

# Project to improve Paynes Prairie road conditions

## Cameras, message signs coming

**LYNNA LAWRENCE**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Just after the second anniversary of the Interstate 75 crashes that claimed 11 lives, the Florida Department of Transportation is gearing up to start a road-improvement project to better warn drivers of traffic conges-

tion, heavy fog and smoke. The project will install five dynamic message signs, 21 vehicle detectors and 12 visibility sensors as well as thermal and standard cameras in the two focus areas.

Paynes Prairie is "geographically challenged and predisposed to fog," said Laurie Windham, a spokeswoman for the project. If

*"All these devices are interconnected and work together to alert motorists."*

**Laurie Windham**  
 FDT project spokeswoman

there's any fire, prescribed or not, the fog can mix with the smoke and travel to the adjacent highway.

"All these devices are interconnected and work together to alert motorists," Windham said.

State Rep. Keith Perry, who has been integral in moving the project forward, said it's difficult to get real-time information to the highway.

"Unless you happen to have a police officer or highway patrol (officer) in the area, they have no way to know the situation has changed," he said.

The large, permanent boards will be easier to update and will solve problems that

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## LOCAL

# Roe v. Wade anniversary spurs protest, vigil and discussion



Protesters line up in front of St. Augustine Church on W. University Avenue Wednesday afternoon to acknowledge the 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973.

**ERICK EDWING**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

A Gainesville political organization held a protest and vigil Wednesday evening outside a local church to celebrate the anniversary of the controversial Roe v. Wade court decision.

The Gainesville chapter of the National Organization of Women held the vigil on the sidewalk outside of the St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center, 1738 W. University Ave., to recognize the 1973 court decision that ruled women's privacy freedoms extended to abortion rights.

The event consisted of about 15 attendees with lit candles holding signs and talking about their personal experiences with abortion.

Katy Burnett, the president of Gainesville NOW, said she wanted the event to make a statement to the church that shaming women who seek abortions is not acceptable.

Burnett said women die around the world every day trying to induce their own abortions because the procedure is illegal

where they live. "We won't go back to that in the U.S., and we're willing to fight for it," she said.

Burnett said that the vigil is also in response to recent legislation that forced one-third of Texas abortion clinics to shut down.

The organization chose to hold the vigil in front of St. Augustine Church because members had seen Catholic churchgoers protesting in front of the Bread and Roses Women's Health Center on numerous occasions, Burnett said.

The Rev. Anthony Eseke, a priest at St. Augustine Church, said his church doesn't sponsor the clinical protests, but it does encourage members of the congregation to actively express their faith.

Eseke said that the church was open to the vigil and understands that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion.

"We welcome the celebration of diversity, and this protest is a reminder that we can agree to disagree," he said.

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# UF education college forms partnership with Chinese university

► FIFTEEN STUDENTS WILL COME TO GAINESVILLE.

**BEATRICE DUPUY**  
 Alligator Staff Writer

About 15 Chinese students will arrive on campus this Fall as part of a UF College of Education initiative.

The partnership between Nanjing Xiaozhuang University and UF was announced at a ceremony held recently. The college approved a five-year agreement with the Chinese university. The students from the university will participate in a year-

*"There is a very strong teacher education component there."*

**Danling Fu**  
 UF College of Education professor

long teacher preparation studies initiative. UF College of Education Dean Glenn Good said the students will not be the only ones learning during their time at UF.

"It's an opportunity for educators here to understand the needs of diverse learners in the international population," he said.

UF College of Education professor Danling Fu will be working as the students' academic adviser. Fu, who is from China, first introduced the Chinese university to the college in 2011. Fu said the partnership displays UF on an international platform.

"There is a very strong teacher education component there," she said. "This will make Gainesville more visible in China now."

The Gainesville Chinese community has already been receptive to the initiative, Good said.

"These individuals have real pride in Gainesville, and they're excited to show it to their Chinese counterparts," Good said.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Student Compost Cooperative open house

Student Compost Cooperative will showcase local organizations and give a tour of its composters and organic gardens at the UF Energy Research and Education Park. The event begins at 3 p.m. The park is located on the west side of Southwest 23rd Terrace across the street from the UF Organic Garden Cooperative.

## Robot Lab recruitment meeting

Join us for an information session at 7:20 p.m. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering B, Room 211, about UF's Machine Intelligence Laboratory. Robot projects including the submarine SubjuGator and the boat PropaGator will be discussed. Both are previous world champions. We will discuss the results of last year's competitions and explore the current problems we are interested in solving during the next year. We will also discuss our CongreGators swarm project, which involves copters and dune buggies. See [tinyurl.com/UF-MIL-s14](http://tinyurl.com/UF-MIL-s14) for a flier about the meeting and [mil.ufl.edu](http://mil.ufl.edu) for more information about the projects.

## RUB Entertainment presents: Neon Nights featuring local DJs

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## Flora and Fauna of Florida exhibition

Enjoy breathtaking photographs of the Flora and Fauna of Florida exhibition at the Matheson Museum, 513 E. University Ave., through Jan. 30. Photographs in this exhibition capture rare scenes of native wildlife and thriving examples of many of the plant species that characterize Florida's natural environment. The Matheson Museum is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Gators for Haven Hospice

Interested in feeling moved by the people you meet and appreciated for the time you devote? G4HH is an organization that provides networking opportunities for hospice volunteers at UF and promotes the goals of Haven Hospice. Join us at our meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. to find out more info on our upcoming volunteer opportunities. We proudly require no dues. Visit [gators4hh.com](http://gators4hh.com), or contact us at [gators4hh@gmail.com](mailto:gators4hh@gmail.com).

## Seeking students interested in involvement with a global health case competition

The Global Health Case Competition, a student-led initiative, is seeking students from diverse graduate and undergraduate departments to serve as department representatives for a Spring case competition. Find out more about the Global Health Case Competition and opportunities for involvement at [sites.google.com/site/ufghcc2014/home](http://sites.google.com/site/ufghcc2014/home), or email [arwang@ufl.edu](mailto:arwang@ufl.edu).

## Shabbat Services

Join Jewish Gators and alumni in prayer Friday at UF Hillel, 2020 W. University Ave, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. UF Hillel offers reform, conservative and orthodox services to fulfill everyone's religious backgrounds. For more information, contact Rabbi Swedroe at [rabbiswedroe@ufhillel.org](mailto:rabbiswedroe@ufhillel.org).

## Shabbat Dinner

Following services Friday evening, UF Hillel provides a free kosher dinner for students. Please register ahead of time by filling out the Google Doc found on UF Hillel's website.

## HSF's scholarship presentation and upcoming activities

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar Chapter invites you to its first meeting of the semester. Members will present about scholarships as well as give an overview of the exciting plans that are in store for the Spring semester. Enjoy some free pizza and beverages with them at 6:30 p.m. in McCarty B, Room G108.

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# Everglades to get \$130 million

► WATER QUALITY IS IMPROVING.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE — Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday pledged \$130 million to Everglades restoration in the upcoming budget.

Scott said during a meeting of the Florida Cabinet that the 2014 budget request would be used to help restore the Kissimmee River north of the Everglades. It also will assist in the reconstruction of a section of the Tamiami Trail.

Referring to the Everglades, Scott called it “a key to a vibrant economy, coast to coast.”

The budget request for the Everglades was a \$60 million increase over last year.

“If you’re a fan of the Everglades, the governor’s announcement today should blow your socks off,” said Herschel Vinyard, the governor-appointed Secretary of the Florida

Department of Environmental Protection.

Scott’s announcement comes nine months after the Florida Legislature approved an \$880 million plan for funding Everglades restoration projects. Scott negotiated the plan with the federal government.

Efforts to protect water quality for the Everglades have “turned a corner,” said Stan Meiburg, acting regional administrator for the federal Environmental Protection Agency’s for the southeast region. But Meiburg said, “It’s going to take time, and it’s going to be expensive.”

Lawmakers in the upcoming legislative session have a host of other water issues to consider besides the Everglades. Scott on Tuesday announced he would ask for \$55 million to restore and protect Florida’s springs.

“Water funding is going to be a big, emerging issue,” said Janet Bowman, director of legislative policy for The Nature Conservancy in Tallahassee.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Swamp reveals exec ticket

SEAN STEWART-MUNIZ

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UF’s Swamp Party announced its candidates for Student Body president, vice president and treasurer Wednesday.

Cory Yeffet is the party’s candidate for Student Body president with Vivan Nguyen as his vice president and Elliot Grasso as treasurer.

About 200 people gathered around a lectern flanked by two tables to hear the candidates speak briefly on their expectations from the campaign and their goals if elected.

Yeffet, a 21-year-old UF political science and economics senior, said he’s looking forward to a fun and positive campaign.

He is serving his third year in Student Senate and is Senate president. Previously, he held positions as Senate president pro tempore, vice chair of the judiciary committee and the majority

party leader.

During his term as Senate president, Yeffet helped to design Heavener Hall and is involved in the overhaul of UF’s email system.

“I’d really like to make sure we address the concerns of the Student Body,” he said.

Nguyen, a 22-year-old UF music and physics senior, said she’s enthusiastic about applying her prior leadership experience to a larger student audience.

“I’m excited to listen to their ideas and be in a position to actually implement them,” she said.

Grasso, a 20-year-old UF finance and information systems junior, said he wants to create an open dialogue with student organizations to find out what they need to be successful.

“I’m looking forward to learning how students want Student Government to be improved,” he said.

Elections will be held Feb. 18 and 19.

# #UFSocial pinpoints where Gator Nation is

► THE CAMPAIGN PROMOTES STUDY ABROAD.

JANA BERKOWITZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gator Nation is chomping into Instagram feeds around the world.

The #UFSocial team has launched an Instagram campaign featuring the hashtag #GatorNationIsEverywhere. Students’ photos from studying abroad are being featured on the official UF Instagram account, @UFlorida.

“...This has been great in helping to raise awareness about the services we offer around campus.”

Jill Ranaivoson

UF study abroad adviser

The #UFSocial team was inspired to utilize the tagline when it noticed the growing trend of fans referencing the Gator Nation throughout social media, said Bruce Floyd, a social media specialist for University Relations.

“We were able to gather more consistent images, making the transition from more organic to more coordinated pictures and

posts,” Floyd said. “We enjoy seeing images of Gators all over the nation and world, and we are excited to share them.”

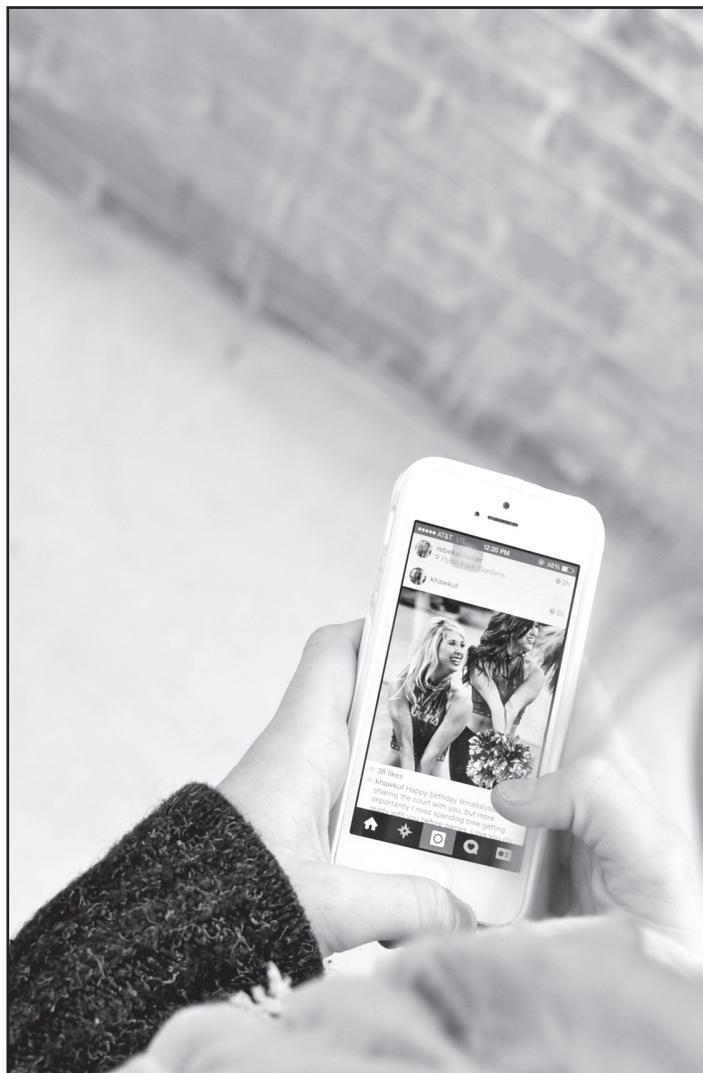
This campaign also serves as an opportunity for the UF International Center to promote its study abroad programs.

Jill Ranaivoson, a UF study abroad adviser, has been working with the #UFSocial team throughout the campaign. She said she hopes the campaign will show students what it’s like to be a Gator abroad by highlighting various programs.

“It is hard to say if this campaign will influence the numbers of people registering for our programs,” Ranaivoson said, “But this has been great in helping to raise awareness about the services we offer around campus.”

Abbey Konchan, a 21-year-old UF marketing junior who traveled abroad to Israel with a group of fellow Gators, said she was proud to be featured in one of UF’s Instagram posts.

“The Gators are definitely a pretty international brand,” Konchan said. “I wouldn’t even think twice about tagging my pictures with #GatorNationIsEverywhere because it is second nature for me to promote my school.”



Megan Weeren / Alligator

UF pre-occupational therapy freshman Ellen Overby, 19, scrolls through her Instagram feed Wednesday morning.

Priest:  
‘We can agree to disagree’

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The view of abortion as a sin is a fundamental Christian belief, Eseke said, and there shouldn’t be a compromise on human life.

Among those who shared personal experiences was 64-year-old Catherine Akins.

The retired high school teacher recalled her near-death experience undergoing an illegal abortion in 1968 before Roe v. Wade made the procedure legal.

“I hope that all these young people never have to go through that,” Akins said. “I hear all these gun advocates talking about the right to own a gun, but we don’t even have the right to own our body.”

# Early morning and late night are the most dangerous for fog

## ROAD, from page 1

portable message boards tend to cause.

“They’re not accurate,” he said. “They become irrelevant. People tend to ignore them.”

Normally, the most dangerous times to drive are in the early morning and evening hours when the temperature is changing. The new technology should help students traveling to school and going home at night, he said.

The funding for the \$2.1 million project is

coming from the Department of Transportation gas tax, “that you and I pay every time we fill up our car,” Perry said.

Gainesville Mayor Ed Braddy said he looks forward to the improvements, which will help residents travel safely and more efficiently.

“I can only imagine how frightening it is to have a bunch of people out there driving and have some slow down, some that wisely pull over or take an exit and others who don’t seem to think it’s much of a problem,” he said. “When you have that dynamic, it cre-

“You can see more of the fog because of the brights. It’s almost like whiteout.”

Francesco Lane

UF psychology freshman

ates a risky, hazardous condition.”

UF students look forward to the changes as well.

Francesco Lane, an 18-year-old UF psychology freshman, drove through Paynes Prairie last weekend during heavy fog. He said the low visibility concerned him, espe-

cially when he turned on his high beams.

“You can see more of the fog because of the brights,” he said. “It’s almost like whiteout.”

Lane said he believes more notifications of traffic congestion and weather conditions will help traffic problems.

“When there’s a bunch of stopped cars, just getting there sooner and notifying people that they need to slow down earlier” could increase safety, he said.

Staff writers Kelcee Griffis and Kathryn Varn contributed to this report.

# Team of engineering students selected for national spotlight

► FIVE GATORS WERE CHOSEN.

**AMANDA KASTRINOS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Five UF Theta Tau fraternity brothers have been selected to join a newly formed all-academic team for their scholastic and service-related achievements.

The team was created by the Theta Tau Educational Foundation to honor local chapter members at a national level and to create a process for considering nominees for a new scholarship, said executive director Michael Abraham.

Material science and engineering student Tyler Martin, industrial and systems engineering students Michael Silberling and Katharine Johnson, mechanical engineering student Madeline Sullivan and chemical engineering student Steven Geller were selected to represent UF based on their GPAs and active involvement in the fraternity.

"The all-academic team is a program designed to recognize those who excel academically in the very challenging engineering dis-

cipline," Abraham said.

With an average GPA of 3.6, the 90 students selected nationwide for the all-academic team are expected to be an example to their chapters, he said.

*"The all-academic team is a program designed to recognize those who excel academically in the very challenging engineering discipline."*

**Michael Abraham**

executive director

Students named to the team are separated into eight regions. One person from each region will be chosen as team captain and will receive a \$250 scholarship, Abraham said.

Martin, who is also UF's chapter president, said he received an application for the team in November and sent it along to his fellow members.

He said he believes that all of the honorees from UF have an equal chance to win the scholarship.

"I know we have some really hard-working brothers," Martin said. "I thought UF could receive some recognition through us."

## LIFESTYLE

# Users unliking Facebook

**JADE CASTRO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

College students are taking a timeout from their Timelines.

A demographic report published by iStrategyLabs on Wednesday found the amount of college students on Facebook has decreased 59.1 percent from 2011 to 2014.

"I think it's a natural progression," said social media specialist Andrew Selepak, director of UF's Master of Arts in Mass Communication program. "No social media outlet is going to be bulletproof."

Selepak said he believes college students are leaving Facebook due to concerns over privacy and who can see certain posts. In this case, users are concerned about their parents seeing their posts.

"Parents and grandparents are

getting on Facebook, which is leaving some students to figure that the cool factor of Facebook is gone," said Selepak.

While the study showed that Facebook use by college students has decreased, it also showed an 80.4 percent increase in usage by adults ages 55 and older.

"Parents have infiltrated Facebook," said Sinaya Harding, a 20-year-old UF animal science and anthropology junior. "You have to watch what you say and watch what you post."

Even with a significant number of college students leaving Facebook, the study shows the website still retains millions of users, and the number of users overall continues to grow.

"Facebook is not going to disappear," said Selepak. "And maybe even the people who are not using it now will go back to it."

# Gainesville compost company to present at national conference



Yolandy Michel / Alligator

Gainesville Compost waste bins are located at Fracture among other locations. The company uses bicycle power instead of trucks to move waste to composting locations.

► ITS REGISTRATION FEE WAS PAID ANONYMOUSLY.

**ROBIN ANDREWS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

An idea sprouted by Chris Cano in Gainesville is now spreading its roots across the nation.

Cano, founder of Gainesville Compost, will be explaining his method of pedal-powered community composting next week at the U.S. Composting Council Conference in Oakland, Calif.

With Cano's compost method, local restaurants fill up trailers made by local business Kanner Karts with compostable items, which are then pulled by bikes to nearby compost centers.

"The model of moving waste out of town to be handled out of sight is not only infeasible in a lot of ways, but it's uninspiring in a lot of ways," said Cano, 26. "What we're doing is inspiring. It's showing people that there could be a better way."

After presenting his mission at last year's Recycle Florida Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow conference in Orlando, Cano said it was so well-received that he

was encouraged to submit an outline of his mission to the U.S. Composting Council, which then accepted him as a speaker for this year's national conference.

The support for the mission of pedal-powered community composting was further illustrated when Cano went to finalize Gainesville Compost's registration and was told that an anonymous donor had already paid its \$275 entrance fee.

Cano said he hopes recognition at the conference will help people develop pedal-powered composting in other cities.

Alexandra Rozin, a UF soil and water science graduate student, said she hopes the national recognition of Gainesville Compost's efforts will help the idea expand to other places.

"I hope that just by people speaking at conferences, we can get more people to catch on to composting, but it will probably take more than that," said Rozin, 25. "Speaking is the first part of it."

Kanner Karts founder Steven Kanner, 22, said he hopes Cano's speech at the conference will provide incentive to advance sustainable technology internationally.

"In my eyes, he's a champion for pedal-powered composting in Gainesville and soon the world," Kanner said.

## LOCAL

# Internet cafe permit ban buys time for local law enforcement

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A state ban on Internet cafes last year created confusion for local law enforcement about how to dismantle the businesses, but the City Commission is trying to remedy that.

In a meeting last week, Gainesville city commissioners unanimously approved a six-month ban on zoning permits for Internet cafes per the request of Gainesville Police.

Certain loopholes in the law permitted Gainesville to grant zoning permits to about six cafes, said GPD spokesman Ben Tobias, although none are currently operational.

When the state legislature banned all Internet cafes last year, it tasked local law enforcement agencies with keeping tabs on remaining cafes.

"Even though there's a statewide ban, no one really understands the law yet," Tobias said.

Tobias said the temporary ban on permits will provide GPD with the time it needs to ensure it is enforcing the law correctly, but it hopes the city will make the ban permanent after six months.

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**Ben Tobias**

GPD spokesman

"The legislature and governor thought that this was a big enough problem to enact a new law immediately," he said. "We all know gambling was at the center of these places. We hope that the city will make a permanent ban... not allowing any of these places to get (zoning) permits."

City Commissioner Susan Bottcher said she also would like to see the ban become permanent due to difficulties in regulation.

"Unless you want to station a policeman at each of these

sites to make sure they're operating legally and make sure other nefarious conduct isn't happening," she said, "because they tend to be highly problematic for law enforcement."

Bottcher said that the city granted the six permits after the statewide ban only because some owners know how to describe their businesses in a way that circumvents the ban.

"We walk a very fine line between wanting to be open to entrepreneurs who want to open a business here, but we also have to recognize and anticipate when there's people who deliberately look for loopholes in the law," she said.

Gainesville City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins agreed that Internet cafes have proved to be problematic for the city and those who frequent them.

"The problems we see with that are robbery, loitering and taking advantage of folks who are not in a good financial position," he said.

## Editorial

### Couples speak: Florida needs marriage equality

Whether you're conservative or liberal, you have to agree the country is warming up to the idea of marriage equality. In its latest poll, the Pew Research Center reported that 51 percent of Americans support marriage equality, and with the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act, pressure is being shifted back to states to legalize marriage equality.

This week, six same-sex couples are putting pressure on the state to make changes to Florida's constitution to allow it in the Sunshine State. We reported Wednesday that the couples filed suits in the Miami-Dade Circuit Court against the state's anti-same-sex marriage law.

Many conservative critics in the state have voiced their disdain for the couples' actions. According to the Sun Sentinel, "Jannique Stewart, of Coconut Creek, is executive director of Love Protects, a Christian ministry that believes in a biblical approach to sexuality, and was South Florida spokeswoman for the 2008 amendment."

"They can file the lawsuit all they want," she said. "In 2008, we the people voted for marriage as one man and one woman. So they're trying to thwart the will of the people."

Stewart's statement and the arguments of other vocal anti-marriage equality supporters in the state couldn't be more off base.

The political climate in the state has shifted in the past six years, reflecting a growing support base for same-sex couples who want their marriages to be recognized on Florida soil — or sand.

Gov. Rick Scott, who told the Orlando Sentinel last year that he believes in "traditional marriage," has a slipping approval rating: only 46 percent, according to Politico.

Marriage equality continues to be a hot-button issue, which is simply laughable. The argument is a no-brainer: Everyone, no matter his or her sexual orientation, deserves to marry in his or her home state. It's unfair to ask longtime Florida residents to flock to other states in search of legal matrimony.

Jeff Delmay, one of the men who filed suit in Miami-Dade this week, told the Sentinel, "Our family is here. Our friends are here. Our life is here. This is where we want to get married ... And we look forward to having the right and the freedom to marry in the state which we love. And that day will come very soon."

Six years ago, the majority of Florida was, indeed, against marriage equality: 62 percent of voters favored the addition of the ban on same-sex marriage to the state constitution. However, this number neither reflects the current state of the country's view on marriage equality, nor does it reflect the state's view. As the six couples and their litigation teams move forward in their lawsuit, the editorial board of the Alligator wishes them the best of luck and offers its full support.

## Reader response

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## Column

### Death penalty is rife with inconsistencies

Dennis McGuire took 25 minutes to die on an execution table in Ohio on Thursday.

The state used a new, untested drug cocktail for his execution — midazolam, an anti-anxiety drug, and hydromorphone, a narcotic derived from morphine.

At first, everything was going according to plan. He fell unconscious after the drugs filled his veins. A few minutes later, though, his supposedly humane death became a struggle. His stomach heaved. His fists clenched.

"He started making all these horrible, horrible noises, and at that point, that's when I covered my eyes and my ears," his daughter, Amber McGuire, told The New York Times.

Fast forward a week, and now there's a debate in Ohio over abolishing the death penalty. McGuire's death has sparked a controversy about whether his punishment qualifies as cruel and unusual, a violation of his Eighth Amendment right.

"He is being treated far more humanely than he treated her," the victim's family said in a statement after the execution. That sentiment is echoed in capital punishment supporters around the country.

The death penalty can seem rational. McGuire was convicted of raping a pregnant, newlywed woman and then stabbing her to death. In spite of that heinous crime, some still find his punishment too harsh.

The death penalty is difficult to talk about. How can we, as a society, justify punishing crime with murder when it's against the law in the first place?

Capital punishment has been around for centuries. For some crimes, it may seem fitting, becoming society's method of retribution for the most disgusting of them. It's easier to see, in these cases, why the death penalty is still used in 32 states.

The death penalty was ruled unconstitutional for a period in the 1970s after the Supreme Court worried it was applied inconsistently. After more narrow definitions were drafted, executions resumed.



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Unfortunately, evidence shows that the death penalty is still applied inconsistently. Like many problems plaguing the U.S., it stems from systemic racism.

A 1990 report from the U.S. General Accounting office found a defendant was more likely to get the death penalty if

the victim was white, which has been confirmed through other studies. In fact, a 2007 study by Yale Law School on executions in Connecticut found African-American defendants receive the death penalty at triple the rate of white defendants when the victim is white.

Racial discrimination in sentencing isn't the only problem here, either. Wrongful convictions are another important consideration when thinking about capital punishment.

More than 130 people have been released from death row after proving their innocence. On Amnesty International's website, you can see some examples of how people were wrongfully accused. Prosecutors elicited false statements and withheld evidence that would sway the jury away from the death penalty.

Since 1976, more than 1,200 people have been executed. That means there's roughly a one in 10 chance that someone on death row is innocent. This only includes data of those exonerated; it's likely there are more who wrongfully die.

Even manufacturers of drugs used in lethal injections are stepping up against the death penalty. A new drug cocktail was used because the companies making the old drugs refused to allow their products to kill people.

Capital punishment is a complicated issue. But even though justice is blind, we don't have to be. It's important to remember that we are human, and we have no right to decide who lives and who dies.

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

## style

# Urban Thread moves locations, expect sales and new stock

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Urban Thread announced Monday via Facebook that it will be moving to a new location.

Attracted to lower rent and better parking, owner Lilly Kline has chosen to move the store to a stand-alone building located at 1210 NW 23rd Ave., just a few minutes away from the current location.

Kline, who would regularly pass the vacant building, said it always looked sad, so she decided to renovate it and move her business there.

Known for its unique inventory and quaint feel, fans of the store can still expect the same vibe but with a few changes.

"With lower rent, I can offer better prices to the customers," Kline said.

Savings will also be passed on to customers through more frequent sales at the new location.

The current location will stay open during the move, and the new storefront will be open on Feb. 3.

During the move, customers can take advantage of the store's moving sale. All shorts, Free People pants and Anthropologie

clothing are currently 50 percent off.

Kline is planning a grand-opening event with a 30 percent

discount on all Free People merchandise. More details can be found on the store's Facebook page.

Kline has a few specific goals for growing the business within the next year but assures customers the feel of the store won't be

compromised with the new location.

"I love when people come in and feel a sense of home in the store," Kline said. "I always wanted a store that feels comfortable and relaxed."

The relocated Urban Thread will still carry home goods and all of its current brands including Free People, Anthropologie and Saint & Noble, and will be bringing in new brands and inventory.

"I want to bring in other brands to complement what we already have," she said.

For the college fashionista, that means more vintage items.

Kline also said she plans to incorporate more social media into the store's advertising plan by posting more frequently on Facebook and Instagram.

Janaye McGrew, a 22-year-old UF advertising senior, said she has been a frequent shopper at Urban Thread since she moved to Gainesville two years ago, and she plans to follow the store when it moves.

"I like shopping here because they have a different selection than most boutiques in Gainesville," she said. "I also love the home goods."



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Employees organize the aisles of Urban Thread, located at 1512 NW 13th St., Wednesday afternoon.

# Freebies to surprises: Artists drop albums in creative ways

## ► CELEBS DITCH TRADITIONAL PROMOTION TACTICS.

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From flooding our feeds with album release dates to shamelessly countdown-ing singles, music artists have had to get more creative to get fans to actually buy their work. Here are the five most notable ways artists have dropped albums:

### 5. Radiohead: "In Rainbows"

People love free stuff, so Radiohead let the fans pick their price. Putting "In Rainbows" up for donations, a majority took the band up on its offer. In addition to the fans who paid what they thought the album was worth, Radiohead also saw an increase in sales of previous albums.

Radiohead went to No. 3 on Billboard's Buzz 100 chart in 2007.

### 4. Arcade Fire: "Reflektor"

Most of us like to keep tabs on our celebs, and Twitter can be a direct form of communication between you and your favorite artist.

Arcade Fire took this communication one step further by announcing its second album to be announced via a single reply to a fan's tweet.

Whoever got that initial tweet is still probably gloating.

From there, the mystery only grew.

Drawings of the same street art began to appear in cities all over, with "REFLEKTOR" written into the geometry of each design.

On Aug. 26, a mural materialized on a building in downtown Manhattan emblazoned with the words, "ARCADE FIRE 9 p.m. 9/9" followed by four Reflektor patterns.

The drawings worked.

Arcade Fire's "Reflektor" debuted as No. 1 on the Billboard top 200 in 2013 and sold 140,000 copies in its first week.

### 3. Kanye West: "Yeezus"

If anyone would shamelessly countdown their album every day on Twitter, you would think it would be Kanye, right?

Surprisingly, no.

Ditching the clear-cut path of self promotion, West dropped "Yeezus" after mismatched clues prior to its release.

On May 1, fans only saw one cryptic tweet reading, "June Eighteen."

On May 17, Kanye projected a new music video from "Yeezus," which he only broadcast in 66 public, outdoor places around the world.

He later performed two songs with his new musical style that shocked West fans on "SNL."

"Yeezus" was released in a plain Jewel CD case with no album art and no distractions from his music.

The album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard top 200 in 2013 and sold 327,000 copies in its first week.

### 2. Daft Punk: "Random Access Memories"

Instead of strictly using online ads and social media, Daft Punk kicked it old its new vibe. The band rolled out a series of tribute advertisements, with the first being giant billboards in metropolitan cities showing its new logo. Then there was a 15-second commercial during "SNL" previewing their new song, "Get Lucky." The band aired two more commercials, one notably appearing randomly on main-stage screens at Coachella.



Information about the album was released little by little: first the names in April, then the single "Get Lucky" soon after, and finally a digital stream of the album on May 13.

The album was finally released on May 17 and sold 339,000 copies in its first week.

### 1. Beyoncé: "Beyoncé"

The queen works only with elegance.

Queen B kept her poise and grace as she silently released arguably the most influential album of 2013 at the very end of the year.

The self-titled "Beyoncé" dropped without warning or announcement.

No tweets, no countdowns, no singles, no promotion at all.

And this was the best promotion she could have had.

The album, released on Dec. 13, sold more than 80,000 digital copies in the first three hours of the release, according to billboard.com.

A few things factor into the huge success of the artist's fifth studio album: strong themes of female empowerment, the concept of a visual album and the exclusiveness of the tracks the first week. No one could resist it.

The album went on to sell 828,773 copies over just the first weekend.



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**Barnes & Noble is out, independent book stores are in**  
Sad about Barnes & Noble in Butler Plaza closing? Check out other bookstores in the area on page 8.

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Read our recap of what happened at the Screen Actors Guild Awards on page 10.

# Barnes & Noble closes, Gainesville offers book alternatives

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It was only a matter of time. The Barnes & Noble in Butler Plaza indefinitely closed its doors to customers.

Lindsey Jones, a 22-year-old UF film and media studies senior, said she was surprised at how quickly Barnes & Noble had been erased.

"They came in like two to three days later and were already taking down all of the signs and had covered up all the windows, and it was just gone," Jones said.

Gainesville has many replacements to offer even though the well-known book-

store has closed. These small, independently owned stores still make books a priority.

## A The Book Nook

1119 W. University Ave.

Nestled inside Video Rodeo, The Book Nook is one of many local book shops that offer an alternative to the dwindling commercial bookstores.

"I think it's kinda cool that it's here in the video store," said Lindsey Freeman, a 22-year-old UF graphic design senior, browsing through the DVD selection.

The Book Nook offers numerous shelves packed with books for purchase in a small

space near the front of the store. Books range from used to new, theory to fiction, the Twilight series to "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare."

A space to sit and read doesn't exist in The Book Nook, but it's worth a visit if you're just looking to pick up something new.

## B Broken Shelves

101 SE Second Place

For the past nine months, Broken Shelves has offered a cozy space with couches, chairs and high-top tables where guests can enjoy reading or conversing over a beer or glass of wine.

Co-owner of Broken Shelves, David Astor, 27, said the store is a small, collective social environment where people can come have a drink and talk.

"We wanted to have something for everyone, but have every book in the store be good and worth reading," Astor said.

Broken Shelves is open daily from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., but tends to close later on the weekends when guests prefer to stay.

## C Wild Iris

22 SE Fifth Ave.

Located near the Citizen's Co-op and the Civic Media Center, Wild Iris is the only feminist bookstore left in Florida, according to its website. Since opening in 1992, Wild Iris has supported the feminist and LGBT

community through the books it sells to the various events it hosts.

"We do a lot more than sell books," said Leah Robbins, a Wild Iris employee and 20-year-old UF Jewish and women's studies sophomore. "We interact with people who have all sorts of identities."

Robbins said Wild Iris is dedicated to raising consciousness about feminism and feminist politics.

The books range from children's books for queer couples to books about LGBT identities, relationships, rape and sexual abuse, recipes and spirituality.

There are mostly new books with a shelf in the back dedicated to affordable used books.

## D Book Gallery West

4121 NW 16th Blvd.

In the northwest side of town, you can poke your nose through some New York Times bestsellers as well as every genre you can imagine.

Book Gallery West offers Gainesville residents new and used books, gifts and cards.

Hailey Mawhinney, a 21-year-old UF English major and employee at Book Gallery West, said the bookstore offers a large fiction section alongside a children's and young adult section.

"We get a lot of old people that come in here and take advantage of our trade system," Mawhinney said.



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**“How do I tell my friend that she has abandoned me for some loser guy with no prospects, and I am losing all faith in her...?”**  
— Anonymous



**“There’s a guy at school who keeps texting me and calling me. I want to be friends, but I’m not interested in him otherwise and don’t want to be rude. What should I do?”** — Anonymous

I’m probably the wrong person to ask this question because I’m always the girl who doesn’t let ‘em down easy, but I’ll try to be compassionate this once. If he’s your friend, he’ll understand. It sucks to be friendzoned — like, really sucks — if you want something more. But it would be worse if you kept this up by giving him the wrong impression. There’s no need to be rude. Don’t be like me. Just let him know you think he’s a seriously awesome guy (if that’s the case) but that you’re not looking for anything serious right now. Let’s hope he’s not a crier. But seriously, don’t ruin a friendship over a stupid relationship.



This question hits a little too close to home for me. I’ve been through a similar situation and, yeah, it’s hard. Your gut instinct should be to stick beside her no matter what. I mean, she is your friend after all. My advice would be to sit her down and let her know how you feel. But I might omit the “I’m losing all faith in you” bit. Put it ALL on the table, but also understand that this might not make a difference in the situation whatsoever because she is obnoxiously blinded by love.

You cannot make decisions for her: She’s a big girl, and she has to make her own choices and (let’s be real) mistakes. She’s not doing what she’s doing in spite of you. She’s doing it because, in some twisted way, it’s bringing her happiness. Instead of judging her, understand that she’s gotta do this for her, as cliché as that is. Talk to her — I mean really talk to her — and let her talk as well. Even if you don’t understand why she’s with this loser, still let her know you’ll be there for her if it goes sour — chances are it will. If it’s genuinely harming her in some way, though, you obviously have to intervene on a more severe level. But that’s just because you’re an awesome friend, so go you.



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# Trophy Hunting: SAG members celebrate peers' accomplishments

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Avenue Writer

At the Screen Actors Guild Awards, performances take precedence over the usual awards season politics. This year's 20th annual broadcast was no exception, with actors from both the film and television industries joining forces to celebrate the best performances of the year.



What makes the SAG Awards stand out is that the statuettes are voted on by actors and also given to actors. Fellow SAG members vote for their picks on the year's top portrayals, which in turn makes a win that much more personal.

The cast of "American Hustle" took top honors with Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. The David O. Russell film is proving to be tough competition this season — the director isn't sure if his film or "12 Years a Slave" will end up the overall victor come Oscar time.

Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto continued their winning streaks by taking home statuettes for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role and Supporting Role, respectively. Cate Blanchett also continued her sweep of awards this season for her leading role in "Blue Jasmine," while

Lupita Nyong'o took home Female Actor in a Supporting Role for "12 Years A Slave," beating out the likes of Julia Roberts and Jennifer Lawrence. Nyong'o even gave a shout out to

her alma mater, Yale School of Drama, for her training — props, theater kids.

Following their Golden Globe wins, Bryan Cranston and the cast of "Breaking Bad" won

both Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series and Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series.

The television comedy categories showcased the stars' stand-up skills. Julia Louis-Dreyfus got into character for her win for "Veep," while one of her co-stars handed over note cards with the wrong acceptance speech.

Ty Burrell of "Modern Family" offered up five tips for actors during his acceptance speech, including "have no skill set other than being a needy extrovert."

Throughout the night, videos of past reactions and funny moments aired in between the presentations. Unlike some other awards shows, these seemed more heartfelt and focused on the actors themselves. It only added to the general warmth and acceptance of the night.

Stage and screen great Rita Moreno (aka Anita in "West Side Story") took home the Lifetime Achievement Award after running a victory lap around the stage and partaking in an "Electric Company"-esque bit with Morgan Freeman. She even sang a few bars of "This Is All I Ask," further proving her versatility.

Throw in some Emma Thompson pre-speech dancing (and subsequent request for a CD version of the cheesy intro music), and you've got another awards show notched off the belt, people.

Tune in to the next one, the Grammys, this Sunday on CBS.



AP Photo

From left, Aaron Paul, Anna Gunn and Bryan Cranston pose in the press room with their awards for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series for "Breaking Bad" at the 20th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards.

## pillow talk

# Wrap it before you tap it

**ROBYN SMITH**

Avenue Writer

Less than half of all sexually active UF students used a condom the last time they had sex.

According to the latest GatorWell Sexual Health Student Survey Report, only 47.2 percent used one for vaginal intercourse. The percentage drops for oral and anal.

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Condoms allow me personally to relax and focus on my and my partner's pleasure.

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It might be that I am too paranoid, but I wouldn't be able to enjoy sex as much.

I wouldn't be thinking, "Yes! More! This is the best I've ever had!" if there wasn't that safety net.

I think the inner dialogue would sound more like: "Don't come yet! No, not in me! Not yet, please not on the sheets — I just washed those. Don't come in me, don't come in me, don't come in me."

Condoms are easy to use and incredibly effective when used correctly. And — in my opinion — more fun.

They usually have some sort of lubrication, and the slick from that is generally good enough that there's no need for an awkward, mood-killing Astroglide-grab from the nightstand.

That lubrication goes a long way in making sex more comfortable for both

partners, and good sex is all about comfort.

If you need more than lube, or if plain-Jane condoms don't do it for you, there are many different types created just to help get you off.

Sometimes — sorry, gentlemen — those ribs for her pleasure are really the make-or-break difference between an orgasm and a disappointing night.

Don't think you're left out, guys — condoms have some hidden powers for you, too. If you have a problem with, ahem, finishing too soon, condoms might reduce sensations and help you last longer. Trojan even sells special "climax control" condoms designed to prevent premature ejaculation.

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Flavored condoms can mask the taste of your man-friend, who hasn't showered in a few days, making it a lot more pleasant to show your affection.

Non-lubricated condoms can also be cut open for use as a dental dam, which acts as a barrier between the mouth and vagina or anus.

There is no excuse for us, as college students, to not use condoms. They are practically shoved in our face in an effort to make sure we have safer sex. As long as you pay to go here, you might as well take advantage of the free condoms on campus.

Condoms can be found for free at the Student Infirmary, at the Planned Parenthood on 13th Street and from various tabling groups like GatorWell and Voices for Planned Parenthood.

Even if you have to pay for condoms yourself, the few bucks you pay for a box is much cheaper than what you would pay for Plan B or — God forbid — a baby.

So, don't ruin your sheets, don't get pregnant and definitely get that weird rash checked out. And please, for the sake of you and your partner, wear a rubber.



Each Thursday, the Avenue will dish out the best in entertainment. From the silver screen to hidden Internet gems, check out this week's top picks.

## Fresh Picked

See it:  
'The Peppermint King'

Locally written, "The Peppermint King" will be at the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre. Set in the Ukraine in the 1920s, the show takes a twist and brings the audience to a magical land where everything is red and white. We don't know too much about this play except it's a "comic dystopian psychedelic fantasy," and, hey, that's reason enough for us to go. The show runs Friday to Feb. 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 at Sweet Dreams or at the door 45 minutes before the show. Tickets can also be purchased online at [acrosstown.org](http://acrosstown.org).

Hear it:  
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For the folk music lovers of Gainesville, Boy & Bear has released "Harlequin Dream Sampler," a four-track taste of the band. Similar to Band of Horses, the Australian indie rockers are essential background music to your day. The best part? It's free. Boy & Bear is offering up the sampler for a donation starting at \$6. Listen and enjoy at [noisetrade.com](http://noisetrade.com).

Watch it:  
Grammys

Haven't gotten enough of award season yet? Tune into the Grammys this Sunday at 8 p.m. on CBS, and root for your favorite celebs. Sure, pretty much every song has been overplayed on the radio to the point where our ears bleed, but we can't resist watching a good snub. We're sure Taylor Swift is already practicing her surprised face for every time she wins an award.

Click it:  
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16 Jeweled headgear  
17 Electrical unit  
18 France, in the time of the 6-Down  
19 Julio's partner in wine  
20 Sponge  
22 The Beatles' "\_\_\_ Just Seen a Face"  
24 ERA and others  
25 Enchant  
26 Mark  
28 Power units  
30 Thought before taking a risk  
34 Excessively affected  
36 First name in Chicago politics  
37 Pathetic  
38 Good Friday mo., often  
39 Lullaby setting, and a hint to the starts of 3-, 4-, 9- and 31-Down  
41 Group \_\_\_  
42 4-Across frame  
43 Golden \_\_\_: Drake's ship  
44 How aspirin is taken  
46 Single sock, e.g.  
48 "We hold \_\_\_ truths ..."  
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58 Man of letters?  
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## UF hoping to avoid late deficit at 'Bama

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Florida's two wins against Alabama last season were not easy victories by any means.

On March 2, 2013, the Gators trailed the Crimson

Tide by eight points with 12:23 left in the contest but then went on a 27-7 run to close out the game and win 64-52.

Two weeks later in the Southeastern Conference Tournament semifinals, 'Bama

held a 37-27 advantage about four minutes into the second half. But Florida then out-scored Alabama by 20 again down the stretch to snatch a 61-51 victory.

And tonight at 7 in Cole-

man Coliseum in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the No. 6 Gators (15-2, 4-0 SEC) will try to avoid falling into a similar second-half hole against the Crimson Tide (8-9, 2-2 SEC).

*"They've played the most difficult schedule of anybody in our league based on computer rankings and what other teams have done."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

"We obviously remember last year and know how good of a team they are," senior forward Will Yeguete said. "They are aggressive and have really good guards. They played us well. I think they are going to be ready to go especially because they are going to be at home and we are undefeated in conference play, so we are going to need to be ready to play."

While UF has won its past nine games, 'Bama has struggled in SEC play with losses to Georgia (66-58) and Missouri (68-47).

During its non-conference slate — a gauntlet featuring then-No. 6 Duke, then-No. 11 Wichita State, UCLA, Xavier and Oklahoma — Alabama won only six of its 13 contests. But all of its non-conference losses came by 10 points or fewer.

"They've played the most difficult schedule of anybody

**SEE HOOPS, PAGE 15**



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Billy Donovan studies the court during Florida's 74-58 win against South Carolina on Jan. 8 in the O'Connell Center. Donovan's former assistant, Anthony Grant, is the coach at Alabama.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Gators look to end skid against Vols

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The Gators' Southeastern Conference schedule comes to a head tonight.

At 6:30 p.m., Florida will face conference rival No. 11 Tennessee on the road. In the 49-game series leading up to tonight's showdown, the Volunteers are an astonishing 46-3 against the Gators, who have won one game in 21 attempts in Knoxville, Tenn.

Florida hopes to snap its current two-game skid, but that is going to be the tallest of orders in front of an energetic Volunteer crowd, whose average turnout is 11,402 per home game.

"It's very, very loud," senior Jatterra Bonds said. "They're going to be singing 'Rocky Top' all night long. It's not going to be easy to play in, but you just got to keep your composure."

"Anytime on the road is going to be hostile — there's going to be nasty fans, but you just can't focus on that. Everybody's going to make their runs and the crowd is going to be loud, but just staying together and staying composed is what's going to get you through those types of moments."

Practice this week is taking on a different spin for the Gators. The fundamentals of their game are surely being preached, but the environment that awaits them is certainly being addressed.

"I'm probably going to sing 'Rocky Top' during free throws and some other things to try and mess them up," coach Amanda Butler said. "It's one of those instances where you really have to rely on your leadership, your older players, to convey to Ronni (Williams) and

**SEE W-HOOPS, PAGE 15**

## Freshman leads Florida to victory in first dual match of season

### Orkin clinched win in singles, lost doubles

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Elliott Orkin waited a long time to play college tennis, and he played a decisive role in his first collegiate dual match.

Orkin won his singles match to clinch Florida's season-opening 5-2 win against North Florida at the Ring Tennis Complex on Wednesday.

"It's pretty awesome," he said. "I've been waiting to play college tennis for many years now."

Florida started slow in doubles, dropping the point despite two matches going to a tiebreaker. Although the

duo of Orkin and sophomore Gordon Watson came into the match ranked No. 13 in the nation, the twosome fell to the Ospreys' Caio Gomes and Yannick Zuern in a quick 6-2 decision.

#### UF Men's Tennis

"We weren't playing aggressive enough" Orkin said. "We weren't making balls that we normally make."

The No. 43 doubles pairing of Mike Alford and Stephane Piro were also defeated by their UNF opponents, Norbert Nemcsek and Jack Findel-Hawkins, in a hard-fought 6-5 (4) tiebreak.

The only match a Florida duo won was No. 3 doubles,

which featured senior Florent Diep and freshman Maxx Lipman.

The Florida tandem kept the match close with long rallies and came away with a 7-4 tiebreak victory.

On the singles court, Orkin stole the show. After losing in doubles play, he took it upon himself to rack up a singles victory in a nearly two-hour match against Zuern, winning 6-5, 2-6, 6-4 to guarantee the victory for the Gators.

Orkin said he knew what to expect and that he got tips from his older teammates going into the match. The freshman entered the match ranked 53rd in the nation — the second-highest ranked player on the team — but said he had trouble loosening up.

Spencer Newman set the Gators on the right track after

**SEE TENNIS, PAGE 15**



Columnist Adam Lichtenstein likes Roger Goodell's plan to end the extra point. *Read the column on page 16.*

#### Beal, Lee selected to USA Basketball 28-man player pool

Former Gators Bradley Beal of the Washington Wizards and David Lee of the Golden State Warriors will compete with 26 other players for spots on the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup and 2016 Rio Olympics teams.

#### Prather on short list

UF forward Casey Prather was announced as one of 25 players on the Los Angeles Athletic Club's short list for the John R. Wooden Award on Wednesday.

## Alabama senior guard leading team offensively

**HOOPS**, from page 14

in our league based on computer rankings and what other teams have done," coach Billy Donovan said. "So I don't think their record, per se, is any indication of what kind of team they are."

While the Tide has failed to close out contests this year, the Gators have flourished, notching a 7-2 record in games decided by single digits.

"We've struggled to close games out that we've had opportunities in whether it be at home or on the road," said Crimson Tide coach Anthony Grant, a former assistant of Donovan from 1996-2006.

"It's a matter of our veterans have to step up and play like veterans when the game is on the line. Unfortunately, we haven't had that consistently enough to be able to win some of those games."

*"We've struggled to close games out that we've had opportunities in whether it be at home or on the road."*

**Anthony Grant**  
Alabama coach

Senior guard Trevor Releford, who leads the team with 18.3 points and 33.6 minutes per game, has been the engine driving Alabama this season. In many aspects, Releford's elevated play in the backcourt has compensated for the loss of guard Trevor Lacey, the Crimson Tide's second-leading scorer last year who transferred to NC State in the offseason.

"I don't think he's going to sneak up on anybody," Donovan said of Releford. "He's been clearly one of the best point guards in this league since he's come in here."

"I think any point guard, especially for them, a lot's going to flow through him and the ball's going to be in his hands a lot.

"And he makes the game easier for (Rodney) Cooper, for (Shannon) Hale, for Nick Jacobs, for (Levi) Randolph. He makes the game easier for a lot of different people. The most difficult part for him is when he is scoring and distributing, they become a very difficult team to defend."

## Veterans helping young players prepare

**W-HOOPS**, from page 14

Cassie (Peoples) and some of the ones that haven't been in that environment yet, of what it's going to be like and what it's going to take as a team and as a unit. How important our huddles are, how important our timeouts will be, and that we've got to come out of those timeouts the better team, and just really trying to block out the things that don't have anything to do with us."

Thompson-Boling Arena should be especially raucous on Thursday. The Volunteers are fresh off a loss to No.

2 Notre Dame, and legendary coach emeritus Pat Summitt will be in the building as a part of "We Back Pat" week — a week-long initiative that's focused on bringing awareness and recognition to The Pat Summitt Foundation and its fight against Alzheimer's disease.

"Any team, when they're coming off of a loss, is more dangerous," red-shirt sophomore Carlie Needles said. "They're a little upset. They lost at home, which is very hard to do. Tennessee is a very tough, hostile environment to play in. They might have a little chip on their shoulder, but there's al-

ways some chip on your shoulder after you lose. We're just expecting their best play because everyone always plays their best against us."

Butler and her Gators are prepared to enter the lion's den, but the environment itself should not detract from Florida's game plan.

"The first thing we've got to do is be ready for that environment," Butler said.

"It's loud, there's going to be a whole bunch of people there, it's 'We Back Pat' week. Pat will be there, so that adds to the energy. We've just got to be mentally ready for all of those things."



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Jaterra Bonds looks for an opening during Florida's 68-62 loss against Georgia on Sunday in the O'Connell Center. Bonds and the Gators will attempt to end a two-game losing streak against the Volunteers on the road today.



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Elliott Orkin attempts to hit the ball during his singles match on Wednesday. Orkin's three-set win (6-5 (4), 2-6, 6-4) clinched the Gators' dual-match victory against the Ospreys.

## UF won five of six singles matches against UNF

**TENNIS**, from page 14

Florida lost the doubles point. Playing against Nemcsek on Court One, Newman regained momentum for Florida, picking up a decisive 6-4, 6-1 victory.

"It was a little bit nerve-wracking, but I was able to settle in and get the win," Newman said.

Diep was the second Gator to finish his singles action, notching his second victory of the evening against the Ospreys' Zachary Goldberg in a quick 6-3, 6-2 match.

No. 116 ranked Mike Alford defeated Pablo Tellez 6-3, 6-4, and No. 28 Stephanie Piro also gave the Gators a win, but Watson's showing came as a surprise — the sophomore was the only Florida player to drop his singles match.

Watson could not get any rallies going against Gomes in singles, falling 3-6 in the first set before dropping a tiebreaker in the second.

*"It was a little bit nerve-wracking, but I was able to settle in and get the win."*

**Spencer Newman**  
UF tennis player

"He had a tough match," Shelton said. "The guy that he played was pretty explosive and came out and got after him."

"Gordon got control of the match in the second set and then wasn't able to close it out."

Florida's next match comes against UNC-Wilmington as part of the ITA Kickoff tournament on Saturday at the Ring Tennis Complex.

**AS STEIN ON TV**

# NFL should end extra point, other sports' rules should change

Every now and then, Grantland.com attempts to write the worst sports column on Earth. Today, Adam will try, too.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday the league might remove the point after touchdown.

Good, I say, and about time.

The point after touchdown — or as I like to call it, beer-after-touchdown time — is atrocious.

The league should not be standing PAT on this issue. Kick this ancient rule to the curb.

I don't pay exorbitant amounts of money to watch kickers — who barely qualify as athletes — kick the ball through the uprights with nearly 100 percent proficiency. That's boring.

I pay to see grown men hurl themselves at each other for my own personal entertainment. If I wanted to watch players kick the ball, I'd move to the United Kingdom and watch *footy*.

Didn't we have a war so we wouldn't have to live that way? George Washington would despise the extra point. Papa George wanted things to be exciting. That's why he made his men cross the Delaware River in the middle of the night.

But I digress. Good riddance to the extra point, and while we're at it, I think there are a lot of rule changes that would make sports a lot more fun to watch.

First, we'll take on my least favorite of the major American sports: basketball. In my opinion, basketball needs something to spice it up. Each score is nearly irrelevant on its own. If a team scores 80 points in a game, then any given two-point basket is worth exactly one-fortieth of a win.

Compare that to baseball, where one run can be 100 percent of the score. It will almost never be fewer than 10 percent.

So let's add some more important shots.

Half-court shots are infinitely harder than their three-point counterparts. They should be



**Adam Lichtenstein**  
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worth at least twice as much. Now, teams down by a couple normal baskets late can opt to attempt low-percentage shots that have a higher reward. Get those coaches' brains cooking.

And can we stop pretending dunks aren't the best type of scoring? They're the most ex-

citing plays in the game. Make them worth more than a measly two points. Give the fans a whiteboard and they can figure out how much the slam should be worth. Let the free market decide.

While we're on the topic of basketball, I think one of the best changes that should be made is adding hockey-esque line changes. No more of this "checking in" stuff when play stops. Have players come in and out at will. But the coach better make sure there are only five on the court at any time!

As for baseball, which I think is unfairly criticized as being boring, there is one change I would make.

National League, your resistance was cute, but it's time to adopt the designated hitter.

Put your pitchforks down, NL fans. I'm just telling you the truth.

The fans want the long ball. No one likes 1-0 pitchers' duels. That's just what baseball fans tell themselves so they can feel better while their pitcher fails to bunt three times in a row.

People don't go to the ballpark to watch double switches. They want to see the ball leave the yard! Offense is king!

Know when baseball was at its peak? The 1990s, when balls were flying out of ballparks.

McGwire and Sosa, Bonds and Palmeiro. Just the names take me back to when I was young and the world was right.

Now we're supposedly in a new pitcher-dominated age. Forget it. Give me massive sluggers walloping the ball 500 feet like it's nothing.

More home runs, and no extra points. That's the kind of world I want to live in.



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NFL commissioner Roger Goodell signs autographs before the NFC Championship game between the Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

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Friday 1/17	Swimming, Gymnastics
Friday 1/24	Link to Pink vs Auburn
Friday 1/31	Tennis, Swimming & Diving, Men's Basketball vs Texas A&M
Friday 2/7	Lacrosse, Men's Basketball vs Alabama
Friday 2/21	Swimming, Tennis, Men's Basketball vs Ole Miss
Friday 2/28	Swimming & Diving
Friday 3/14	Baseball Opener vs Arkansas
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