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LOCAL

Families battling apartment mold

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Erica Brown's 6-year-old son doesn't understand why his family can't go home.

Brown and her three young children have been living in a hotel since Monday because of a serious mold problem in her Horizon House apartment.

"It's not even safe to go into the apartment, the smell is so horrid," the 26-year-old single mother said. "I want a place where I can not be worried about things getting into the walls and into our lungs."

She first noticed the problem last year, only a few months after moving into the complex located at 1515 NW 10th St.

Both she and her two daughters suffer from asthma, so after spotting mold on the ceiling of her bathroom, Brown immediately called maintenance. She was ignored for months. Finally, maintenance came by and discovered the toilet in the apartment upstairs was leaking. The worker sprayed the room with bleach

and painted over the area.

Last week, Brown discovered black mold in the closet of the room her 4-year-old and 19-month-old daughters share.

Despite pleas to the landlord and maintenance staff, nothing was done. The complex offered to move her to another apartment, but after talking to neighbors, Brown realized it wouldn't make a difference.

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Erica Brown

26-year-old single mother

Resident Walette Mulberry, 38, has been battling mold since she moved into her apartment five years ago. Lately, it's been getting worse.

Now, she and her two kids — ages 8 and 11 — sleep in the living room. One of the three bedrooms serves as their closet

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UF health center warns about peak of flu season

BEATRICE DUPUY

Alligator Staff Writer

With flu season in progress, the UF Student Health Care Center is urging students to take precautions.

The center sent an email Thursday encouraging students to take action against the flu, including getting vaccinated and taking daily preventative measures such as using hand sanitizer.

Alachua County health department administrator Paul Myers said the end of January is peak flu season for Alachua County. UF Health Shands Hospital has seen more than 150 flu-related admissions and a dozen connected deaths since late October, according to a news release.

"We are seeing an increase in severity of flu this year, as reported by Shands."

Paul Myers

Alachua County health department administrator

"We are seeing an increase in severity of flu this year, as reported by Shands," Myers said. "We're seeing vast majorities succumb to the disease that were not vaccinated."

The Student Health Care Center has run out of vaccines for the season, according to the email.

Myers suggests students get vaccinated at a local pharmacy or the county health department.

"We really encourage individuals to get vaccinated so they can be protected for the rest of the year," he said.

However, some students such as Matt Burke, a 20-year-old UF environmental engineering sophomore, said they were not planning on getting vaccinated.

"I figured I'll take my chances," he said. "I'm not against vaccines. I just don't think it's necessary for me."



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Under My Umbrella

A group of students walks through Turlington Plaza on Thursday afternoon and attempts to avoid the rain.

The Coop to open Saturday in former Kay Bros. location

► CHICKEN DISHES DOMINATE THE MENU.

BRIANA ERICKSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

Kay Bros. BBQ may have closed at the beginning of December, but starting Saturday, Gainesville residents can visit a new restaurant in the same location.

The Coop is opening under the same ownership as Kay Bros. but with a different menu, featuring chicken tenders

and wings, as well as shakes and homemade sauces.

The Coop, located next to the Florida Bookstore, will be more affordable than the old restaurant, said co-owner Darren Kay.

"The biggest thing for us is to offer college students a price they are willing to pay more frequently," Darren Kay said.

The restaurant will also offer ice cream milkshakes and delivery with Gainesville2Go to "extend beyond the roots," said Steven Kay, Darren Kay's brother and co-owner.

The Coop will be incorporating the same mac 'n cheese from Kay Bros. into its menu, as well as its original ingredi-

ents for sauces.

"It's a different menu but the same quality food," Steven Kay said.

Everything made at The Coop is fresh, he said. Guests can also see the cooks making their meals through the open kitchen window.

Along with the renovation, the brothers used recycled wood pallets and license plates to decorate the restaurant.

"Our goal is to serve the students and staff at UF and the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Weekly Wellness Walk

Burn calories, get healthier and meet new people by joining the Weekly Wellness Walk at the Santa Fe College track on South Road near the baseball field. Beginning Jan. 11, we will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturdays for 10 weeks. There is no cost to participate and no age limit. We will start off with some aerobic and stretching exercises, a bottle of water and a few health tips. Call 352-870-9100 for additional information.

Beginner Tango Crash Course

A beginner tango crash course will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. No experience, partner or shoes required. Bring a pair of socks you can pivot in. Free snacks and drinks will be provided.

Young and Arab in America

Join the Arabic Cultural Association, Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs and Intercultural Engagement for UF's first Arab-American students panel Thursday in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the ACA will begin its general body meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the panel at 7 p.m. A diverse group of Arab-American students will share their experiences growing up Arab in post-9/11 U.S. Free food, including hummus, will be served.

Giant Shiitake Mushroom Festival

Visit the Giant Shiitake Mushroom Festival in Interlachen Saturday. Held at Jenkins Park near the Caboose and the Old Town Hall, the festival will include contests, vendors, folk music and workshops about growing shiitake.

Backyard Birding Tour tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Alachua Audubon Society's Backyard Birding Tour. It will be held Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited at 4212 NW 16th Ave. At the event, six

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of Gainesville's premier backyard birding habitats will be open to the public. Local experts will be available at each site to discuss their successes in landscape, hardscape, water features and feeding tips which will attract a variety of birds to their backyards. This event occurs during winter to coincide with the arrival of migratory species of birds.

Students receive free admission to the Florida Museum

Students with a valid Gator 1 Card now receive free admission to the Butterfly Rainforest and other fee-based exhibits year-round, sponsored by UF Student Government. The museum is located at 3215 Hull Road. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

See deceptive butterflies at the Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Butterfly Rainforest exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History from Jan. 1 through Feb. 14 to discover a variety of butterflies that deceive to survive as part of the theme "Mimicry, the World of Deception." Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission.

Spring's first Science Cafe

Connie Mulligan, professor and associate chair of the UF Department of Anthropology and associate director of the UF Genetics Institute, will present "The First Settlers of the New World: Who, Where, When and How," at the Florida Museum of Natural History Science Cafe on Jan.

13 at 6:30 p.m. Held at Saboré, 13005 SW First Road, Suite 129, in the Town of Tioga, the program provides engaging conversation in a comfortable setting. The event is free, but participants must purchase any food and beverages. To help plan for this program, please RSVP at least one week in advance of the cafe date. Email aerickson@flmnh.ufl.edu or call Amanda Erickson Harvey at 352-273-2062.

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Activists fight for monkeys' rights

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When it comes to the treatment of UF laboratory animals, a local organization isn't monkeying around.

Karen Kline, senior laboratory investigator for animal-rights group Eleventh Hour for Animals, filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture last month, detailing a "culture of negligence" toward animals used in UF research.

The complaint claims that the treatment of Louis, a macaque monkey euthanized in 2010, violated the Animal Welfare Act. The action follows the group's three-year-long battle with the university to gain access to public veterinary records, which were finally received in April.

Kline said the records revealed that researchers failed to treat Louis' damaged hip, treating him for parasites for a year until he was euthanized.

"He had a broken hip, and he wasn't treated for it. That's animal abuse right there," she said. "They are supposed to be scientists, but if they can't fix a broken hip, what are they doing?"

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said the university is aware of the complaint and will comply with any requests made by the USDA.

"The University of Florida is subject to very stringent state and federal laws regarding the care of laboratory animals," she said. "We take care to make sure our animals are kept in a

healthy environment."

On top of the complaint, Kline also filed a lawsuit against UF for refusing to comply with an October request for public records about the treatment of 25 research primates.

Marcy LaHart, Kline's lawyer, said the university's attorney contacted her after the filing and said the lack of response was due to a communication error.

Jayda Fleishman, a 20-year-old UF zoology junior, said she would not be surprised if research animals were being mistreated.

"Abuse is totally possible," she said. "They can't watch everything that happens."

But Julie Coutu, a 19-year-old UF women's studies sophomore, said animal research is sometimes a necessary evil.

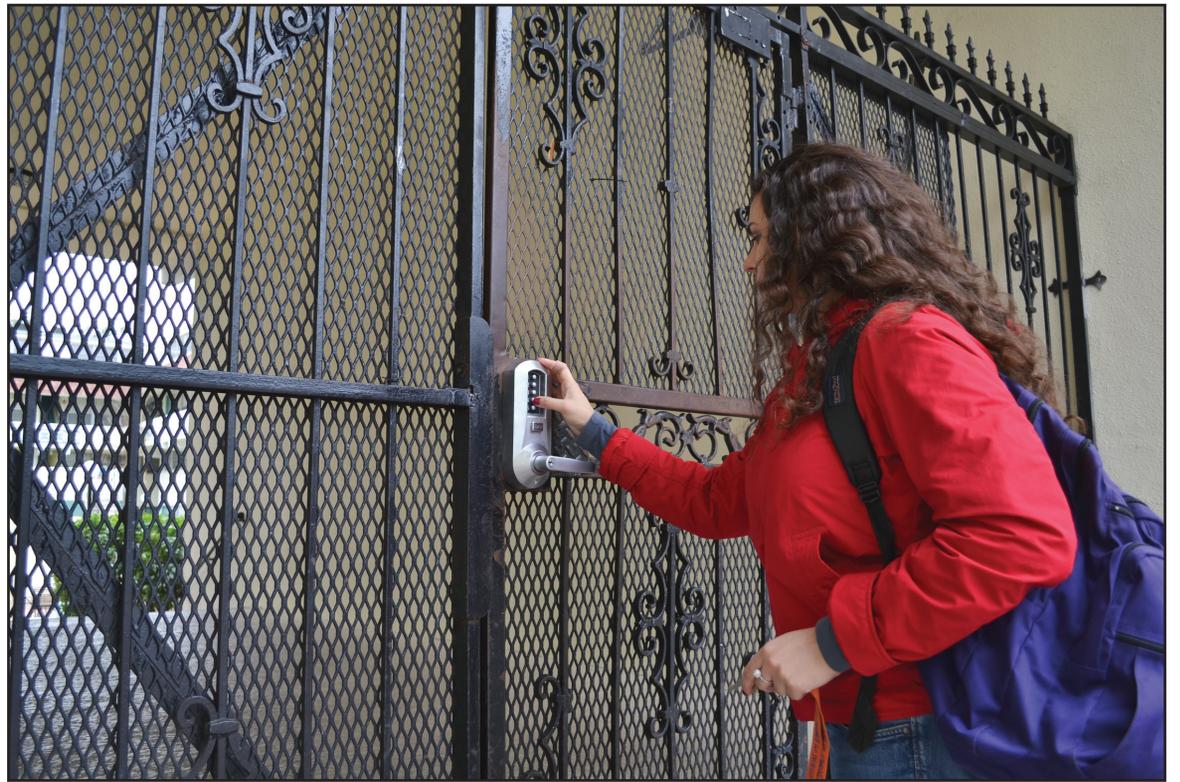
"If humans will die otherwise, I think it's necessary," she said.

However, there's still hope for the animals' future, said Kari Bagnall, executive director of Gainesville's Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. Thirty percent of the primates they house at their facility are former research subjects, and the number is only growing.

"We're hoping that the trend continues," Bagnall said. "There is definitely life after research."

Still, Kline said her organization is committed to informing the public about UF's research practices.

"I need the taxpayers to see this and understand what is happening as far as the corruption in the University of Florida," she said. "The animals need somebody to speak for them."



Matthew Martyr / Alligator

Lockdown

Isabelle Sawhney, a 20-year-old UF political science sophomore, enters the code for the security gate at The Courtyards apartment complex. She experienced a break-in at the beginning of Spring semester.

STATE

FSU and Winston could face lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG — The attorney for a woman who accused star Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston of sexual assault said Thursday that she intends to sue the school, the Tallahassee Police Department and the player himself.

Patricia Carroll said she plans to file a notice to sue the police department early next week. Under Florida law, anyone filing a lawsuit against a government agency must file court paperwork six months prior to the suit itself.

The sexual encounter between Winston and Carroll's client happened on Dec. 7, 2012. Winston's attorney said the sex was consensual and no charges were filed against Winston after Leon County prosecu-

tors investigated whether an assault took place.

But Carroll said her client was sexually assaulted. The woman was 19 at the time and reported what happened to Tallahassee Police.

At a mid-December news conference, Carroll criticized the way the police investigation was handled, saying that detectives failed to interview key witnesses, used unreliable and incomplete forensic tests and never tested the alleged victim's blood for the presence of date-rape drugs. Carroll said that her client was "treated like a suspect."

Tallahassee police have defended their handling of the case, and Carroll said she received a letter from the department that said an internal investigation found the case was handled with proper procedures.

Carroll has also criticized police for not submitting her client's sexual assault kit to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement lab until Jan. 17, 2013 — 39 days after it was taken. The attorney questioned whether evidence was properly preserved during those 39 days.

Carroll says she asked Florida's attorney general, the state department of law enforcement and Gov. Rick Scott for an examination into the rape investigation, claiming it was riddled with problems.

Scott "didn't even give us the courtesy of a response," Carroll said, adding that in her letters to officials, she mentioned the unrelated cases of two other FSU students who said they were raped but were "discouraged" from going through with a prosecution.



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Patients drinking, then lying to doctors about how much

CHRISTIAN COOPER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Julia Rae Varnes wasn't surprised when she saw a recent study about adults and their drinking habits.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 38 million adults in the United States drink too much, and only one out of six patients talks honestly to his or her doctor about how much alcohol he or she drinks.

Varnes, a specialist at GatorWell Health Promotion Services, said doctors run into that roadblock frequently.

She said many students have already had someone confront them about their drinking habits and don't feel like getting another lecture from their doctor. And busy physicians rarely feel they have the time to cajole truthful answers from patients.

This combination can be dangerous.

"If a doctor wants to prescribe you a medication, they need to know what kinds of things you are consuming," she said. "If you're using anything that might affect how a medication is going to work for you, a doctor may decide to give you something else."

Oliver Tranter, a UF building construction freshman, said he wasn't shocked by the study either, and he agreed that doctors can seem disapproving.

"It's kind of frowned upon by them to drink a lot," he said.

But Varnes said a serious issue underlies the awkward situation of discussing alcohol consumption with a doctor.

She said alcohol can impact the immune system and make it more susceptible to diseases. It can also affect students' academics.

"I would advise students to be honest with their doctors," Varnes said. "They might ask if they've considered decreasing the amount they drink, but they're not going to sit there and give them a 15-minute lecture. They don't have time for that either."

Varnes said doctors will not say a lot to sway students' minds about alcohol. Studies have shown that short pep talks are most effective because the student is the one who de-

cides to make the change.

"When you talk about your drinking, the doctor won't say, 'Oh, you can't be my patient anymore,'" Varnes said.

She said overall her biggest concern is the health and safety of the students.

"It's heartbreaking to hear about a student death related to alcohol," she said.



Megan Reeves / Alligator

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study saying Americans may be drinking too much alcohol and then lying to their doctors about how much they drink. A UF expert said this can be dangerous.

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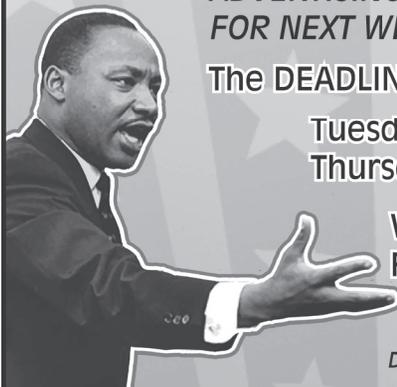
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Weight Watchers on campus

DEBORA LIMA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students looking to drop pounds can attend Weight Watchers meetings at UF for the first time.

UF "Living Well" meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Florida Gymnasium, Room 215, and will last about 30 minutes.

"I believe students and staff are unaware there is a place for them to learn healthy habits."

Rachel Cooksey
meeting leader

Rachel Cooksey, who will lead the meetings, wrote in an email that UF students and staff are given a discounted rate of about \$40 for the monthly membership.

"I believe students and staff are unaware there is a place for them to learn healthy habits and gain accountability in a friendly group setting," she said.

Cooksey said she considers Weight Watchers an ideal starting point for anyone looking to lose weight or live a healthier lifestyle.

But Roberta Seldman, an eating disorder and body dissatisfaction specialist at the UF Counseling & Wellness Center, cautioned that she has seen benefits from weight loss programs but also negative side effects.

"I have had many students whose well-intended parents sent them to Weight Watchers as young teens," she wrote in an email. "The results (were) not great because the message 'you are fat' was so shaming that they became sneak-eaters and bingers. This is not to say that some have (not) greatly benefitted from these kinds of programs."

Haley Edelson, a 21-year-old UF marketing senior, said she finds the concept of Weight Watchers attractive but is wary of the cost.

"From the perspective of a college student, referring to health and fitness websites and blogs seem like a much better idea," she said.

Man arrested after huffing

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Gainesville Police arrested an Alachua man whom officers said passed out behind the wheel of a car after huffing cans of cleaning duster spray.

Officers arrested 40-year-old Rodney Wayne Plylar on charges of inhaling harmful chemicals, marijuana possession, drug equipment possession and driving under the influence, according to an arrest report.

At about 8 p.m., an officer responded to a car that had crashed into a ditch in the 6900 block of West University Avenue and found Plylar passed out at the wheel with a can of cleaning duster spray in his hand.

The officer noticed urine on Plylar's pants and the smell of pee on the driv-



Plylar

er's seat. Plylar, who was sitting on the ground while police spoke with him, said he spilled Coke on his pants, according to the report.

Officers discovered 45 cans of cleaning duster, fewer than 20 grams of marijuana and a device for smoking marijuana in Plylar's car, according to the report.

Plylar performed poorly on field sobriety tests. The results from his breath test showed that he had been huffing the duster spray.

During questioning, Plylar told officers he was using the cleaning duster cans to clean cement, according to the report. Officers booked him into Alachua County Jail with a \$9,000 bond.

It ruined furniture, a Bible

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and changing areas. The other rooms are covered with mold.

Another resident, Onteria Lawrence, had to throw away boxes of clothing, a pile of DVDs and assorted dining room furniture because of mildew.

Her 4-year-old son, Timarkis Archie, played outside as Lawrence, 25, pushed a bureau down the stairway leading up to the second-story apartment she shares with her four children.

"I can't afford to throw this away, but I got to," Lawrence said. "Even my Bible, the Holy Bible, I have to throw away."

With no response from the complex, Brown decided to look for help elsewhere. She called the health department and the Gainesville Code Enforcement office but was told no one could help.

Brown found her son's room overrun with green and black mold, surrounding the window frame and windowsill, creeping down to the baseboard.

Her son's grandmother went to the office to confront the landlord and get a promise that Horizon House would provide a hotel room for Brown's family.

But the complex didn't come through. Brown's been paying out of pocket.

That's when Commissioner Yvonne

Hinson-Rawls stepped in. A staff member at Brown's older daughter's school, Metcalfe Elementary, reached out to the commissioner.

"Mold can make people sick, you know," Hinson-Rawls said. "When you're living in an environment with mold, and you're trying to raise a child, it has an effect on a child's education, and I'm an educator at heart."

A Code Enforcement officer came by to inspect Brown's apartment Wednesday afternoon.

The officer found mold in her apartment, likely caused by humid conditions, according to an email from Code Enforcement division manager Christopher Cooper sent over the City of Gainesville Listserv. Apartment staff said they are aware of similar issues in three other apartments and offered to place all four families in a hotel while they conducted further tests, according to the email.

Horizon House Apartments declined to comment on the issue.

On Thursday afternoon, Lawrence cleaned, still waiting for someone to tell her where the family could stay while a mold remediation contractor looked at their apartment.

"Even a dog doesn't deserve to live like this, and we're human beings," she said.

It hopes to be more affordable

COOP, from page 1

surrounding Gainesville community," Steven Kay said.

After the initial opening Saturday, The Coop will host an opening celebration Tuesday, in which they will give away raffle prizes and free chicken tenders from 4 to 7 p.m.

Sara Schuster, a 20-year-old UF math and computer science junior, said she thinks The Coop will attract more students because of the lower prices.

"I had heard that Kay Bros. was good but too expensive," Schuster said.

Kevin Doan, a UF business administration freshman and self-proclaimed "sauce guy," said he likes the fact that the restaurant concocts unique sauce recipes.

Doan, 18, said he plans to attend the event Tuesday to try out the new restaurant.

"I am more enamored by the discounted menu to keep in mind the college students who are a little bit more strapped for money," he said.



Amber Riccinto/Alligator

A new restaurant will replace Kay Bros. BBQ at 1620 W. University Ave. The Coop is set to open on Saturday and will feature a Southern-inspired menu.

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Editorial

Predictably, this first week of classes was a blur of syllabi, underheated RTS buses and overpriced textbooks. But you made it!

Drama abounded this week both on a national scale and on our humble campus. We reported this week that the controversial proposed Student Senate resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement, which was hotly debated and tabled at Fall's final Senate meeting, was removed from the agenda by the authors. We're not sure how they plan to iron out the mess they created when they introduced the resolution since they volunteered no education campaign to let students know about it — which calls for a halt of financial partnership with Israel due to the nation's human rights violations against Palestinians. Check back with the Alligator for updates when the resolution is reintroduced.

Anyway, here it is: Your I-went-to-class-in-the-28-degree-weather-and-all-I-got-was-this-stupid-syllabus edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Yeah, I know, you're sick of hearing about it, but this first **DART** goes to **Chris Christie** — or, more specifically, his aides who authorized a two-lane closure on a major New Jersey roadway, the George Washington Bridge, a few months ago. According to The New York Times, emails and texts from a few of his top-ranking aides revealed that the closure was authorized solely to punish Fort Lee's mayor for choosing not to endorse the governor for re-election.

That's certainly one way to reinforce New Jersey's Mafia stereotypes — causing gridlock on a high-traffic road is mob intimidation behavior if we've ever seen it. Christie denies knowledge of the closure, which resulted in school buses full of children being stuck for hours in traffic and delayed response times for emergency vehicles. Ugh. Those aides better watch out — now that their names were released, they may find themselves sleeping with the fishes soon.

In more positive news, a **LAUREL** to teen heartthrob and U.S. Vice President **Joe Biden** for donating \$50,000 to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Philadelphia-based Women Against Abuse on Tuesday, a month after winning the money at Pennsylvania's biggest annual political gathering, according to Philly.com.

No wonder Leslie Knope is so smitten.

Until this week, Utah wasn't known for anything except the 2002 Winter Olympics, creepy polygamy with Mormon child brides and a booming meth industry. Now, the state is in the public eye for putting a halt on gay marriage within the state, according to the Los Angeles Times, which is really just a gross thing to do. For heaven's sake, people in love just want to get married. This legal limbo is unfair and cruel to gay couples. So to **Utah**, we give a **DART**.

Finally, a **LAUREL** to our cool — literally — **readers** for making it through the first week, Arctic temperatures and all.

May your semester be relatively stress-free, and may the hotties in your class stay after drop/add.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you lie to your doctor about how much you drink?

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"Happy birthday, Mr. Dictator."

Column

Hairy situation: Don't be bullied by trends

During my first semester of college, while killing time between classes, I found myself listening in on a classmate and his friends as they loudly engaged in a "Would you rather?" about girls.

My classmate posed a question along the lines of, "If you had to choose between a girl who doesn't shave her armpits and a girl who doesn't shave her legs, who would you pick?"

I don't remember each individual response, but when the guys asked my classmate the same thing, he said, "Armpits. Because if she doesn't shave her legs, she probably has a hairy vagina." The group of boys — and boys they were, judging by their open disgust at some hair — nodded in agreement. "True, yeah man. Ew."

Even though I was eavesdropping, I laughed out loud at his logic because, having been a girl for 22 years, I can't even begin to explain what a misconception that assumption was.

I mean, come on. Ladies, how many times have you had a groomed va-jay-jay and, for whatever reason, omitted leg shaving from your shower routine?

And because I'm all about being inclusive, manscaping men, how often after a fresh manscape have your legs been full-on Chewbacca? For a ton of you, the answer is probably always. But I digress.

Although that particular moment of bro talk I overheard has had no significant impact on my day-to-day life, it was the first thing that popped in my head when I saw the words "Pubic hair is back" in a November headline in the Telegraph.

The article talks about, you guessed it, pubes being back on trend — for women, that is. The article cites a study by UKMedix that says 51 percent of about 2,000 women surveyed keep their lady bits au naturale. The main reasons listed were, women said, they could no longer be bothered to keep up the grooming — 45 percent — and women's partners preferring the natural look — 62 percent.

The survey results prompted the media to let women

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know that by societal standards, it was once again acceptable to let their downstairs do its own thing. And there was a large response.

From "pubes are pretty" to "bald is beautiful," it seems everyone who knows what a vagina is has had something to say about what the grooming standard should be. And everyone seems adamant that whatever he or she thinks is the only accurate viewpoint.

Well, ladies, I'm here to tell you that regardless of trends, it has always been OK to make your own decisions about your body.

Do you think men let the media dictate the state of their pubes? From a very unscientific stance, I can tell you that guys who manscape don't do it because some survey said it's the way their package should look.

Just ask the dudes in your life if they manscape and why. I'll bet you're not surprised by the responses.

Some manscape because they've been asked. Some don't touch the hair because it freaks them out. Some will admit to being waxed because they lost a bet.

People will always have their reasons for doing things, just as people will have reasons for liking what they like — but you shouldn't feel pressured to conform to hairiness or hairlessness.

As someone who likes to try new things, I can attest to the pros and cons of a variety of grooming styles. And you know what? There are about as many pros as there are cons to all sides, depending on who you ask.

The best way to be comfortable with your body is to know what you like and why.

So, go out there and get that hair waxed into the star you are. Let that bush grow 'til it sticks out of your bikini bottoms. Let your partner shave you bald.

Know your body. Know your taste, and, as I would tell my BFF, just do you.

Marjorie Nunez is a UF journalism senior. Her column appears on Fridays.

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

Column

Because I got Gainesville: Don't write off Afroman

Gather some Colt 45s and maybe a few Zig-Zags: Afroman is coming to the High Dive on Wednesday. Afroman, or Joseph Foreman, Grammy-nominated slacker rapper star behind the hits "Because I Got High" and dirty rap anthem "Crazy Rap" — known to many as "Colt 45 and Two Zig-Zags" — is leaving his beloved Palmdale to bring Gainesville the music that has enchanted generations since he rose to fame and fortune in the early 2000s.

Foreman became Afroman in the eighth grade when a teacher got him expelled for sagging his pants. By the time he wrote, recorded and sold 400 copies of a song about said teacher, he realized music was his calling.

Afroman's big moment came in 2000, when his album "Because I Got High" and the eponymous single from that album dropped. When the Internet got a hold of the song, which describes a man neglecting his responsibilities because he's gotten high, with increasingly severe consequences, Afroman became an instant sensation.

Along with a Grammy nomination and a music video where he smokes a joint the size of his forearm with Jay and Silent Bob, the stoner ballad ensured Afroman's presence in the memories of fans and detractors alike, however hazy those memories may be. With the release a year later of "Crazy Rap," a song that is remarkable in that no part of it can actually be described in publication, it seemed Afroman's career was only headed toward greater fame.



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But that was not how things turned out for Afroman. His most significant achievements since the early 2000s have been his slew of parody albums; one of country music — "Save a Cadillac, Ride a Homeboy" — and two holiday albums, "Jobe Bells" and "A Colt 45 Christmas", featuring between them jingles such as "O Chronic Tree," "Nutscracker," "The 12 Js of X-mas" and "Deck My Balls."

Perhaps the public grew tired of songs that, funny at first, really are only about weed, cheap beer and sex.

Although that may seem like an ignorant criticism of rap — it is — in Afroman's case it's just a description. There is no glamour to his music — he sells it like it is, and I believe that makes it beautiful. It would be easy to dismiss Afroman, to say he's washed up and no longer relevant.

My retort would be, A.) No one who was nominated for a 2002 Grammy is still relevant. The artist he lost to was Missy Elliot, and his other main competitor was Nelly. This is a totally different world. B.) Afroman was never relevant in the first place.

He was one of the first viral phenomena, just sitting on the corner selling rap CDs to whupping into the spotlight. Though he enjoyed fame and fortune, he had the courage to give that up and pursue his true dream instead — making music that brings people joy, lowriding and savoring life, with a blunt in one hand and a 40 in the other.

Alec Carver is a UF journalism freshman. His column appears on Fridays.

UWire

African aid should be priority

When I first caught wind of Nelson Mandela's passing last month, my mind started racing a million miles an hour. His political views were to the left. Mine are to the right. But with Nelson Mandela, none of that matters.

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UWire

Mandela's death highlights the enormous odds he overcame and shines a spotlight on South Africa as a leader of democracy in such a dark continent. My hope is that the spotlight shines bright enough for our government to realize what can be done in Africa.

Central Africa still suffers from a long, disturbing trend of ethnic violence. France and Great Britain provide military aid to Central African Republic to suppress fighting. Nigeria and the Western Sahara region is rampant with radical Islamic attacks on Christians. Sudan and South Sudan recently split but are marred with racial tensions and tribal warfare. Now that Mandela's gone, we can only hope South Africa will be able to control its rampant crime without developing a militaristic state or losing democracy.

The United States currently gives roughly \$8 billion per year in foreign aid to African countries. Although the cost is fair, the recipients are somewhat shady. In 2014, we are scheduled to give \$210 million to Somalia, a country with essentially no government and citizens plagued with piracy and radical Islam. Countries like Uganda and Zimbabwe may not have stable governments, but it doesn't seem to matter; we're scheduled to give Zimbabwe \$152 million next year. And Egypt, the country in turmoil and a recent adopter of Sharia Law, is slated \$1.7 billion in foreign aid next year.

Of the \$8 billion being shipped to Africa next year, the real question is: Who will actually see it?

How much will be gobbled up into the personal accounts of corrupt leaders while their citizens continue to starve and live in poverty? How much of the money will be funneled into the pockets of terrorists by governments fearing terrorism with no way to combat it but bribery?

Africa needs a remodel, and America needs to be the constructor. As a whole, Africa has more potential than most realize, but doors are closing fast.

Militarily, Africa contains a corridor to

the Middle East and is crucial to the fight against terrorism. With proper military training for countries such as Egypt and Libya, we can gain crucial allies against terror. With the Arab Spring and new governments arising, there has never been a better time to build strong military ties between the United States, Egypt and Libya.

Politically, Africa provides both dangers and opportunities. Our promise and determination to quell terrorism can't be successful without an attempt to contain its spread to Africa. Although military measures are unnecessary and would be very unpopular, a strong diplomatic surge through Africa can be beneficial. Due to the state of most African nations, it would be hard for any to turn down a stronger relationship with the United States. The more political allies we have in the fight against terror, the more successful we will be.

What we need to do is rethink and revamp our strategy in Africa. Instead of continuing our decades of neglect and minimal effort, we need to begin decades of building strong relationships with not only African governments, but with African people.

Instead of handing out aid to violent dictators and corrupt governments, let's use some of that money to help the countries dedicated to improvement. Strip most of the aid going to countries like Zimbabwe, Uganda and Somalia while allotting more to the likes of Ghana and Kenya. In reality, the money going to corrupt governments isn't going to be seen by the people who need it anyway. We should allot some of the stripped money as grant money for non-governmental organizations. In most cases, the money going to these organizations goes straight to helping people in need. It's a plan that doesn't cost us any more money, but it rewards countries and governments that deserve more.

We need to support leaders in Africa who rally around the principles of Nelson Mandela, ones who will not forget ethnic tensions but will forgive for the sake of the future of their country. We can support Mandela's idea of "sport diplomacy" and leaders modeling his calm, collected demeanor.

Eric Stubben is a writer for Mustang News. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

UWire

'Gaydar' and other treatment are religious bigotry at new levels

Last fall I was in a local coffee shop with a young man from Saudi Arabia. A lesbian friend of mine was at the table with us. The man asked her if she was married, and she said she would like to be but that she was attracted to women.

With a stunned look on his face he told her that there are hospitals that can fix that.

I told him that having same-sex attraction was not a choice or a disease. He replied that may be true in the United States, but in Saudi Arabia, people in that position are executed.

While the U.S. is making progress in allowing the basic civil right of same-sex marriage, Gulf Cooperation Countries continue to execute gay people. Now there is a new threat on the horizon for the LGBT world. Kuwait is now claiming they have discovered a "medical test" that can "detect" if someone is gay, said Yousuf Mindkar, director for Kuwait's Ministry of

Public Health.

Being gay is a natural human condition. The idea that Kuwait could actually medically diagnose homosexuality is absurd. It seems they are devising a way to discriminate against those whom they suspect could be gay, making Kuwait the demagogue of the Gulf Cooperation Countries.

The Gulf Cooperation Countries is far too religiously extreme to consider same-sex marriage, which defines them in autocratic contrast to the growing equal rights agenda the U.S. should be proud of. However, to stop foreign entry into their countries, simply on the suspicion of someone being gay, to the degree of inventing a foolish medical test, should be met with international boycott in the strictest sense.

Out of more than 70 countries that still outlaw homosexuality, the Gulf Cooperation Countries allege to be the most

Rose Jones
UWire

West-friendly, yet Saudi Arabia beheads LGBT people on a regular basis. It is a sad day when there is so much hate that a medical fallacy is put into operation over a small group of people who are not a threat to anyone. Then again, we are talking about Gulf Cooperation Countries where human abuse and perverse activities are the norm. But this goes beyond the scope of detestable.

It is heartbreaking to think about the suffering of LGBT citizens in the Gulf Cooperation Countries. These are countries where the family chooses marriage partners for their sons, many times with girls as young as 10 years old. It is unimaginable to think about the life of both a child bride and the secretly gay husband she is forced to spend her life with, and they are trapped inside these countries by corporate wealth, with no voice or escape.

Other countries, such as Uganda, have

been bribed by the American Christian right to execute gay people as well. And India just reinstated the heinous laws against homosexual activities. It is disgusting that such zealots aim to destroy innocent lives over religious bigotry. The Gulf Cooperation Countries's desire for the world to view them as modern and progressive will surely be questioned now with the new medical gay detector.

As it stands, anyone under 21 in Kuwait caught participating in activities considered "gay" will be jailed for 10 years. Those trying to enter the Gulf Cooperation Countries who are found to be gay will not be allowed entry, or deported if already inside the borders. Someone should tell the Gulf Cooperation Countries to wake up and join the diversity of the progressive 21st century.

Rose Jones is a writer for The Daily Utah Chronicle. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

CAMPUS

Online program races up ranks

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From 2013 to 2014, UF's online degree program rocketed up 29 places in the U.S. News and World rankings.

Rankings released Wednesday marked UF fifth nationwide in online undergraduate degrees, along with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. This is a jump from 34th last year.

"You have to be responsible and dedicated and set aside time for online classes."

Jessica Mandel

UF advertising freshman

UF also ranked first in the state among public universities for online Bachelor's degree programs, also tied with Embry-Riddle.

Andrew McCollough, UF associate professor for teaching and technology, credits this rise to the new metrics used to rank the colleges. Other than the addition of peer rankings, scores were calculated based on student engagement, faculty credentials and training and student services and technology.

This year, U.S. News based 20 percent of final rankings on peer review.

McCollough said the education industry

sees UF as a recognized brand, which adds to the visibility and high-ranking of UF's online programs.

The data collected by U.S. News and World was based on the two-plus-two program offered by the university, which allowed students to spend their last two years of college earning a degree online from UF, McCollough said.

"This is affirmation we know how to deliver education online," McCollough said.

The university's new comprehensive four-year degree program, UF Online, also launched recently.

Some students, like Jessica Mandel, still prefer in-person classes. The 19-year-old UF advertising freshman said she found it harder to get help and manage her time in an online class.

"With classes, you just have to go," Mandel said. "You have to be responsible and dedicated and set aside time for online classes."

For Kelsey Willianson, an 18-year-old UF biochemistry freshman, the new ranking makes her less reluctant to take an online class.

"It makes me not as afraid to take a class online," she said. "If I want to take a class but it's full, I could still take it online."

Commission to vote on county fire rescue grant

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SARAH LAPP

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Alachua County Commission will vote Tuesday to accept or deny a \$2 million grant awarded to Alachua County Fire Rescue.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant, worth more than \$2 million, is designed to help departments employ more firefighters.

Bill Northcutt, deputy chief of operations at AFR, said the money will allow the department to respond more efficiently to emergencies.

The grant would cover the salaries of 22 additional firefighters.

With the money, firetrucks responding to rural area emergencies will oper-

ate with four firefighters instead of the current two, he said.

"It shows a need in the community that we are ready to fill," Northcutt said.

If the Commission approves the grant, the department will be able to start hiring new employees 90 days later.

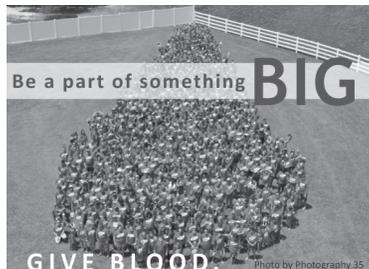
Newly hired firefighters who are military veterans will work a three-year paid term and non-veterans a two-year term.

Lee Pinkoson, an Alachua County commissioner, said the long-term effects of the grant may raise questions.

"This grant is a wonderful thing, but it only supplies pay for two years. The question we have is, 'What will happen when the money runs out?'" he said.

However, Pinkoson still expressed enthusiasm about the grant.

He said it shows "an outstanding service organization in our county."



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13 Wanted



St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville, and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.

St. Francis House depends on monetary support from individual donors and community businesses in order to help feed the homeless and the hungry.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Breal at (352) 378-9079 or sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfoxmail.com To make a donation by mail, please send checks payable to St. Francis House P.O. Box 12491 Gainesville, FL 32604

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Applicant must have reliable transportation and be able to transport multiple bundles of newspapers.

This route takes approximately 2 hours and includes drops along Newberry Road west to Jonesville, Tower Road, and along SW 20th Ave, as well as some on Archer Road.

Please inquire and apply in person at 1105 West University Avenue, Monday through Friday between 8am & 4pm. No calls please.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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\$8 an hour to start
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Part-Time & Flexible, \$8.00/ hr
Apply in person at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Gate 18 Concessions Office (352) 692-6244 1-14-14-5-14

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Your home away from home
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Friday Night 7:30 pm
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Sat. 5:30 pm
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(Spanish) 5:30pm, 7:30pm
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You are always welcome!

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Chapel of the Incarnation
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College Cafe
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Contact Scott Stuart
college@lstpc.org

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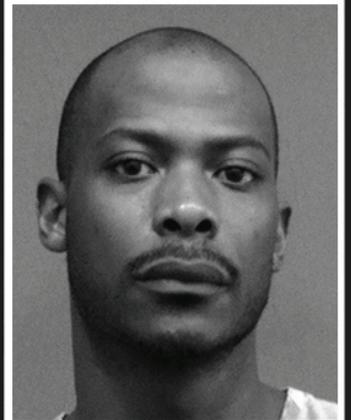
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New Modern Worship - 11am
Contemporary - Wed at 6:35pm
Coffee Talk for college age + young adults on Sundays at noon
Additional services:
Sundays at 8:15, 9:40 + 11am

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www.gatorwesley.com
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Free Lunch @ 12:15pm
Bible Study Wednesday @ 7pm
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352.376.4482

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Brown Eyes

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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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16 Health Services

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
Alachua County Health Dept. Call 334-7960 for app't (optional \$20 fee)

THE TRUE YOU!
Lose 8-15 pounds in 4 weeks
Only \$119!
Gain muscle while you lose fat
Groups forming now. 339-2199
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14 Pro _____		42 Not in the bk.	55 "This could get _____"
15 Macho guys		43 Mess up	58 Bud
16 The whole kit and kaboodle		44 Trig, for calc, often	59 "Law News Now" journal publisher: Abbr.
17 Take delight (in)		45 43-Downers?	60 Year abroad
18 Break down over time		47 "Deal's off"	61 Storage unit
19 Night music		48 Up the creek	
20 Only woman to win the top prize on "The \$64,000 Question"		49 Dog topper	
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5 Rear view	12 Asymmetric
6 Trumpeter Alpert	13 Wt. units
7 Latin lover's word	21 Chanel No. 1?
8 Second effort	22 Rear
9 Ring combo	23 "The Lion King" queen
10 Like Cheerios	25 Mix in a bowl
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Florida knocks off Arkansas to continue recent hot streak

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Another Southeastern Conference foe, another victory for the Gators.

Florida (13-3, 3-0 SEC) edged out Arkansas 59-52 on Thursday night. The Razorbacks' 52 points are the fewest points an opponent has scored on the Gators this season, while UF's 59 points tied the lowest score they have put up in 2013-14.

"Really, really proud of the way we battled and fought," coach Amanda Butler said.

"I'm kind of a boring, after-game quote person because it seems like those are the same things that I keep saying, but that's what I see in this team."

"Really, really proud of the way we battled and fought."

Amanda Butler

UF coach

For Florida's past nine games, Butler's sentiments have definitely rung true.

The low-scoring night for both teams can be attributed to their subpar shooting percentages from the field. Florida shot 42 percent from the field (3 of 17 from beyond the arc) while Arkansas (14-2, 1-2 SEC) shot only 32.1 percent.

"This is basketball against a good team," Butler said. "Some nights they're going to fall, some nights they're not. But, we're going to keep shooting them as long as they're good shots."

In the first half, coach Butler was urging her team to communicate with each other to maintain a solid defensive scheme.

"I didn't feel like we were doing a good job of sustaining our communication throughout each possession," she said. "When we got deeper into the shot clock, we were just assuming too much of one another and not really making sure that we were just giving each other confidence with our voices. When you're playing a team like (Arkansas) — with so many dynamic scorers and a really smart point guard like (Calli) Berna — the only way you can overcome that, even if you're a great defensive team, is to make sure you're taking throughout the possession."

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Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Jaterra Bonds attempts a free throw during Florida's 59-52 win against Arkansas on Thursday night in the O'Connell Center on Jan. 9, 2014. Bonds scored 15 points in Florida's victory, which was UF's ninth straight win. The Gators will attempt to extend their streak to 10 games against No. 12 LSU on Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

Lethargic play hurting UF

► GATORS NEARLY SQUANDERED LEAD AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA.

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South Carolina is no Kansas.

But the Gators learned a similar lesson during Wednesday's 74-58 victory against the Gamecocks as they did when the Jayhawks rolled into the O'Connell Center one month ago: Jumping out to an early lead does not put the game away.

No. 10 Florida appeared to be on its way to another blowout against South Carolina after forcing 15 turnovers and holding USC

to 31.6 percent shooting in the first half. The Gators outscored the Gamecocks 14-1 in the first six minutes before tying their biggest lead of the first half with 4:08 remaining in the first 20 minutes after going up 32-14.

With 4:14 remaining in the first half against Kansas on Dec. 10, Florida also had a 32-14 lead that seemed like it would hold for the rest of the game.

But to the dismay of coach Billy Donovan, the Gators let their opponent inch back into the contest with sloppy offense and a lack of intensity.

The Jayhawks charged back within four points before eventually losing 67-61, and the Gamecocks chipped away at their

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RECRUITING

Gators swing top commit

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Thursday was a busy day for UF's 2014 and 2015 recruiting classes.

It started early Thursday morning when Jalen Tabor, Rivals' No. 4 cornerback from the 2014 class, flipped his commitment from Arizona to Florida. Just eight days ago at the Under Armour All-America Game in St. Petersburg, the five-star prospect chose Arizona over Alabama — Florida was not among his announced choices.

The 6-foot-1 Tabor, who hails from Friendship Collegiate Academy in Washington, D.C., has the skillset to get a starting spot at corner as early as this fall, especially with the departure of corners Marcus Roberson and Loucheiz Purifoy to the NFL

Draft.

Tabor's flip may have had an affect on 2015 four-star cornerback Tyrek Cole's oral commitment. Cole committed to Florida State on Thursday at 8 p.m. via his Twitter account (@Cole_island). Cole chose FSU over Florida, West Virginia and Miami.

Many expected Cole to end up at WVU, as his head coach from Miramar High, Damon Cogdell, accepted a position as an assistant coach on the West Virginia defensive staff on Wednesday.

Trinity Christian players choose schools: Big announcements came out of Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville on Thursday for both the 2014 and 2015 classes this morning.

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UF's gymnastics team begins its first season as reigning champions on Saturday. *Read the story on page 16.*

Gators in the NFL

Former UF receiver Percy Harvin said he expects to play in the Seattle Seahawks' playoff game Saturday against the New Orleans Saints. Harvin had hip surgery in the offseason and played in one game in 2013.

Lammons decommits

Rivals.com four-star athlete Chris Lammons announced Thursday night that he decommitted from UF. Lammons will consider South Carolina and Wisconsin.

Potential coaching change gives Florida shot at four-star lineman

Holley committed to PSU

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Florida has a legitimate shot at landing 2014 four-star defensive tackle Thomas Holley in the near future.

Holley is orally committed to Penn State, but his recruiter, long-time Penn State assistant Larry Johnson, could leave the program, according to an NBC10 Philadelphia report. Johnson is currently the Nittany Lions' interim head

coach, filling in for Bill O'Brien, who was officially introduced as the Houston Texans' head coach on Jan. 2 after two seasons at PSU's helm.

Johnson has been on Penn State's staff since 1996. NBC10 Philadelphia reported that Johnson was upset he did not get interviewed for the PSU head coaching job, and "his intention is to leave."

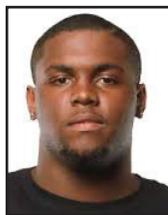
Reports emerged Thursday

that current Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin would take over in Happy Valley as head coach. ESPN reported Thursday night that Franklin's contract would be finalized by a Penn State committee on Saturday.

Holley told Florida Sports Talk NBC Sports Radio on Dec. 31, 2013, that if he were to decommit from Penn State, he would highly consider going to UF.

In fact, it would be his first choice.

"Florida is definitely a great school, and if I ever was [sic] to



Holley

decommit and reconsider a school, it would be Florida," Holley said.

"But we'll wait and see what happens when we get to that bridge, but right now it's 100 percent Penn State."

It appears that Holley is at that bridge, if reports of Johnson leaving Happy Valley prove to be true. Holley would be an impressive pickup for UF and is skilled

enough to make an impact on defense soon.

He is the No. 3 defensive tackle in the class and No. 2 ranked tackle from the state of New York, according to Rivals.com.

Holley, originally from Brooklyn, also said that being close to home is an important factor in his decision.

The Gators' depth at defensive tackle took a big hit with Dominique Easley's departure to the 2014 NFL Draft. If UF can snag Holley, it would be that much closer to filling the hole left by Easley.

Gators look to seniors for leadership in final season

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When the UF track and field team travels to Birmingham, Ala., for its season-opening indoor meet this afternoon, one thing will be stressed above all: consistency.

The men's team is just the third program to win three consecutive indoor national titles (2010, 2011, 2012), while the women notched the crown once — in 1992.

After falling victim to 2013 indoor national champion Arkansas, Florida is preparing to bring back the title this season with senior hurdler Eddie Lovett leading the way.

"Last year, I felt like I've had pretty good consistency indoor, and somewhere towards outdoor, I maybe lost focus on the things I was focused on indoor."

Eddie Lovett
UF hurdler

"They know that I'm here for the progression of the team period, men and women," Lovett said.

"As of right now, were all on the same page, and we're heading into indoor starting strong, and hopefully ... be (as) consistent as we can."

Coach Mike Holloway is relying on his seniors to be the enforcers and create an atmosphere where the team is seen as one unit.

Both the men and women's teams praise the idea of the squad being a family and neglect any type of separation.

"I practice with the boys a lot this fall,"

senior sprinter Ebony Eutsey said. "I definitely think they pushed me to the point where I was just like, 'Oh my God.'"

"They still push us in practice and even in class if you need help. The help is there. We push one another.

"The motivation that they have for us is there, the determination they have for us is there, the focus is there. We're just a family like [Holloway] said."

Leadership is another characteristic the seniors have shown in preparation for Friday's meet.

Both Lovett and Eutsey see the importance of leading the rest of the team.

Eutsey said she shows the underclassman the importance of being responsible — coming to practice on time, getting the right supplements and going to tutoring are duties she and others hold as seniors and leaders.

Lovett tried to relate to his teammates by explaining his own faults.

"Last year, I felt like I've had pretty good consistency indoor, and somewhere towards outdoor, I maybe lost focus on the things I was focused on indoor," Lovett said.

"Bringing consistency and trying to instill that into my teammates and even on the women's side, starting strong and finishing strong."

After scoring 59 points in the national championship last year, UF is fortunate to return the majority of those points in athletes to start off the UAB Invite.

Junior jumper Marquis Dendy and sophomore sprinter Arman Hall were both named to the Bowerman Trophy men's

preseason watch list.

Florida is the only team with two athletes on the list.

UF strengthens its Bowerman legacy that includes an all-time best 59 watch list appearances, as Dendy made his sixth appearance and Hall his first.

The UAB Invite will start today in

the late afternoon. It will host 40 teams throughout the two-day event.

Holloway seeks to start the season strong.

"Overall, just very, very pleased with where the program is," Holloway said. "Very pleased with the progress and we're ready to get this thing started."



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Eddie Lovett leaps over a hurdle during an NCAA East Preliminary Round in Greensboro, N.C., on May 24, 2013. Lovett has been leading the Gators in the build up to this season.

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Miller fuels UF in seven-point victory

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With the score tied at 24 entering halftime, the Gators had to keep talking to one another in order to have a shot at keeping the winning streak alive.

Sure enough, the Gators smothering defense shone brightly in the second half, holding Arkansas without a field goal for more than nine minutes in the second half.

"We played smarter defense, but that was probably the section of the game where we did the best job rebounding," Butler said.

Also in regards to smarter play, no Gator fouled out for the first time in conference play this season.

January Miller, who led the team with four fouls, was a spark-plug throughout the game, earning 13 points and six rebounds on the night.

"From a scoring standpoint, I thought we did a good job in the paint," Butler said.

"Rebounding, though, our effort could have been a little more consistent."

Arkansas narrowly won the rebounding battle 38-35, but the Razorbacks did have a height advantage on the Gators — something Butler and Florida have grown used to.

"There were some preventable plays that were based on not boxing out," Butler said.

"We've got to make that important when we're giving up height, which is just about every night."

Prather questionable for Razorbacks on Saturday

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18-point deficit until it was as small as eight with 6:05 into the second half.

"I don't know what it is, but we have a very, very hard time sustaining intensity," Donovan said. "We inevitably let teams get back in games and we're going to have to do something to get that resolved and corrected. I don't know what the solution is, but it's starting to become a theme ... and I'm starting to get irritated by it."

After opening the season with a 77-69 victory over North Florida, Donovan said the most disappointing factor was his team's sense of entitlement and lack of motivation. Fast forward two months, the Gators are back at the No. 10 spot they started the season at, but they are still having trouble finding that energy Donovan wants them to have throughout a game.

Senior center Patric Young said his team felt content with the lead it took over South Carolina, which allowed the Gamecocks to storm back.

"We allow that human nature to kick in and us having that mindset of relaxing a little bit instead of having that killer mindset of keep pushing and pursuing greatness," Young said.

With Florida having four seniors, including Young, it's easy to place the blame on them for not keeping the team motivated throughout the game. But Donovan said it's not necessarily all on them, but agreed with Young that there's a fight within each player to play content and without energy.

"Guys want to play in a comfortable place," Donovan said. "They've got to battle that. They've got to have an awareness of that."

Prather questionable for Saturday: Casey Prather (knee swelling) joins Scottie Wilbekin (sprained right ankle) as questionable for Florida's road matchup with Arkansas on Saturday, UF announced Thursday evening.

Prather, the Gators' leading scorer this season, woke up Thursday morning with a swollen right knee, which kept him out of practice.

Donovan said in a school release that the senior forward did not injure his knee in Wednesday's win and that the swollenness "came out of nowhere." Prather was scheduled to undergo tests Thursday night.



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UF's Casey Prather looks to pass the ball during the Gators' 74-56 win against South Carolina in the season's SEC opener on Wednesday night. Prather is questionable for Florida's road game against Arkansas on Saturday due to swelling in his right knee.

Florida offers four-star running back, quarterback scholarships



Screenshot / ESPN

Five-star cornerback Jalen Tabor commits to Arizona on ESPN at the Under Armour All-America Game on Jan. 2 in St. Petersburg. Tabor flipped his commitment to Florida on Thursday.

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Florida picked up a three-star defensive tackle commit for the 2015 class in Trinity Christian's Deontai Williams, who announced his oral commitment to Florida on Thursday morning. He is currently the only commit in UF's 2015 class.

UF missed on Williams' teammate, 2015 defensive tackle Kendrick Norton, who announced his oral commitment to Florida State this morning.

Norton is the No. 13 defensive tackle in the class, according to Rivals.com.

2014 wide receiver Isaiah Ford, who decommitted from Louisville on Sunday, narrowed down his choices to Louisville, Florida, South Carolina and Virginia Tech on Thursday.

Trinity outside linebacker Jeffrey Holland announced his college choices — Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Ohio State and UCLA. Holland is the No. 4 outside linebacker in the 2015 class.

Florida offers Powell, Harris: Four-

star 2014 running back Brandon Powell, a Deerfield Beach High standout, was offered by UF on Wednesday.

Powell was expected to enroll at Miami earlier this week but will now make a decision on Friday on where he will enroll, according to reports.

Powell is the No. 7 running back in the class.

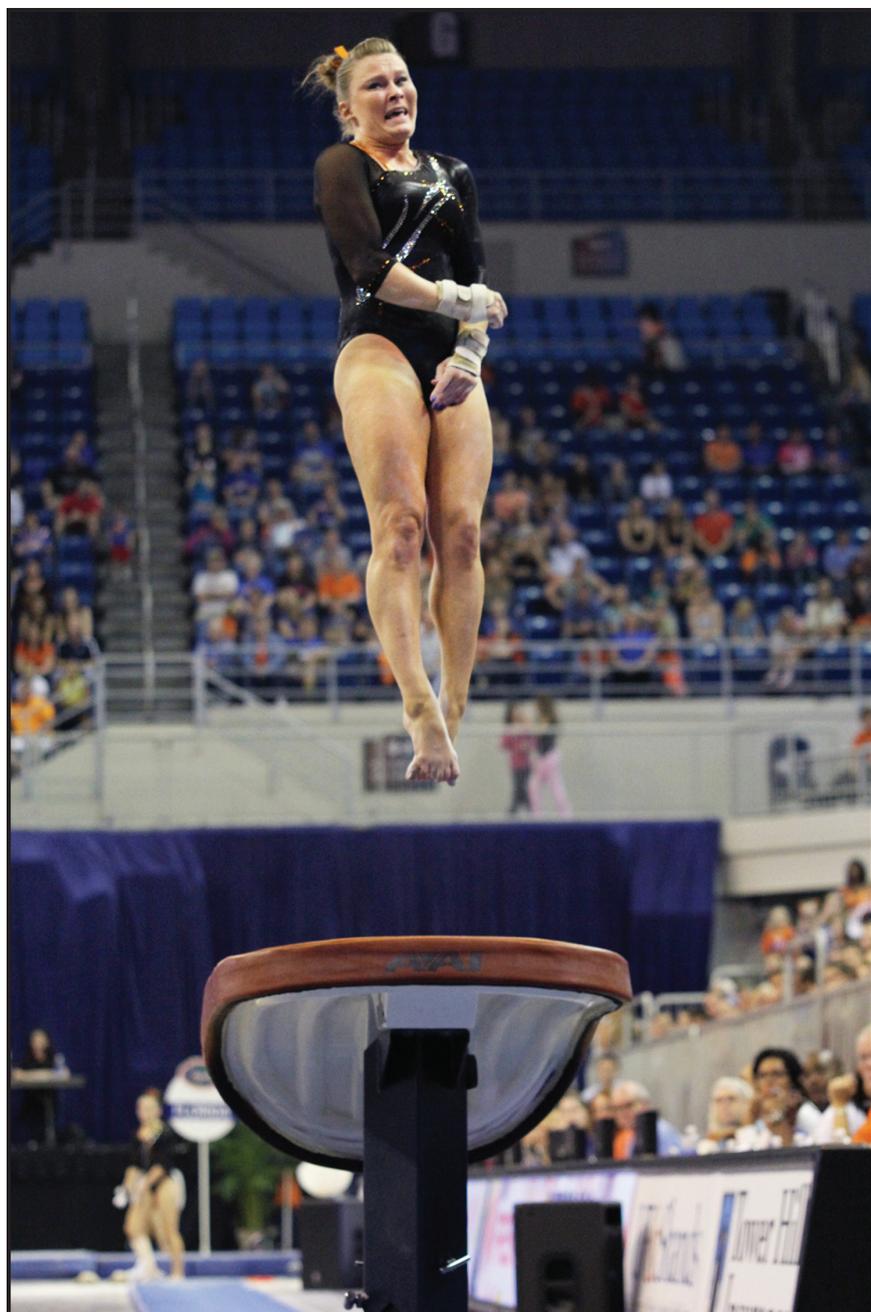
UF currently does not have a running back committed to the 2014 class, as it lost five-star tailback Dalvin Cook to Florida State. Cook announced his flip on Dec. 31, 2013.

The Gators also offered 2014 dual-threat quarterback Treon Harris, an FSU oral commit, on Thursday.

Harris will take an official visit to Gainesville on Jan. 17. He is also scheduled to make official visits to Auburn and Miami before the end of the month. Harris orally committed to FSU in July of 2013.

A dual-threat quarterback like Harris would fit well into new Florida offensive coordinator Kurt Roper's up-tempo spread offense.

Gators return to site of 2013 championship to open season



Alligator File Photo

Bridget Sloan performs on vault during Florida's win against Kentucky on Feb. 22, 2013. Florida opens the season against UCLA in Los Angeles on Saturday.

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Florida ended the 2013 season in Los Angeles ranked No. 1 in the country after finishing .200 points better than Oklahoma in the NCAA Super Six.

On Saturday night at 10 p.m., the Gators will begin the 2014 season in Los Angeles, still ranked No. 1.

The Gators have fond memories of the Pauley Pavilion, where they will compete against UCLA after walking off the floor as national champions.

Coach Rhonda Faehn is no stranger to the arena.

A UCLA graduate, Faehn competed with the Bruins gymnastics team from 1990 to 1992. She served as a student assistant for two years after until she graduated from the university in 1994.

"It always great to be able to go back to the school that I attended and see a lot of former teammates and coaches," Faehn said.

Faehn will reunite with Valerie Kondos Field, her former coach who has been coaching the Bruins since 1991.

Though the Bruins and Gators are not strangers, this is their first dual meet since 2005. UF last competed against UCLA, among other teams, in the NCAA finals. The Bruins placed fourth in the Super Six, while the Gators landed in first place.

"I think that this team definitely has gained a lot of confidence from their experience last year and last season," Faehn said.

Freshmen Claire Boyce and Silvia Colussi-Paleaz may not have the confidence that comes with winning a national championship, but Faehn said they are ready to compete.

"We really just try and put them in as many pressure situations as possible," Faehn said. "But nothing can prepare them for it, except for getting out there and competing. We really usually try and start them out a little slower and not overwhelm them so that they can gain confidence little bit by little bit."

Boyce will likely compete in two or three events, Faehn said at practice Tuesday.

"She has always been exceptional in being consistent,"

Faehn said. "I see her as a great, solid, calm competitor. Hopefully we'll see that throughout the season with her."

Colussi-Paleaz will possibly compete in two events. Faehn added that if the two do not compete in Los Angeles, they will definitely exhibition their routines to gain much-needed collegiate gymnastics experience.

Sophomore Bridget Sloan, junior Kytra Hunter and senior Mackenzie Caquatto will compete in all four events against UCLA, Faehn said.

Sloan set her career-best all around record last year with a 39.75 on March 1 against Minnesota — a performance she repeated twice more in 2013.

Also at Florida's home meet against Minnesota, Hunter set a career and UF record of 39.8 in all-around. Caquatto did not compete as an all-rounder at any of the Gators' regular season or postseason meets in 2013.

"It's just a start," Faehn said of the opener. "It's an opportunity for our athletes to gain experience, try new routines and just to get out there and get it going."

Returning 2013 All-American Gators



Kytra Hunter

- Junior
- First-team vault; second-team all-around, balance beam, floor



Bridget Sloan

- Sophomore
- First-team all-around, bars, beam, floor; second-team vault



Alaina Johnson

- Senior
- First-team vault, bars



Mackenzie Caquatto

- Senior
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