulling the carriage holding Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson, most residents and students were unaware of just how close to home these horses galloped.

The two horses, named Tristan and Dieuwe, reside in Lady Lake, Fla., a

"They're very calm, and their flashiness caught the director's eye."

Susan Kelly

director of marketing and special events for Grand Oaks

town a little less than 70 miles away from Gainesville, at the Grand Oaks Resort and Museum in southern Marion County.

Susan Kelly, director of marketing and special events for Grand Oaks, said the two were among about 17 other horses picked to star in the movie and were recruited about two years ago.

Tristan and Dieuwe won over the directors with their showmanship and flair, Kelly said, and were given the privilege to pull the carriage for Lawrence and Hutcherson.

"They're very calm, and their flashiness

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Punctuation sets the tone for student texting, study says

But context is important

RYAN BAUM

Alligator Contributing Writer

"OK" vs. "OK."

Punctuation is making a blunt comeback in the texting world. Period.

An American University study

on the texting habits of American college students has resurfaced on social media after a recent article by The New Republic. The study found that 39 percent of students' sampled sent text messages that used punctuation at the end of each sentence.

Because the period is used less

"When you add the period, it really does mean something."

Galia Hatav

UF linguistics professor

often, many students view its usage as intentional. It is left to the recipient to decide why the punctuation was added.

"If you add punctuation when

you don't usually, that's extra," said UF linguistics professor Galia Hatav.

Hatav agreed that punctuation can be used to convey tone or add extra information when texting but noted that context is important.

"When you add the period, it really does mean something," Hatav said.

Gianna Gamache, a 19-year-old

UF recreation, parks and tourism sophomore, said she thinks students overanalyze punctuation when texting.

"If you're arguing with someone, (using a period) definitely means something," Gamache said. "But if you're just talking to someone and you end with a period, to me it would just seem like you're just using good grammar."

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Meditate-A-Thon

Meditation Club is hosting a day of meditation on the Plaza of the Americas today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come learn about meditation or just hang out. Check out the page facebook.com/groups/MORatUF.

From Turlington to the Western Wall

From 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, meet Melissa on Turlington Plaza to write a prayer that will be sent to Israel. In Jewish tradition, it is customary for those visiting the Western Wall to place written prayers in the nooks of the ancient structure. UF Hillel Birthright participants will bring the prayers and place them in the wall on behalf of UF students. For more information, email melissa@ufhillel.org.

Talking Gators Toastmasters hosts the annual White Elephant Holiday Gift Exchange

The event today will be a succession of mini "Table Topics" talks. Each person will bring a wrapped or bagged gift or two — something you want to re-gift. The idea is to have fun with minimal or no spending of money. People will take turns picking a present, opening it and then giving a one- to two-minute speech about the item. The meeting starts at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building Room 1031. For more information, visit talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org.

Hispanic and Latino graduate student meeting

Come discuss creating a student organization for Hispanic and Latino graduate students Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Grinter Hall, Room 264. The meeting will focus on establishing a constitution for the organization. The event is sponsored by the Office of Graduate Minority Programs and the Institute of Latino-Hispanic Cultures (La Casita). It is open to all graduate students. For more information, please contact Ruth Visuete at rvisuete@aa.ufl.edu.

Taste of Tikkun Olam

Come to Turlington from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday to

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get a snack from UF Hillel that relates to the Torah portion this week. This week, Joseph receives his well-known Technicolor dream coat. What do you think the snack will be? For more information, contact Hillel's engagement associate, Melissa Kansky, at Melissa@ufhillel.org.

Robotics Demos at UF

The most exciting robot demo day ever at UF will be Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the New Engineering Building Rotunda. It will include demonstrations of 15 robots built by students in this semester's Intelligent Machines Design Laboratory course. Several other robots from the Machine Intelligence Lab will be displayed, including previous international award-winning robots (including a boat and a submarine, which earned first and second places in the 2013 world championships, respectively). See mil.ufl.edu/imdl/robot_info_f13.htm for more information.

Orange sale

Come join the biggest orange sale on campus. This event is organized by the UF Gator Citrus Club with the support of Florida farmers. The sale will be located at Fifield Hall, 2550 Hull Road from Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. to Friday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/groups/252519724784426.

Hanukkah party

UF Hillel is taking part in the FLC's Snow Swamp Winter event Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. on Weaver Beach (behind Gator Corner Dining). Come celebrate the last night of Hanukkah while learning how other religions celebrate their winter holidays. Food

and fun activities will be both provided by UF Hillel and the other various organizations. For more information contact Dani at social@ufhillel.org.

Free challah roll

Who wants to celebrate Shabbat a little early this week? Come meet Melissa from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday on Turlington to get a free challah roll to "chomp" on. Contact Melissa for more information at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to sshavell@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events and keep them 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

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STATE

Prosecutor: Jameis Winston investigation will be 'thorough'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — The prosecutor investigating sexual assault allegations against Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston wants the process to be "thorough" and won't let football dictate when he will wrap up his inquiry.

State Attorney Willie Meggs on Monday reiterated he won't let FSU's football schedule or Winston's Heisman Trophy possibilities determine when his investigation will be completed.

Winston has led the Seminoles to the No. 1 ranking and they will play for a conference title Saturday, with a shot at the national crown. The deadline for Heisman ballots to be turned in is Dec. 9.

Timothy Jansen, Winston's attorney, said he is communicating daily with his client, who "wants it to be over." Jansen last week publicly complained about the pace of the investigation.

"Obviously he's focusing on football and academics and he knows it's a process and we're waiting for Mr. Meggs to conclude his investigation," Jansen said.

While the allegations were initially reported

to Tallahassee police nearly a year ago, the case wasn't turned over to prosecutors until November. The Tallahassee Police Department has defended its handling of the case even though the family of the victim has said that police detectives warned them about pressing charges.



Winston

Meggs initially estimated it would only take a few weeks for prosecutors to determine whether to charge Winston.

ESPN reported last month that DNA that matched Winston was found in the underwear of the accuser. While Jansen has suggested that the

sex was consensual, the family of the accuser issued a statement alleging that Winston raped the woman.

Meggs declined to say exactly when his investigation will be finished.

"We're not basing what we are doing on a football schedule or anyone else's calendar," Meggs said. "We're moving as rapidly as we can."

Resident helps ward off cold nights for homeless

► HE WILL GIVE OUT BLANKETS UNTIL HIS SUPPLY RUNS OUT.

BROOKE AUSTILL

Alligator Contributing Writer

As cooler temperatures set in, Gainesville residents are helping the homeless combat the weather to stay comfortable and healthy.

Pat Fitzpatrick, a homeless advocate, is giving away emergency blankets.

"It's going to get cold tonight," Fitzpatrick said Sunday as he stood on Bo Diddley Community Plaza. "So it's not going to be a comfortable evening."

The shiny silver Mylar blanket retains up to 90 percent of a user's body heat. He said being exposed to the elements is one problem inherent to being homeless.

"Homelessness is not a very com-

plicated thing," Fitzpatrick said. "You and I live here, and we ... have a place where we can go with good heat, but those folks out in the woods don't."

Rosalie Sherman, a recipient, said she has been homeless for about two years. She finds stuffed animals in dumpsters to hang along her tree-side tent located in "Tent City," an encampment south of the Guerry-Hawthorne Connection Trail.

"I put my animals up because here you gotta be creative," Sherman said. "You can't hang family pictures up, so these are why my animals are up."

Sherman said how good her day is depends on what the weather is like.

"You got your good days, and you got your bad days out here," Sherman said.

Fitzpatrick said he will be giving out blankets to help people like Sherman until the supply runs out.

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Aerial dancing club to hold Fall showcase this week

ANGELA SKANE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Twenty feet up in the air, gracefully twisting her body and wrapping pieces of silk around her feet and hands, A'shayla Passaretti flips upside down and dangles above the studio floor.

"It's kind of like a flying sensation," said the second-year UF public relations graduate student.

Passaretti, 23, is an aerial dancer and co-president of Volaticus Aerial Dance club. Starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Volaticus Aerial Dance will have its Fall showcase in the Nadine McGuire Dance Pavillion, Room 11.

Aerial dance incorporates acrobatics, classical dance and equipment that is hung from the ceiling, said Calli Brockett, a 21-year-old UF history senior.

The showcase will feature 11 individual performances and two group pieces. Donations are welcome, but the event is free and open to the public.

Performances will showcase the aerial silk, a long fabric that hangs from

the ceiling; lyra, a dangling hoop; static trapeze, which stays in one spot; and corde de lisse, which is a hanging rope similar to the silk.

Passaretti was barely able to touch her toes when she joined the club four years ago.

"We have all skill levels," she said. "People come in, and we will teach them from the ground up."

Co-president Brockett started aerial dance when she joined the club her freshman year.

"We have all skill levels. People come in, and we will teach them from the ground up."

A'shayla Passaretti

co-president of Volaticus Aerial Dance club

Between group practices and her individual time, Passaretti spends more than ten hours a week practicing.

Performing to "Demons" by Imagine Dragons, Passaretti has been perfecting her routine for a month and a half.

"It's funny because I'm actually terrified of heights," she said.

Consumer confidence is rising

► THE INCREASE COULD BE A BOUNCEBACK FROM THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

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As 2013 comes to a close, consumer confidence is on the rebound.

A monthly survey conducted by UF's Bureau of Economic and Business Research found that consumer confidence in the economy increased in November after a dip in October.

A phone survey of 405 Floridians statewide included five questions ranging from current conditions to future expectations about the economy.

Each response is given a value from 2 to 150, with the higher score meaning more optimism.

November's readings resulted in an average of 76 as opposed to October's 70, the year's lowest reading.

Bureau Director Christopher McCarty said the increase is mostly a bounceback

from the government shutdown and avoided debt ceiling default.

"When consumer confidence is low it means consumers, for a variety of reasons, are not feeling very optimistic," he said.

McCarty predicted that December will probably be about the same because there is no current political happening affecting consumer confidence.

However, he said there is a strong possibility of consumer confidence declining in January as Congress revisits the debt ceiling issue.

"You can anticipate that come the new year the headlines will be full about what Congress should do about the debt ceiling," McCarty said.

Christina Ford, a 21-year-old UF political science and economics junior, attributed the increased consumer confidence to 44 months of private sector job growth under President Barack Obama.

"It's not surprising that consumers are beginning to become more confident in the economy with numbers like that," Ford said.

It could impact UF's climb to top 10

ECONOMICS

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Roger Blair, chairman of the economics department, said moving to CLAS isn't the solution.

"Why would anyone suppose we'll be better in arts and sciences?" he asked.

He said CLAS is not better off and doesn't have money to fund Ph.D. programs.

"People who want to blame us for the situation would like to suggest money would fix things," Blair said. "It's not going to fix anything."

But some suggest the faculty didn't take the offer for personal reasons.

"The twist at the end is they were given the opportunity to leave and they didn't. It boiled down to their own pocketbooks," said Dave Williams, a UF economics alumnus.

A contributing factor to the financial issues facing the department is the switch to the Responsibility Centered Management budget system.

"Under that budget system, the revenue from credit hours generated from each department gets a kind of weight," said Robert Lanzillotti, former dean of the college of business. "One of the ironies here is the economics department classes taught would generate more revenue as a (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) number than as a (Warrington College of Business Administration) number."

Williams said Kraft's decision might be motivated by his being passed up as dean years before he was awarded the position.

"I think Kraft has systematically destroyed the department," said Williams.

Kraft said there is nothing personal about what he is doing.

Others say they believe him. "I have thought in the past there may be some credibility, but as I think about it more carefully, I don't think that's it," Denslow said.

There's been concern the struggles of the economics department may impact UF's climb to top 10 university status.

"There isn't a top 10 university in the country that doesn't have a viable economics department," Lanzillotti said.

Filmmakers liked the horses' gait

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caught the director's eye," she said. "And that's when they said 'These are the two horses we need to use for Katniss and Peeta.'"

Kelly said the horses, who stand at about 6 feet tall, have no film training but were bred to pull carriages and compete in dressage, giving them an edge over other horse breeds.

"They have a beautiful gait, and that's what the filmmakers were looking for," she said. "It was exciting to see them in the movie. Everyone here has seen it, and we're like, 'Oh my God, those are our boys!'"

Kelly said even though they stay in the show barn from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily to meet visitors, they still pull their weight at the resort.

"All of our horses have a job. They're not just here to eat grass," she said. "They give carriage rides, especially for those who use us as wedding sites. Many brides have gotten the opportunity to

be pulled by two movie stars."

Samantha Troast, a 20-year-old UF English junior, said because the horses were local, the film holds special meaning.

"Just to learn they were in the movie, it kind of shows you the different places that went into making this movie," she said. "It's more than just Hollywood. It's places across the country that have important aspects."

Kristen O'Brien, a 21-year-old UF English senior who has already seen the movie three times, said she is happy they included horses from a local area in the film.

"I like that they take horses from somewhere local, a farm or a breeder close by," she said. "It's not like they're specifically trained for the films, so that's nice."

O'Brien said if she had enough free time, she would make the trip to Lady Lake to visit the horses.

"They're really pretty horses. They're like Black Beauty," she said. "I'd like to get a picture."



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

Ho Ho Ho

Seth Fisher, an 18-year-old UF accounting freshman and Freshman Leadership Council spearhead, stands on a table on Turlington Plaza Monday to promote the freshman Snow, Swamp and Everything Chomp event. The event will be at Weaver Beach at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Locals react to 'Fast and the Furious' actor Paul Walker's death

He died in a car crash

ELIZABETH BOONE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Nicole Santos said she will always remember his perfect eyes. Sophia Gibaldi said he was one of the better actors. Ethan Perry said the whole event was shocking.

Students reacted to the Saturday death of Paul Walker, star of the "Fast and the Furious" franchise, with an outpouring of sadness and social media remarks.

The 40-year-old actor was killed in a car accident with his friend in Valencia, Calif. He was riding in his red Porsche with his friend and former financial adviser Roger Rodas when the car hit a tree and light pole.

He was in California to attend an event benefiting his organization Reach Out Worldwide, which sends resources and services to natural disaster sites.

Santos, a 20-year-old UF applied physiology and kinesiology junior, said she found out about the accident on the Internet.

She said it made her especially sad because she met the actor on a plane flying to L.A. She said he was nice, polite and welcoming.

On the silver screen, Santos said she thinks the "Fast and Furious" franchise will kill his character in

the next movie in the series.

"Especially because it's true now," Santos said.

With the seventh "Fast and Furious" film currently in production, Richard Burt, a UF professor of film, mass media and digital media, said he agreed that it's hard to predict how the franchise will be affected by the loss.

UF telecommunication senior Ethan Perry, 22, said Walker's character, police officer Brian O'Connor, was vital to the story and that he hopes the film's writers will give him a good ending.

In reality, however, Perry said, some students aren't making appropriate comments about the event as news of the accident traveled quickly over social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter.

"I've seen a lot of tasteless jokes on Facebook," Perry said. "Celebrities are still human."

UF environmental engineering freshman Sophia Gibaldi, 18, said she saw a lot of Facebook posts mourning the actor's death. Gibaldi thought the accident was a tragedy, she said.

Although she liked the car-racing franchise, she said she specifically liked the actor in the adventure drama "Eight Below." She said it brought out Walker's

emotional side more than the action series did.

Twenty-year-old UF theater

and telecommunication junior Drew Bryan agreed. She said she was glad he could have different

roles to show his acting range.

"He probably could've done so much more," Bryan said.



AP Photo

Sheriff's deputies work near the wreckage of Walker's Porsche that crashed into a light pole on Hercules Street near Kelly Johnson Parkway in Valencia, Calif., on Saturday.

STATE

Security firm settles with George Zimmerman, lawyer O'Mara

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — The firm hired to provide security for George Zimmerman and his family while he awaited trial for the shooting death of Trayvon Martin has reached a settlement with the former neighborhood watch volunteer and his attorney.

CMR Associates settled a lawsuit against Zimmerman, his wife Shellie and attorney Mark O'Mara last week.

Under the settlement, CMR Associates will be paid \$30,000.

The private investigation firm claimed they were owed \$27,000, plus interest for past-due invoices, for their work in providing security for Zimmerman and his family

while he awaited trial in 2012.

Zimmerman was acquitted last July of any crime for the shooting of 17-year-old Martin, which occurred in February 2012.

The firm says it provided a two-man detail around the clock to Zimmerman and his family members in the summer of 2012.

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Column

Bye UF, remember: Journalism isn't dead

It's 4:30 p.m., and I'm sitting alone in the newsroom. The day staff are working on papers and finances, answering phones and getting ready to go home. I'm at my desk, listening to Ben Folds below a promo photo the Alligator received years ago.

In it, Danny Glover looks to the front of the newsroom, and on yellow legal paper above him, says, "I'm getting too old for this s--t!"

I have spent the last three years, on and off, at this paper, and it's given a lot to me. I'm proud of photos taken, stories written, meetings held, stories rewritten and everything else that's happened under this '70s frat house roof.

Even when the roof leaks.

Looking around, there's memorabilia all around the newsroom to remind us on a daily basis that newspapers are over the hill. We've carried on anyway, posterizing two- and three-deep over these relics with inside jokes and good examples set by others.

There are even some good digs at us plastered up on these mismatched walls. My favorite is the "wall of shame/hall of fame" in Sports, displaying years of mistyped headlines, players' names spelled wrong and failed attempts at sports humor.

In all fairness to Sports, if News had something similar, we'd need a bigger building.

I've heard that time speeds up as you get older, so maybe that's why these last few months have brought a dizzying array of new journalism — good journalism — from good journalists like the ones I've worked with since moving to Gainesville.

And I'm incredibly proud to have been involved in some of it.

As a journalism student, I think we have an acute sense of what is going on in the industry. My first journalism professor spent the first class of the semester trying to convince us to switch majors before it was too



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late.

But the Alligator will persist, despite the vitriol we receive all the time. Or, for that matter, despite the hate any newspaper gets.

Just recently, The New York Times' paywall overtook its digital ads in revenue. That's as good of a sign as any of us will

get.

Some of the great folks from the J-school and I will soon be crossing the graduation stage into the job market, essentially with no guarantee of a career in what we currently know to be journalism. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little scared, but I see where Alligator alum have gone in life, and it makes me a little more confident.

I've heard it said a lot, but it bears repeating: Journalism isn't dead just yet.

I have a list of advice people have given me or I've seen somewhere that merited writing down. The most relevant one in my career right now is this: "Remember that everything we're working with will be stoneaged soon. Figuring out why is the essence of innovation."

There are some traditions worth keeping, like my Danny Glover photo, and there are others we can learn from to leave critics' mouths hanging open the next time around.

For instance, I'm normally pretty punctual. This semester has been killer, though, and although I don't think my output has suffered, my schedule has. Keeping that in mind, and in the true spirit of journalism, I wrote this goodbye column just before deadline. Que será, será.

Thanks for the times, y'all.

Matt Riva is the online managing editor.

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Letter to the Editor

Consider getting involved in civil work

As a rule, we get the government we deserve. Political institutions work well when citizens are engaged: following the news, electing good representatives and pitching in ourselves to address serious national problems like health care and national security. When people are detached, governments generally fail.

So, where are we going to get more active and responsible citizens?

Civic engagement that improves the world almost always has three characteristics. It is deliberative: Citizens talk and listen to fellow citizens who may disagree with them. It is collaborative: Citizens actually roll up their sleeves and work together, building or saving or producing goods. And it creates partnerships among people who want to improve the world together.

If you are not doing civic work, you should think about getting involved. Many

thousands of college students are volunteers and activists. If you are already active, you should connect with other people who are also involved. Even if they work on different issues or come from different communities, they face the same challenges.

Why do schools and colleges offer so little civic education? Why is so little funding available for citizens' groups? Why do the news and entertainment media rarely depict citizens working together to address

problems?

You need to sit down with other active citizens to discuss how to change policies, laws, funding streams and media coverage so that citizen work can flourish and prosper again.

That will begin to build a movement of active citizens, which is the only thing that can improve our democracy.

Peter Levine
professor at Tufts University

Guest column

Twerk it: In defense of Miley

The general public's reaction to the New Miley has been like finding a tarantula in the bathtub while somehow also witnessing a horrific train wreck. Fear, disgust, concern and morbid curiosity have all been rolled up into a giant ball of emotion that has fueled media coverage of the star's transformation, as well as Twitter jokes and YouTube "Wrecking Ball" parodies ad nauseum. Most people view the New Miley as a loathsome, offensive brute; yet they can't look away.

The New Miley is only a few months old — three or four months, depending on which timeline you prefer — but the transformation has already garnered enough attention to make it one of the most memorable stories of 2013. General consensus refers to the moment she cut her hair as the point when the Old Miley faded away into the now seemingly distant past. She was no longer a living version of the sterile fashion dolls that were so popular when she lived half her life as Hannah Montana. Physical transformations came first, and then she switched record labels and hired Britney Spears' old manager.

Since then she has broken up with her fiancé, rapped, admitted to using drugs and compared herself to Sinead O'Connor; all of those things, not to mention her VMAs performance — as if it hasn't been mentioned enough already — have been enough to shock and horrify much of her previous fanbase and most of their parents. Cyrus is, gasp, acting the way many people in their 20s would if they had nearly unlimited wealth, fame and extensive



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connections in the U.S. entertainment industry, and they hate it.

This makes sense. It is also stupid; at least, the controversy is stupid. Had anyone else skipped the Disney-child-star-omg-it's-Billy-Ray-Cyrus'-daughter-on-TV-how-cute route to stardom and began where Miley is now, nobody would care.

Like Holden Caulfield or the guy who shot John Lennon, they would prefer Miley to retain her childhood innocence at the expense of her growth as an artist and as a person. Even if it didn't occur to many, the fact that Miley would eventually grow up was predicted in a 2008 Time magazine article written by former child star and Mormon Donny Osmond.

The image change has as much to do with music as it does identity. Though she's not currently taking the most moral or healthy path, it's undeniable that her music is benefiting from the change. It's more relevant, entertaining, and, partly because it doesn't sound like karaoke music, has more artistic merit than the music of Old Miley.

Compare "Wrecking Ball" to "7 Things." Her new work, though, is garish, neon and plastic, and has soul. The Old Miley was little more than a Disney-World animatronic, a mouthpiece for the industry's candy pop and country. People are disturbed by the change, and that's fair, but the Old Miley is never coming back, which is nice.

The New Miley is almost too good to be true.

Alec Carver is a UF journalism freshman. His column runs on Tuesdays.

UWire

'Catching Fire' has kept it burning

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" does not have one single good scene.

Now before fans of the series volunteer me as tribute, let me finish my bold thought.

"Catching Fire" does not have one single good part, because every part of it is phenomenal.

The culmination of an entertaining story, an extremely talented cast, and a bold intensity makes the "Hunger Games" sequel a superior film in every sense. It isn't just an improvement for the series; it's an improvement in contemporary blockbuster cinema.

After a monumental win in the 74th Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) return to District 12 to start their victory tour.

Unfortunately, neither tribute can find anything victorious about it. Both struggle to assimilate back into regular life and are forced to continue faking a celebrity romance for the press, much to the displeasure of Katniss' original love interest, Gale (Liam Hemsworth). To make matters worse, the tour sparks uprisings around the country, only strengthening President Snow's (Donald Sutherland) personal vendetta against Katniss for her bold actions against the Capitol in the first film. The new Gamemaker Plutarch Heavensbee (Philip Seymour Hoffman) poses a solution to the president — choose the tributes for the 75th Hunger Games from past survivors.

Here, "Catching Fire" could have made the mistake of other sequels and simply remade the first film in a different setting. Not only does director Frances Lawrence prevent this cop-out, but he improves on the original's weak points.

The stakes are higher both in the arena (killer baboons and poison fog are only two of the new obstacles in the Games) and in the political turmoil. Although the film is two and a half hours long, even pacing keeps the action exciting throughout (in all honesty, I could have sat through another 30 minutes, but Hollywood loves its cliff-hanger endings).

Scenery and costumes, normally taken for granted, keep the dramatic tone. The dilapidated districts are dressed with unforgiving snow and rebellious fires as the military tries to restrain any potential uprisings. The Capitol, decorated with extravagant trimmings, makes a striking societal

Claire Novak
UWire

contrast. Men and women in gauzy attire offer Katniss and Peeta a purple drink that makes them throw up so they can keep eating, and all the heroes can think about

are their starving neighbors back home.

Action sequences in the Games and throughout the districts bring a new level of intensity. Plot twists gave the characters something to lose, and the audience a reason to sit on the edge of their seats. More screen time for returning characters allows for more development, especially from Hemsworth, who was severely overshadowed in the first installment, and Sutherland's increasingly evil and intimidating Snow. And although Hutcherson may not bring the same vigor as his brilliant female co-star, their compatibility makes them a winning duo.

Despite the strong original cast, newcomers fit right into the all-around chemistry. Hoffman's character may be a bit predictable (coming from someone who has not read the book), but he brings a tangible connection between the Capitol snobs and the common folk. Sam Claflin and Jena Malone as fellow tributes Finnick and Johanna keep the games entertaining with new perspectives, especially with Malone's snarky comments against the Capitol.

Lawrence, however, steals the show as the stubborn, determined Katniss. It has only been three years since her breakout role in 2010's "Winter's Bone," but Lawrence has already defined herself as an actress, winning an Oscar last year for "Silver Linings Playbook." She embraces the depth of Katniss' inner turmoil against the status quo, constantly debating between standing up to injustice or risking the lives of those she loves. The director is wise to allot a fair number of facial close-ups on the actress, as her expressions give such sincere emotion to let audiences connect with Katniss on another level.

"Catching Fire" is nothing short of stunning. Any movie that brings the audience into the story is impressive, but the talents of both Lawrences transform every theater into the world of Panem and delivers a story that is captivating for all theatergoers. That could pose a problem getting seats. May the odds be ever in your favor.

Claire Novak is a writer for The Marquette Tribune. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

Column

Proposed Student Senate bill is an attack on Palestinian students

Today, the Student Senate at UF will attempt to pass an anti-BDS bill titled "Resolution Condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement."

This bill is a direct attack on Palestinian students and a negation of their existence at the university. The claims it makes are far-fetched, and many of them are actually factually incorrect. The point of the bill is to assert that UF and Israel have special ties that would be broken by a BDS bill, and as an American institution, the school must support Israel as a political ally.

There are thousands of students

at UF who are explicitly marginalized by this bill. Using the claim that UF has the largest Jewish student population outside of Israel leaves out the fact that there are countless Jewish allies who are against the explicitly illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. The writers seem to forget about massive organizations such as Jewish Voice for Peace, Jews for Palestinian Right of Return and Jews for Justice for Palestine, just to name a few. Not to mention the many pro-Palestinian Jewish students attending UF right now, many of whom are members of Students for Justice in Palestine.

Farah Khan
Speaking Out

Furthermore, the bill seems to work on the assumption that BDS is a divisive tactic but conveniently leaves out the fact that these companies actively engage in illegal acts of violence against Palestinians every single day. Passive divestment is exactly that — passive divestment, and a refusal to engage in these illegal violations of human rights. Maintaining active relations with and investing in companies that violate human rights, however, is the most divisive act possible.

Not to forget that many facts stated in the bill are simply incorrect. The clause bringing up Hebrew studies is irrelevant, as Hebrew classes and Jewish studies classes would be entirely untouched by a BDS campaign. BDS targets institutions and not individuals. Therefore, the clause on having "multiple doctors at the University of Florida Shands Hospital (who) have studied and participated in research in Israel that has enabled them to further their medical knowledge" is, as well, meaningless and irrelevant. Having BDS implemented would change nothing about the situation for these

doctors, nor would it have affected their capability to study in Israel.

The clause on drip irrigation technology is, as well, entirely irrelevant and yet again false. BDS has nothing whatsoever to do with divesting from Israeli technologies.

The fact that the writers of this bill resort to inserting clauses with false statements and literally made-up facts proves that it stands on shaky foundations and has no place at this university, and as students, we refuse to stand for it.

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CAMPUS

Candlelight vigil commemorates victims of Typhoon Haiyan

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Students gathered for a brief candlelight vigil at about 8:30 p.m. Monday on campus to commemorate those lost and affected by the Philippine Typhoon Haiyan.

Andrea Espulgar, a 22-year-old food and resource economics senior and president of the UF Filipino Student Association, said the event was one of several fundraisers put on by FSA since the disaster.

Espulgar said donations collected from these events have helped her organization raise about \$2,000 of its \$2,500 goal. One

hundred percent of the proceeds go toward disaster relief for the victims.

"It's not just because we're the Filipino Student Association, but because we're a family," she said. "Even though a lot of us didn't grow up there, our homeland is really important to us."

The ceremony began with the Philippine national anthem, sung in Tagalog, the language of the Philippines.

Abby Estilong, 49, then spoke about the effects of the strongest storm the Philippines has ever experienced and the devastation the island nation has faced.

"This was not a Filipino disaster; this was a global event," she said to the crowd

of about 50 students.

Estilong is the adviser for UF's Filipino Student Association and a member of the Philippine-American Association of Gainesville and Surrounding Areas. She has been a liaison between this community and students for about 15 years, and she said she is "very proud" of the actions of the students after this disaster.

"We have a Filipino association here in Gainesville, and we didn't have to tell them to do it," she said. "They came up with it on their own."

UF students who attended, like Jason Feliciano, a 19-year-old public relations sophomore, called the event "really well-

put-together."

"I think it's amazing when people get together and do something to commemorate their ancestry," he said. "To see them put something on for so many people they didn't know, it's just a fantastic thing."

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Local couple sells sweet business plan at farmers markets

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MELISSA DUKES

Alligator Contributing Writer

As a 10-year-old girl, Gwen Thompson's role model was Willy Wonka.

Now 54, Thompson and her husband, Ted Snow, are chocolatiers and own Goodness Snow's Artisanal Truffles & Chocolate, a startup chocolate company in Gainesville.

In the six months since they started the business, UF alumni Thompson and Snow have become frequent vendors at farmers markets throughout the week.

Their itinerary includes the Tioga Town Center on Mondays, Union Street on Wednesdays, Flagler Beach on Fridays and Haile Plantation on Saturdays.

She said business has picked up with the holiday season. So far, best-sellers are the chocolate truffles, bark and Oreos.

"It was like as soon as weather got cooler, somebody flipped a switch and everybody wants chocolate now," she said.

The couple also sells chocolate chip cookies and chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks and fruit.

The company registered with the state in June 2013 and participated in its first farmers market at the end of June. They forge their creations at Blue Oven Kitchens, a certified kitchen that is an incubator for small startup businesses to use.

"I've always loved chocolate. That's my inspiration and that's why I do it," she said. "One of the other things I really like about being

here at the market is I can get other foods (by) trading my chocolates."

She said in the future she hopes to have a commercial space of her

own where she can have her chocolate tempering machine to make the treats.

"If I had that in a place where I

could go in every day instead of just once or twice a week, that would really rock my world," Thompson said.

Suzu Schrimsher, a 20-year-old UF family youth and community science junior, said she took her boyfriend to the farmers market on Union Street Wednesday night, and they stopped at Goodness Snow's.

"We were just walking around and it obviously caught our eye because all they sold was chocolate," she said. "That's my favorite food."

She said Thompson and Snow were easy to talk to, and they let them sample different chocolates.

Schrimsher's boyfriend, Harrison Collins, tried the chocolate when he visited Gainesville recently. The 21-year-old University of Tennessee marketing junior said it was the best dark chocolate he's tasted.

He said compared to store-bought chocolate, Goodness Snow's chocolates tasted more organic.

"You can almost taste every little ingredient that she put into it," he said.

When he comes back to Gainesville, he said, he plans to return to the farmers market to get more goodness from Goodness Snow's.

Schrimsher said she likes to support local business and would be likely to go back to Goodness Snow's.

"Especially those chocolate lovers like me, I'll definitely tell them about it because it was really good, and they were really nice people," she said.



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Gwen Thompson, owner of Goodness Snow's, smiles next to the stand she and her husband sell their chocolates from. They frequently set up shop in the Tioga Town Center from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday afternoons.

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FEATURE

UF wakeboarders finish season on a high note

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Kenny Nguyen strolled onto the weatherworn dock, a bulky wakeboard under his left arm and a thick lifejacket over his right shoulder.

He scanned the quiet lake. Conditions were almost perfect.

One by one, six more members of the UF Wakeboard Club groggily made their way to the final practice of the year. Following the Southeast USA Wakeboard Collegiate Regionals at Lake Wauburg last month, novices showed up to try new tricks, while experienced teammates fine-tuned techniques.

UF applied physiology and kinesiology freshman Erin Waterman, 19, said Friday practices are typically for beginner riders. Thursdays are reserved for first-string competitors.

"I'm not Thursday material," Waterman said. "I'm lucky to come out Friday."

But because the season was ending, it didn't seem to matter whether it was a wakeboarder's first time behind the boat or thousandth. The warmth of the sun and stillness of the wind created an ideal day for gliding across the lake.

First up was first-year UF astronomy graduate student Nolan Grieves.

While the crew geared up the boat, the 22-year-old slipped his feet into wake boots and buckled in. When the boat idled away toward the northern shore, he remained standing, strapped to the board still on the dock.

Then, with a deafening roar and a forceful jolt, the boat raced forward, causing water to gush from behind the engine.

Grieves gracefully hopped onto the water and carved into the sur-

face, eventually performing a tantrum, an invert and a scarecrow.

Grieves was one of the nine team members who competed at regionals. Although there are about 30 students in the club, only the best compete.

"We invited 10 or 12 other collegiate schools, and we had a regional contest qualifying for USA Wakeboard Nationals," said Aaron Alanguilan, a 20-year-old UF mechanical engineering junior. "We placed first ... so I'd say that's a success."

Despite the club's competitive edge, all members maintain a no-judgment attitude.

"You know you're physically capable of doing it," Alanguilan said. "It's just a matter of you having faith in yourself."

Next was Nguyen.

Rather than sliding into the standard boots, Nguyen, a 20-year-old mechanical and aerospace engineering sophomore, laced up his black Vans with electric-blue laces. He's a wakeskater.

"Wakeskating is like skateboarding on water," he said.

If tricks are difficult to land while the board is attached to its rider, how much more difficult is it to do an aerial stunt when the board has a mind of its own?

The answer was found about 10 feet high, midair, where Nguyen found himself without a landing device after ramping off a particularly large wave.

"Wakeskating has a very hard learning curve," he said. "I can't do much, but it's fun."

That can-do attitude characterized the group of wakeboard club members.

Whether a trick landed or a rider got a faceful of lake, the camaraderie experienced in the back of a noisy ski boat seemed to be enough to make even the most non-athletic person strap a piece of fiberglass to his or her feet.



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James Ort, 21, extends his body during a trick at Wakefest 2013. About 15 students performed in several categories of wakeboarding at Lake Wauburg.

UF student head-butts officer

► A BYSTANDER TOLD POLICE SHE WAS DRUNK.

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A UF student was arrested after University Police reported she drunkenly head-butted and spit at emergency personnel Saturday night near Library West.

Officers charged 19-year-old Claudia Gail Pokropinski with battery on an officer and disorderly intoxication, according to a UPD arrest report.

At about 11:30 p.m., a bystander reported to officers that Pokropinski was drunk and said they were "concerned for her safety" at Library West, according to the report.

When the officer arrived, Pokropinski ran across Plaza of the Americas. When the officer caught her, she began pulling away, kicking and threatening the officer. When the officer thought he had her in custody, she head-butted him twice in the face, according to the report.

She then kicked and spit at Gainesville Fire Rescue medical personnel while they were evaluating her, according to the report.

Officers booked Pokropinski into the jail at about 11:45 p.m. Saturday. She was released Sunday around noon on her own recognizance.

NASA manager pleads guilty to charge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — A former high-level NASA manager who was responsible for helping the private sector develop spacecraft pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to a conflict-of-interest charge.

Edward Mango, 52, could face up to five years in prison when he is sentenced next year.

Mango loaned money to a fellow NASA employee who was facing criminal charges to help the employee hire an attorney. He also urged the director and human resources director of the Kennedy Space Center to be lenient on the employee, who was facing disciplinary action stemming from the arrest, the U.S. Attorney's

Office said in a news release and court documents.

The law under which Mango was charged provides penalties for government officials in the executive branch if they advise or help influence a decision in a matter in which they have a financial interest.

Mango had been the program manager for the commercial crew program at the Kennedy Space Center. The program's goal is to help the private sector develop spacecraft that eventually can take equipment and astronauts to the international space station.

He also was the launch director for the first flight test of the Ares rocket, which is being developed to launch NASA's next-generation spacecraft.

Tick-related diseases rising in Florida

Symptoms similar to the flu

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On the rise for the last 10 years, annually reported tick-related diseases in Florida have become so frequent that the state now ranks in the top 20 states for such diseases.

Researchers are still unsure of the reason behind the 150 percent increase, but many possible factors have been proposed as the cause, according to a UF News press release.

"What we do know is that ticks are very active in this area," said Holly Donohoe, an assistant professor in the department of tourism, recreation and sport management and associate director of UF's Tourism Crisis Management Institute.

The outdoor activities UF students might participate in, like tubing down the Ichetucknee

River, put them at risk of getting tick bites, Donohoe said.

To decrease the risk of getting a tick bite, students should use bug spray that contains at least 20 percent of the insecticide DEET and wear long clothing, she said.

"What we do know is that ticks are very active in this area."

Holly Donohoe

assistant professor in the department of tourism, recreation and sport management

"But that is not always feasible in Florida because it is so hot," she said.

If a tick does attach itself, students should remove it with tweezers, said Donohoe, then see a doctor immediately.

Early symptoms of tick-related illness usually resemble flu symptoms such as rashes, fatigue

and headaches, said Donohoe.

Melanie Kropp, a 23-year-old first-year student in the dental hygiene program at Santa Fe College, said she takes extra precaution against ticks when she goes camping.

She is concerned about letting her dogs outside.

About four years ago, Kropp's dog brought ticks into the house. The ticks laid eggs inside the paint on the walls, and the entire house had to be repainted, she said.

For concerned students, UF will be hosting an EPI Tick-Borne Disease Symposium on Thursday at 9 a.m. to discuss the issues surrounding the increase in tick-related diseases.

The symposium will feature speakers Dr. Glenn Morris, director of UF's Emerging Pathogens Institute and Dr. Paul Mead, chief of epidemiology and surveillance for the Lyme disease program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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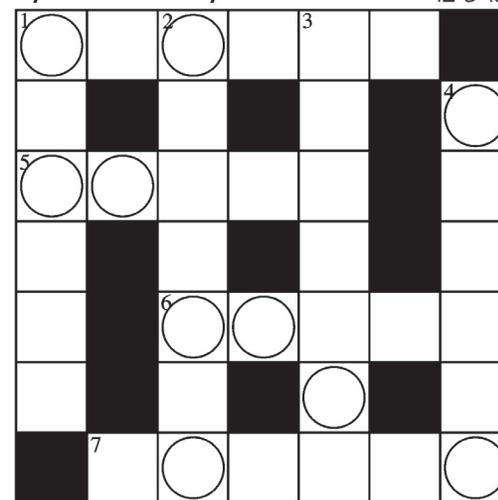
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1. Calculated move	BMAITG
5. Pierce	EANCL
6. Bury	RINTE
7. Breathe in	H LAEIN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Par maker	FLR GEO
2. Say	MONTNIE
3. Idleness	RINEIAT
4. Violent	FREEIC

BONUS CLUE: This author was born in London on May, 28, 1908.



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

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what \$3.6 million looks like?

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Cathedral area
5 Tons
10 Reps: Abbr.
14 Garden center supply
15 Dot in the ocean
16 Circus performer?
17 Tune
18 Thin, decorative metal
20 What a 63-Across may speak
21 The last Mrs. Chaplin
22 Grand Rapids-to-Detroit dir.
23 Gets married
27 This, to Michelle
28 Morose
29 Geometric suffix
30 Like potato chips
32 Lulus
36 Mass transit carrier
37 Dangerous things to risk
39 Retirement destination?
40 Wimps
41 Underworld group
43 Printer's widths
44 Cookie container
47 Renoir output
48 Equestrian's supply box
53 Spoil
54 Alabama, but not Kansas?
55 "Picnic" playwright
56 One, to one, e.g.
60 "Ain't Misbehavin'" Tony winner Carter
61 Throw hard
62 Hero's quality
63 Hebrides native
64 Desires
65 Burning desire?
66 Chop ___: Chinese American dish

DOWN

1 Valuables
2 Illinois city that symbolizes Middle America

3 Had a hunch
4 Barely beats
5 Member of the fam
6 CBS drama with two spin-offs
7 "Everything's fine"
8 Exeter's county
9 Dictation whiz
10 The K.C. Chiefs represented it in Super Bowl I
11 High school choral group
12 Dollhouse cups, saucers, etc.
13 Protected condition
19 Pied Piper followers
24 End-of-the-workweek cry
25 Pebble Beach's 18
26 China's Zhou
31 SALT concerns
32 "___ say something wrong?"
33 Elected ones
34 '50s automotive failure
35 Goo

37 There's a lane for one at many intersections
38 Superlative suffix
39 Like Bach's music
41 Boggy
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Buzzer-beater dooms Gators

► NAPIER'S SHOT SINKS FLORIDA.

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With his team trailing by one in the waning seconds, No. 12 Connecticut's Shabazz Napier sunk a game-winning mid-range jumper to beat No. 15 Florida 65-64 on Monday night.

The winning shot came after Napier was given a second chance on the final possession. To the dismay of coach Billy Donovan, Napier had been given a second chance on the possession before that, too.

Although the Gators (6-2) won the rebounding battle 34-26, the Huskies (8-0) grabbed the game's final three offensive rebounds in the last 1:03 to overcome a 62-59 deficit.

Patric Young outscored UConn 7-2 in a two-minute offensive explosion to give Florida the slight three-point lead, but his late-game efforts were erased by his team's defense giving away opportunities.

After the Gators failed to grab two defensive rebounds, Napier knocked down the Huskies third attempt from behind the arc in just 29 seconds.

Dorian Finney-Smith fouled Napier on the shot, as well, giving up a four-point play and the lead.

"I was really worried about the rebounding part in the zone," Donovan

said.

"The play that really hurt us was the possession (where) we had two opportunities up three to rebound the basketball with a big lineup and we didn't come up with it twice, which resulted in fouling a three-point shooter for a four-point play to put them up one."

When the Gators were forced to play from behind with less than a minute remaining, they did not have their floor-leader, Scottie Wilbekin.

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Billy Donovan

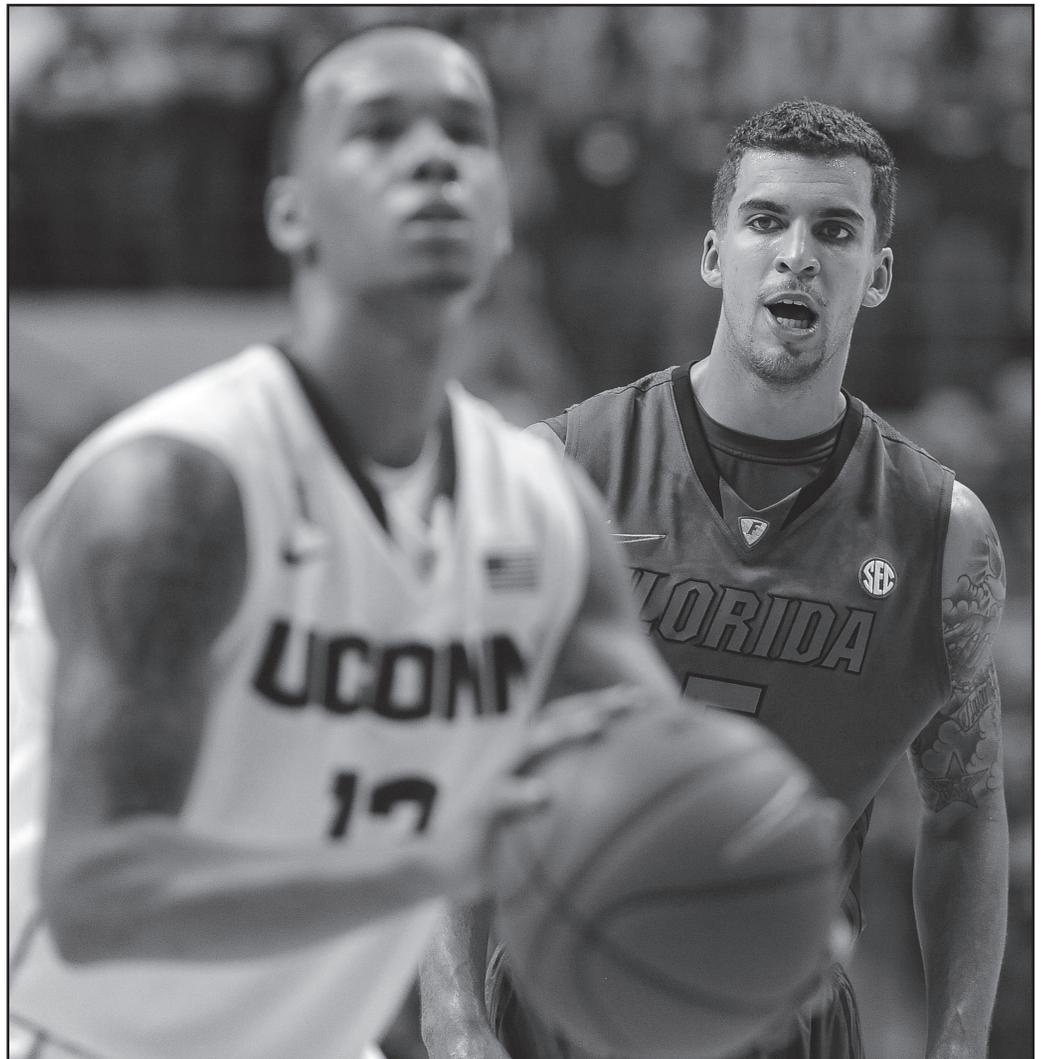
UF coach

The senior point guard, who returned from suspension a week ago against Jacksonville, left the game with 3:01 remaining after spraining his right ankle on his way down from a jump shot.

Donovan said he does not know the extent of Wilbekin's injury.

Freshman point guard Kasey Hill is still out with a high left ankle sprain he

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AP Photo

Scottie Wilbekin (right) watches Connecticut's Shabazz Napier shoot a free throw during the first half of the Gators' 65-64 loss to the Huskies on Monday night in Storrs, Conn.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Haden grabs fourth pick in as many games

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With Week 13 of the NFL season in the books, here are a few former Gators who made the most tangible impact for their respective teams.

Joe Haden, cornerback: On first and 10, Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Chad Henne, dropped back, studied his options and slightly underthrew a deep pass intended for Cecil Shorts.

Unfortunately for Henne, Cleveland Browns cornerback Joe Haden read Henne's eyes and made a play.

Haden's interception came in the second quarter of the

Browns' 32-28 home loss to the Jaguars. After making the read, the fourth-year corner proceeded to run to his left and return the pick for 13 yards to Jacksonville's 47-yard line.

During the game, Haden also recorded three tackles and broke up a pass. After his pick Sunday, Haden has four interceptions on the year — tying him for fourth most in the league this season. All four have come in his past four games.

Other former Gators thrive on defense: Many former UF defenders filled up the stat sheet this week.

Chicago Bears linebacker Jon

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GSU celebrates victory against UF School serves alligator

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Florida had a massive helping of humble pie when it lost to Georgia Southern two weeks ago.

When the Eagles pulled off the unfathomable in The Swamp, the victory was expected to reverberate for years.

Who knew it would manifest itself onto the plates of Georgia Southern students?

For the first day of classes on Monday following Thanksgiving break, Georgia Southern held a "Southern Feasts on Gator" cookout at the dining hall featuring fried alligator, buffalo alligator bites and alligator sliders.

The Gators were gator bait.

School president Dr. Brooks A. Keel, football coach Jeff Monken and Eagles mascot Gus help serve more than 200 pounds of fresh alligator to students, faculty and staff at the Dining Commons, which is one of two dining halls on the Statesboro, Ga., campus.

"Since Georgia Southern's students were gone on Thanksgiving break following our win, we wanted to offer a way for them to celebrate upon their return," Director of Residential Dining Greg Crawford said.

"To say the event was a success would be an understatement. We were out of alligator menu offerings within an hour."

Florida paid \$550,000 to host Georgia Southern at Ben Hill

Griffin Stadium on Nov. 23. The Eagles pulled off the first-ever victory for an FCS team against the Gators.

The 26-20 loss followed UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley's well-documented statement voicing his "thousand percent backing" of coach Will Muschamp.

"To say the event was a success would be an understatement. We were out of alligator menu offerings within an hour."

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GSU Director of Residential Dining

Foley reaffirmed his support before Florida's loss against Florida State.

The dining hall promotion went viral, with stories appearing in outlets like ESPN, USA

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Alex Holston is enjoying a breakout freshman season for the Florida volleyball team. Read the story on page 14.

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Gators in the NBA

Chicago Bulls center Joakim Noah scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds during a 131-128 loss to the New Orleans Pelicans on Monday night in Chicago.

Gators take on Dolphins in first round of NCAA Tournament

UF hosts first two rounds

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For four teams, the road to the national title will run through Gainesville.

The NCAA announced tournament seedings Sunday night, and Gainesville was selected as one of the host cities for the first and second rounds.

Fifth-seeded Florida (27-3) will play Jacksonville (30-3) on Thursday

at 7 p.m. in its tournament opener.

"We expected, with our successes this season, to be a top-16 seed, but there is nothing like seeing your name printed on the bracket with the No. 5 accompanying it — it made it that much more exciting," coach Mary Wise said in a release.

"It means our seniors get another opportunity to play in front of our home fans, and we hope that Gator fans, with no other Gator sports

playing at home this weekend, can all join us starting Thursday night in the O'Connell Center."

The Gators will compete in the tournament for the 23rd consecutive season and are seeking the program's first national title.

Florida has taken seven trips to the semifinals without a title, which is the most Final Four appearances without a championship.

Florida's lone NCAA title game appearance came in 2003 — a four-set loss to Southern California.

The other two teams chosen to play in Gainesville are familiar foes.

Florida State (24-7) will face Georgia Southern (28-5) on Thursday at 5 p.m.

UF Volleyball

Seven conference opponents and eight non-conference opponents Florida played this year made the NCAA tournament.

Missouri is also in Florida's bracket. The Tigers dominated in both of the teams' matchups this season, with the Gators falling in four sets on Oct. 20 on the road and in three sets at home on Nov. 15.

Also, it was announced Monday that four Gators earned All-SEC honors. Freshman Alex Holston, senior Chloe Mann, sophomore Ziva Recek and junior Taylor Unroe were named to the 2013 All-SEC Volleyball Team.

Holston also was named to the SEC All-Freshman team, and Unroe was named the 2013 SEC Libero of the Year.

Holston ranks fifth in the SEC and 30th in the nation with a .390 hitting percentage.

Unroe is first in the SEC in aces per set at .40.

Taking Over: Freshman embracing large role early in career

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Alex Holston is having one of the most impressive starts to a career in Florida volleyball history.

But without help from a Southeastern Conference rival, the freshman would have likely never played the sport.

Growing up, Holston played numerous sports rather than focusing her attention solely on volleyball. The influence of her cousin, Darian Dozier, who now plays for South Carolina, changed everything.

"Everything that she went to do, I did," Holston said.

That partnership, along with two of Holston's older cousins, Jourdan Dozier and Kristen Dozier, who play for Ohio State and George Mason, respectively, helped steer her toward a promising volleyball career.

The Olney, Md., native did not begin playing volleyball until fifth grade, when she started going to clinics. She did not join a club team — critical in the recruiting process — until seventh grade.

It was not until middle school, when she failed to make the school's basketball team, that she realized volleyball was the sport to concentrate on.

Going into 10th grade, Holston's club volleyball coach, Joe Moyer, began working tirelessly to help her improve.

The accolades quickly poured in for Holston, who became a budding star.

She was a finalist for PrepVolleyball's National Sophomore of the Year in 2010 and National Junior of the Year in 2011, the 2011 and 2012 Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year and the 2011 Metro Player of the Year.

Moyer still believes that she is the best player he has ever seen.

"You could tell with Alex that she had a gift from the beginning," Moyer said. "You could tell with that smooth, lefty arm swing that she was a natural."

One memory of Holston that sticks out to him came during a state semifinal game her senior year, when she broke the Maryland single-match record with 42 kills in four sets.

"You could tell with that smooth, lefty arm swing that she was a natural."

Joe Moyer

Holston's club volleyball coach

"The setter in that match was my daughter," Moyer said. "We had a talk before the match and I said, 'For us to get through this match, you're going to have to feed Alex — starting in the parking lot and finishing in the parking lot.'"

Holston was the highest-ranked Florida signee since Kelly Murphy in 2008. Under coach Mary Wise, Murphy helped lead the Gators to three NCAA Regional Semifinal appearances and one NCAA Regional Finals appearance. She now plays for the U.S. National Team.

The winning tradition in Gainesville is what helped convince Holston to sign. She said she knew she wanted to leave home and the cold to go to an SEC school. The decision ultimately came down to LSU, a school in an area where members of her family live, or Florida.

"My dad let me make the decision," Holston said. "He didn't want to make the decision for me. I guess just me talking about Florida all the time and how excited I was to be here made him OK with me going so far away."

While the Gamecocks may have a starter for years to come in Dozier, the Gators found a potential superstar in Holston.

Despite being a true freshman, the right-side hitter currently ranks 30th in the nation in hitting percentage at .390. Holston and the Gators have both unexpectedly benefited

from the graduation of former right-side hitter Tangerine Wiggs.

Freshmen rarely get playing time in Wise's system — let alone the amount of playing time Holston has seen — but the offense needed someone to step up and replace the 245 kills Wiggs registered last season.

"We recruited her with the thought that we needed a right-side player because of the graduation (of Wiggs)," Wise said. "Chloe Mann did not start as a freshman. There are plenty of talented players who just had to wait their turn and then when the turn comes take full advantage of it."

Holston seized her early opportunity and

never looked back.

Her breakout game came against Missouri on Oct. 20, when she led the team with 17 kills and hit .583.

As Florida (27-3) begins NCAA Tournament play against Jacksonville (30-3) on Thursday at 7 p.m., the Gators hope Holston can continue to be a key cog in their attack.

"She is a freak," junior Taylor Unroe said. "She just does things that a lot of freshmen don't do, and that's good for us because I wouldn't want to play against her. I play against her every day in practice, and she's so hard to defend."

"We're really lucky to have her, and she's carried the load great this season. We just hope she keeps doing that."



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Alex Holston celebrates with teammates during Florida's three-set win against Tennessee on Oct. 27 in the O'Connell Center. The freshman is third on the Gators in kills per set.

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Floyd forces first fumble of career

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Bostic, Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd and San Francisco 49ers defensive end Ray McDonald each recorded one sack Sunday.

Floyd also forced a fumble — the first of his NFL career — on Chicago's Kyle Long during his team's 23-20 overtime loss to the Bears. In the same game, Bostic recorded nine tackles and a quarterback hit.

During his team's 24-17 victory against the Washington Redskins, New York Giants safety Will Hill forced a fumble by Washington re-

ceiver Pierre Garcon and recovered it with 1:18 left in the game to seal the win. The Redskins had no timeouts remaining.

Notes: In his first game with the Indianapolis Colts and his first regular-season NFL game since Dec. 30, 2012, Chris Rainey returned two kickoffs for 45 yards and three punts for 29 yards. Rainey signed with the Colts on Nov. 20 and will likely be their primary kick returner for the remainder of the season.

Making his NFL debut with the Miami Dolphins, running back Mike Gillislee ran for 21 yards on six carries during his team's 23-3 win against

the New York Jets. Gillislee, who spent the first 11 games of the season on Miami's inactive list, filled in for Daniel Thomas (ankle), who could miss the remainder of 2013.

Dolphins kicker Caleb Sturgis went 3 of 4 on field-goal attempts Sunday against the Jets, with makes from 34, 43 and 18 yards out. His miss came on a 41-yard try in the first quarter. Sturgis also assisted a tackle on special teams.

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin (hip) and Washington Redskins tight end Jordan Reed (post-concussion symptoms) missed their respective games this week.



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Miami Dolphins running back Mike Gillislee (23) falls short of the end zone while running against the New York Jets during the first half of his team's 23-3 victory on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Young scores 17 points in heartbreaking loss

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suffered Nov. 18 against Southern.

Without Wilbekin down the stretch, Young and Michael Frazier II stepped up offensively. Young scored seven of his season-high 17 points after Wilbekin left, and a Frazier layup gave the Gators a 64-63 lead with 18 seconds remaining in the game.

Donovan said he was proud of his offense stepping up

"So, our defense was really good. But what happened was the shot goes up, everybody kind of just ran to the rim instead of everybody getting matched up man-on-man and getting blocked up."

Billy Donovan

UF coach

without a true point guard at the helm.

However, it was the Gators' defense that came up short Monday night.

Florida forced Napier into an awkward last-second shot at the top of the key, but Donovan's team was out of position for the rebound. Napier cleaned up his own mess with a put-back as time expired.

"We got him to take a bad shot," Donovan said. "So, our defense was really good. But what happened was the shot goes up, everybody kind of just ran to the rim instead of everybody getting matched up man-on-man and getting blocked up."

Donovan said the final Huskies' shot was a fluke play. If the ball had landed anywhere else but Napier's hands, the Gators would have won the game. However, he said his team gave UConn too many chances to win.

Florida committed a season-high 16 turnovers, including a combined 11 from Finney-Smith and Casey Prather. UConn scored 24 points off Florida's turnovers.

"We self-sabotaged," Donovan said. "(We) let them back in the game, coming surging back."

Purifoy officially announces plan to enter 2014 NFL Draft

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"We are always looking for new and innovative ways to not only feed our students, but to entertain them and excite them," Executive Director of Dining Services Jeff Yawn said.

"I have had a great three years at the University of Florida, but at this time I think it's best for me and my family to pursue a career in the NFL."

Loucheiz Purifoy
UF cornerback

Without a meal plan or EAGLEX-PRESS, the equivalent to Flex Bucks, it cost only \$11.00 to relive the glory one last time.

Watkins gets Senior Bowl invite: As the losses kept piling on for Florida, one constant remained in the south end zone interview room besides the obvious frustration and tension that comes with the worst season since 1979.

Safety Jaylen Watkins met with the media nearly every week and never shied away from answering questions,

and now he will get a chance to showcase his talents at the Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., on Jan. 25.

Watkins announced his acceptance via Twitter at @jwat14:

"Just accepted my invite to the senior bowl! So thankful #blessed."

Other notable players attending among the 29 seniors include Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd, Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray and Vanderbilt wide receiver Jordan Matthews.

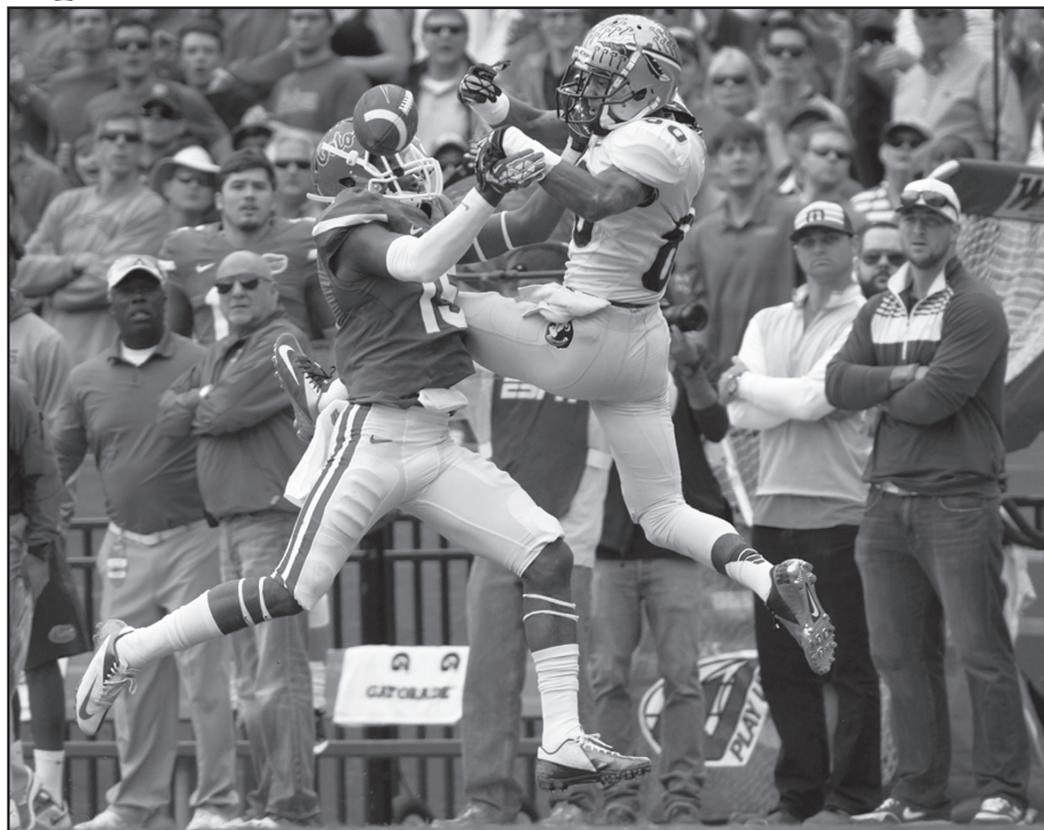
Watkins finishes his four-year career with 133 tackles and 3 interceptions in 48 games.

He shifted from cornerback to safety prior to his senior season.

NFL awaits Purifoy: It's official. Cornerback Loucheiz Purifoy is taking his talents to the NFL.

UF confirmed an earlier ESPN report in a press release on Monday. ESPN's Todd McShay ranks the junior as the fifth-best defensive back in the draft and the projected 26th overall pick.

"I have had a great three years at the University of Florida, but at this time I think it's best for me and my family to pursue a career in the NFL," Purifoy said.



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Loucheiz Purifoy blocks Florida State junior wide receiver Rashad Greene from an attempted pass during Florida's 37-7 loss to Florida State on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Local athletes make big impact at UF

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Jaterra Bonds sat on the sidelines, watching her father coach a youth rec-league basketball game. Suddenly, he called her to come onto the court.

He was down a player, so he put his daughter in the game. Onlookers at the Martin Luther King Center on Waldo Road knew they were seeing something special.

Bonds was only 5 years old.

"Everybody must have loved me," Bonds said. "Because they said, 'That girl right there, she's going to be



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Jaterra Bonds attempts a shot during Florida's 88-77 win against North Florida on Nov. 10 in the O'Connell Center.

good."

Now a senior in college, Bonds still has people in her hometown talking. She never left.

Bonds is one of 22 UF athletes who hail from Gainesville and the surrounding region, including four from Gainesville High and three from Santa Fe High.

Local athletes say campus and the city still feel like two separate towns.

But for residents, these hometown heroes are helping integrate the two communities.

"It's like I'm living in two different worlds: on-campus and off-campus," Bonds said.

Havana Solaun liked the UF soccer program, but she hesitated to enroll at Florida because it was so close to her family's farm on the outskirts of Gainesville.

"I didn't want being in Gainesville to hold me back in any way," she said.

But Solaun had a change of heart. Campus was on a different side of town — unfamiliar to her at the time — and seemed like "a totally different world."

"It was the new start you want when you go to college," she said. "I still got that."

Solaun said she gets compliments in the grocery store and greetings in restaurants from fans congratulating her on a game well-played.

She enjoys that feeling.

"You definitely get the recognition in Publix and in random places around town," Solaun said. "It's comforting when you go out to dinner and see someone you know — familiar faces."

Solaun, a junior who scored eight goals this season, spent many of her formative years traveling. When her mom remarried and landed the family on the farm, Solaun, a seventh-grader at the time, said she was excited about the change of scenery.

She milked cows, caught chickens and kept working on her soccer skills, but she had trouble adjusting to the area.

"I didn't initially fall in love with it," she said.

As she stood in sweats propped up on a pair of crutches, the psychology junior who suffered a recent ACL tear recalled how she missed living near the ocean. She had wanted to move out of state when she went to college and venture away from her family.

Later in high school, though, her affinity for the area began to build.

"When I saw Devil's Millhopper and all the cool things Gainesville has to offer, I kind of started to fall in love with it more," she said.

Bonds, who is averaging a team-high 17.1 points per



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Havana Solaun heads the ball during UF's 2-0 win against Texas A&M on Oct. 27 at James G. Pressly Stadium.

game this season, laughed when she admitted she gets local recognition. Sometimes she goes with her family to restaurants that have posters featuring her adorning the walls. She said people she does not know often approach her to talk or offer encouragement.

"It feels good, but I also learned that you have to be humble," she said.

For Bonds and other hometown athletes, stepping into their role at UF lets them be in the middle of what the town revolves around: sports and academics.

"Honestly, there's not much excitement in Gainesville besides the football and basketball games," said Bonds, who likes to spend her free time shooting pool and playing Grand Theft Auto 5. "The college students — we make Gainesville. That's really all it is."

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