



# UF Innovation Academy program undergoes changes

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A year after its launch, UF's Innovation Academy has made significant changes to its

program and plans to continue developing. One of the prominent changes is a new application procedure that requires an additional essay and makes it clearer that students are applying to the program.

Previously, applying to Innovation Academy meant simply checking a box indicating interest in the program. If students who checked the box were admitted to UF, they were auto-

matically placed in Innovation Academy.

Students like David Nassau didn't find out about the program's Spring-Summer schedule and required innovation minor until after they were accepted.

"That's been the main complaint," the 19-year-old UF Innovation Academy sophomore said. "People didn't know what they were getting themselves into."

Students applying for the 2014-2015 school year were given the option of applying to UF traditional programs, Innovation Academy or both. If students gain admittance to both programs, they will be able to choose which offer to accept.

Although changing the application process meant that Innovation Academy received

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Emily Cochran / Alligator

## He Who Must Not Be Played

Florida Quidditch chaser Nick Zakoske, a 21-year-old geology junior, looks to score during the Gators' 120-50 win against Rollins College on Flavet Field on Saturday. Read the story online.

## Never say never: Beliebers react to Justin's arrest

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Amy O'Connell couldn't believe what happened. When O'Connell saw on Facebook that pop sensation Justin Drew Bieber was arrested Thursday in Miami Beach, she wasn't convinced. But when she saw the reports that he faced charges of DUI, resisting arrest without violence and driving with an expired license proved to be true, the three-year Belieber's skepticism grew into disappointment.



Bieber

"Yeah, I have a Bieber problem," the 22-year-old UF graduate student said. "It's embarrassing being in college, but I am not ashamed."

Days after the arrest, local fans and haters are still processing the news and speculating as to how the star fell so far.

Scott Wilson, UF assistant professor of jazz, said he thinks young artists like Bieber tend to crack under pressure.

"They can't harness all that anxiety of performing for 80,000 people," he said. "It would crush a normal person."

Wilson said Bieber's recent activities are "signs he's

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# Slating starts for February Student Government elections

## It continues today, Tuesday

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The first day of qualifying and slating for Student Government brought a crowd of about 60 students to the Hub study room Friday.

Last year, nearly 80 students

qualified on the first day of slating, according to Alligator archives.

Candidates must qualify to be able to run for a Student Senate seat.

Parties can interview, or slate, the candidates who want to run

with their party.

Susan Webster, the spokeswoman for the Swamp Party, said 49 people qualified and slated on Friday.

"All in all, it's been super successful," she said. "We're really excited to have a lot more people come out and slate Monday and Tuesday."

Webster said when students

sign up to slate, they must have their Gator 1 Cards and check their credits to see what seat they qualify for.

*"All in all, it's been super successful."*

**Susan Webster**  
 spokeswoman for Swamp Party

Alex Klayman, the spokesman for the Students Party, said they

had about eight people qualify and interview with their party on Friday.

"That's about the number we expected," he said. "The first day is usually slow."

Slating will continue in the HUB study room Monday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elections are Feb. 18 and 19.

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### Student-run Swamp Records highlights

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Beginner Tango Class

A beginner tango course will be held today at 7:45 p.m. at the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, Room 3. No experience, partner or shoes are required.

## Taste of Tikkun Olam

Come out to Turlington Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday for a free snack relating to this weeks' Torah portion. Come learn about the stories and enjoy a tasty treat. For more information, contact Melissa at [Melissa@ufhillel.org](mailto:Melissa@ufhillel.org), or visit the Hillel calendar at [ufhillel.org/current-students/cal](http://ufhillel.org/current-students/cal).

## Upcoming meeting — 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 today 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).

## Flora and Fauna exhibition

Enjoy photographs of the Flora and Fauna of Florida exhibition at the Matheson Museum, 513 E. University Ave., through Thursday. 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.

## Education for Live 5K

The Education for Life 5K will be held Saturday at 8 a.m. at Westside Park, 1001 NW 34th St. Online pre-registration is available at [active.com](http://active.com). Day-of registration begins at 7:30 p.m. and is \$25. The race supports Southern Scholarship Foundation, which provides rent-free housing scholarships.

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## Global health case competition at UF

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).

## Cinema Verde seeks eco-fair vendors

Cinema Verde's fifth annual Environmental Film and Arts Festival is seeking vendors for its eco-fair, which will be held on Feb. 15. The festival features more than 30 films on topics including food, water, waste, energy, animals, sustainable life, business and government. Vendor applications and information are available online or via email at [penny@cinemaverde.org](mailto:penny@cinemaverde.org).

## Fourth Annual Run for Your Heart 5K

On Sunday, the Academy of Student Pharmacists' Operation Heart is hosting a 5K to encourage cardiovascular fitness in the community as part of American Heart Awareness Month. The run starts at 8 a.m. at Westside Park, 1001 NW 34th St. Registration is \$15 before the race or \$20 the morning of the event. All proceeds go toward the American Pharmacists Association student organization's efforts to provide blood pressure and cholesterol screenings to the community. For more registration information, go to the event's Facebook page or email [ASPOperationHeart@gmail.com](mailto:ASPOperationHeart@gmail.com).

## Register for 3 Minute Thesis Competition

The UF Graduate School is partnering with I-Cubed to host its first Three Minute Thesis Competition in April. The competition challenges doctoral students to present their dissertation in three minutes or less. Preliminary heats will be held in March to determine finalists. For information and to register, visit [tinyurl.com/UF3MT](http://tinyurl.com/UF3MT).

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**Jan. 27, 1988**

A new financial aid law made it impossible for about 300 UF students to receive financial aid, according to Alligator archives. UF officials announced that students with a grade point average lower than a 2.0 would lose their aid, but they could appeal to a committee if they could prove their low GPAs were caused by "extenuating circumstances." UF Registrar Vernon Voyles said 22,000 of UF's 32,000 students received financial aid. The law required students to have a GPA greater than 2.0 after their sophomore year, which for UF is more than 60 credit hours. However, students could get their aid back the following semester if they could raise their GPAs.

**Jan. 26, 2001**

Gainesville residents took their vehicle-towing stories to city officials to shed light on what they believed was unethical business behavior. One Gainesville resident told a committee his car had been towed from his home at Park Place Apartments by Watsons Towing for "failure to display a proper decal." He then explained the situation to the owner and got his truck and money back. However, the same tow truck driver towed his car from the same spot a few days later. City Commissioner Chuck Chestnut said there should be stringent rules for tow companies to follow, and they "should accept some sort of responsibility for their actions."

**Jan. 27, 2009**

The Florida Legislature passed a budget package in both the House and Senate that increased fines and fees for traffic or traffic-related violations. The measure added \$25 to speeding fines and an extra \$10 to all moving and nonmoving violations, which included seatbelt charges and driving with an expired license. The initiative was designed to relieve a \$2.4 billion Florida budget deficit, and it was projected to generate about \$63 million in 2010. The fees increased speeding fines from \$125 to \$150 for drivers speeding between 15 and 19 mph over the speed limit.

— STEVEN KATONA

# LOCAL Pikachu, spatula collections among displays at museum fair

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Connor Honeycutt was shopping at a garage sale with his father when he spotted a Star Wars action figure that had something missing.

"I thought it was weird that (an X-Wing Fighter) didn't have Luke, so I looked for him," Honeycutt, 14, said.

Honeycutt said he has been collecting Star Wars action figures for about seven years. He said his collection now has dozens of the action figures.

It was one of about 100 that were displayed at the Florida Museum of Natural History's annual collectors fair Saturday.

Beginning in 1980, the fair is one of the museum's longest-running and most popular events, said Tiffany Ireland, museum educator and coordinator of the fair.

"This is an event that is interesting to — I honestly think — everybody," she said.

The longevity and popularity of the fair has led local collectors to attend year after year, she said.

J.J. Lewis, a 37-year-old Gainesville resident, has been displaying her spatula collection at the fair for 20 years.

She said she started her collection after she received a spatula as a gag gift from a friend. Although Lewis said she lost count

at 1,300, she said she thinks she now has close to 2,000 spatulas.

"Once you start collecting, you can't stop," she said.

Although this year's fair hosted many veterans, there were some newcomers with their unique collections.

Belle Starenchak, a 37-year-old Citrus Springs resident, displayed her collection of Pikachu-themed items. She said it started 14 years ago after she won a giant stuffed Pikachu at Universal Studios. One Pikachu turned into thousands, she said.

Starenchak's collection was a Guinness World Record in 2009 and 2010. She said she attends birthday parties in a Pikachu-themed costume, goes to conventions and has been featured on TV.

"I just don't collect," Starenchak said. "I actually go out and live Pokemon."

Even though Starenchak has made a career out of her collection, many participants in the fair said they collect as a hobby.

One hobbyist is Gainesville resident, Nelson Laffey, president of the Gainesville Stamp Club, who displayed the postal stamp collection he said he inherited from his father 10 years ago. He said the collection has now grown to more than 20,000.

"I couldn't choose a favorite," Laffey said. "It's like children."



Adriana Barbat / Alligator

Louis Galanos, a 68-year-old Gainesville resident, displays his collection of racing memorabilia on Saturday at the 35th annual Collectors Day at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

## Stars need family support

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not happy with his direction," adding that the star has never won a Grammy.

"We'll have to see what happens to him: how he changes, if he changes and if he just spirals down," Wilson said.

On the night of his arrest, a Miami Beach Police officer pulled Bieber over at about 4 a.m. for racing a Lamborghini, according to the arrest report. The officer noticed his bloodshot eyes and the smell of alcohol on his breath.

"Why the f\*\* are you doing this?" Bieber asked police before they arrested him. He was released from jail later that day after meeting a \$2,500 bond.

Tom Llinas, co-owner of Great Southern Music, is not a Belieber. But

he isn't a stranger to young artists. His teen daughter and son are both musicians, and he said about 500 students come into his shop every week for music lessons.

"I would say it's kind of sad," he said of the arrest. "The people around him are kind of letting him down."

If Bieber were his son, Llinas said he would have a simple message for him: "Remember who you are. Remember where you came from. Remember that your family loves you more than anything."

O'Connell also said family can help Bieber bounce back.

"We can always hope for the best, I suppose," she said. "I'm hoping his mom will knock some sense into him."

## More online courses offered

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fewer applicants this year, director Jeff Citty said he thinks the change will increase the program's quality.

This semester, the curriculum has also expanded to include majors such as computer science, engineering and digital arts and sciences.

Citty said his staff doesn't choose the program's majors. Rather, colleges offer to participate if there is enough staff to run courses on the Spring-Summer model.

With more majors available, students have more classes to choose from during the Fall semester. Although they are not allowed to take classes on campus in the Fall, students starting next year will be able to choose up to 12 credits from a selection of about 160 online classes — up from the 40 offered last semester.

However, for some students, the pro-

gram's format has been difficult.

Justin Nelson, a 19-year-old UF freshman in the program, said it seems like a waste of time.

"If we're part of the Innovation Academy," he said, "we should feel like we're part of something bigger."

To help students adjust, staff moved into a new office on the third floor of the Infirmary at the beginning of the month. Students now have their own academic adviser and a team of student ambassadors that they can go to for support.

Danna Regnier, a student ambassador and a 21-year-old UF finance and information systems sophomore, said the program will thrive once it has time to mature.

"While there are struggles, there are lessons," she said. "We learn to grow as UF students in a rough way, but it gives us more of an edge in competition in the days to come."

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# Student-run Swamp Records highlights local talent on two stages

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Swamp Records hosted a showcase Friday night to highlight local Gainesville musical talent and to build excitement about the student-run record label.

The showcase was presented by Student Government Productions, the label's parent organization.

It featured 12 acts on two stages at The Jam.

A crowd of about 500 students and Gainesville locals moved

between indoor and outdoor stages in what Veronica Arenas, part owner of The Jam and a UF alumna, said might be one of the largest shows she has seen at the venue.

"What I find in Gainesville is the density of incredible musical

talent," Arenas said. "It's a combination of the university and Gainesville culture."

Although Swamp Records Head Director Rachel Ring said she plans to work with student bands, the showcase on Friday included bands comprised of UF alumni.

Because there are legal barriers preventing Swamp Records from signing artists, the organization is focusing on helping artists get discovered.

"It's self-contained in SGP right now," Ring said. "We have to figure out what these deals will look like and how UF could get involved."

Alex Sugarman, a 19-year-old UF finance sophomore, attended the show and said he enjoyed the variety of genres represented on stage.

"I'm proud that Gainesville encompasses so many styles of music," Sugarman said.

SGP chairman Daniel Levin said SGP focuses on bringing larger acts to the stage, but Swamp Records is an avenue for smaller bands to get stage time.

"Swamp Records is going to allow us to showcase the local talent here in Gainesville," said Levin, a 22-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior.

Will Brennan, who headlined the showcase, said he knows how much of a difference university support can make.

Back when he was a student,

he said, he won Gator Growl's Talent Night and got to perform on the main stage as a result.

Soon after, the 25-year-old former UF student was on stage at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center opening for Method Man and Redman at an SGP show.

Brennan said he wishes Swamp Records had been around when he was a student.

He said bands helped by the label will see the results of the support they're receiving.

"That's like comparing somebody with a car to somebody without one," Brennan said. "If you have a vehicle to get things done, you're moving miles faster than the competition."



Esteban Peralta / Alligator

D.P. performs at The Jam on Friday, hosted by SGP's student-run record label Swamp Records. The showcase exhibited talent such as Vass, Bells and Robes, Morning Fatty and others.

## Lineup for the Swamp Records showcase

1. Will Brennan
2. MSNRA
3. Vass
4. D.P.
5. The Savants of Soul
6. Morning Fatty
7. Bells and Robes
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The value of getting our breaking-news alerts is that you can find out which parts of campus to avoid — or flock to — when something happens. This way, when a plane crashes on Flavel Field while thousands of people are tailgating, you'll immediately know to avoid Museum Road. In about a month, when Student Government announces its new Student Body president and senators, you can expect a push notification instead of having to wait for the paper the next day. And if a Gators football player is arrested outside a hotel for barking at a police dog, an Alligator alert will deliver the news.

Accessing this info via the app on your phone or tablet is smoother than using our mobile website. It updates as we do, so when we get more details, you will, too.

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The app also makes it easy to skim headlines — you can sort through less text to find the articles you actually want to read. It has some interactive ads with built-in coupons as well as exclusive app content you won't find in the paper.

Real talk, though: We worked hard to put this app together, and we're hoping you like it. (If you don't, tell us how to make it better.) We want to maintain our position as the foremost source of news at and around UF, and that means making the news easy to consume. We're excited — and a bit nervous — to take this new adventure with you.

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As always, thank you for reading, no matter which format you choose.

## Reader response

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**28% YES**  
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## Column

### Temps decrease, masturbation increases

Temperatures have dropped and so have our pants, apparently. With the cold weather, one method of staying warm has increased: masturbation.

Pornhub released statistics regarding pornography consumption and the Polar Vortex from earlier this month. Compared to normal averages, website traffic increased by 37.2 percent in Florida during the Vortex.

Pornography consumers in Florida also visited more than double the amount of Pornhub pages than any other state, topping the chart with 28.4 percent more time on the site than normal averages compared to the runner-up Georgia's 11.6 percent increase.

Even though our weather has been nowhere near as cold as the Northeast, we Floridians use any excuse to stay in and watch some strangers have sex. Stay classy, guys.

Although pornography and masturbation do not always go hand in hand — or should I say hand in pants — there is definitely a correlation between them.

Let's be real: I'm sure you don't actually want to get all bundled up and leave your apartment or dorm room. And why leave the comfort of your bed, couch or shower — I'm not judging — when you could just stay there and entertain yourself?

In addition to being, well, fun, masturbation is great for your health.

According to Men's Health, masturbation keeps your blood pressure, reproductive system and brain in tip-top shape.

Specific to you gentlemen, masturbating can help you last longer. So, when you're doing the real deal, you won't finish before your partner has his or her fun.

If classes are bringing you down, having an orgasm is a great de-stresser. When you're feeling overwhelmed with homework or exams, just take a masturbation break. But please, just don't do that during the actual exam.

Masturbating is also a great sleep aid. If you have an early class but aren't tired, jack your way off to sleep.



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Don't think masturbating is just a solo act, either. One of the best benefits is how close it can bring you to your partner.

Masturbating with one another is a great way to share what gets you off because you can see exactly how and where your partner likes to be touched.

Planned Parenthood's website says mutual masturbation is a "safe way to explore sexual activity with another person with no risk for pregnancy or STDs." It's also a great form of intimacy if you and your partner aren't ready for actual intercourse yet.

Even when you are alone, masturbating is a big help to your sex life. When you become more comfortable with what turns you on, you're more comfortable telling that to your partner so they can help get you off.

Masturbating is a totally normal part of life and of your sexuality. It's nothing to be embarrassed about.

However, we are in college, so please try to keep it to yourself. Dorm rooms are small and no one wants to be kept up by the sound of his or her roommate's under-the-sheets action.

Also, try to avoid taking matters into your own hands in the communal showers. Come on guys, other people go in there to get clean.

Aside from those warnings, make a day of it. Light some candles. Put on your favorite dirty video or some good music — my short list is anything off the latest Arctic Monkeys album or by The Weeknd. Invite over a significant other; or don't.

Call in sick to work or class and spend the day warming yourself up with your hand in your pants. After all, it's Florida — we only have a few cold days left.

Robyn Smith is a UF journalism sophomore. Her columns appear on Mondays.

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

## Column

# President Obama's NSA reforms don't go far enough

After months of criticism regarding the National Security Agency's data collection program, last week, President Barack Obama announced changes to the program. No longer will the NSA be allowed to collect phone records of average citizens as it currently does in its never-ending quest to seek out the bad guys who threaten the United States.

Although we can and should appreciate Obama's effort to end parts of the NSA's controversial phone data collection program, many aspects of the NSA's work were left largely unchanged. Now, the NSA must get a court order from the Federal Intelligence Surveillance Court — or FISA — to collect phone data, and there must be some belief that the data collected has a connection to a potential terrorism suspect.

However, the changes don't get to the heart of the problem: our inability to move forward from 9/11.

It's been more than 12 years since the 9/11 attacks, and in that time, the U.S. has found itself paralyzed by fear of the next attack. The actions taken by George W. Bush's administration hardly helped. Rather than spending all of our resources finding and eliminating the terrorist threat, we invaded Iraq, which in turn helped destabilize an already fragile part of the world, left suspected terrorists imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay with little hope of a trial or due process, and we entered a world where the NSA is always listening.

After 12 years, it's time to leave an awful decade of war and despair behind us and move forward. Heck, most of you reading this right now have probably spent the vast majority of your life never knowing a United States that wasn't at war.

That's frightening and very sad.

Thankfully, we've left Iraq, are in the process of leaving Afghanistan, and finally starting to roll back some of the egregious violations of our civil liberties that Congress stole as a result of the Patriot Act.

Despite all of that, we've had to deal with rampant spying by our own government agen-



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cies, legislative and executive branches unable to come to an agreement on how to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, and the nonstop use of drones to perpetuate the war on terror, often with tragic results.

After a decade of living in fear of the next attack, it's past

time to end the mindset that a terrorist is lurking around the corner and that our intelligence services must do everything — including collecting data from everyone's phone calls — just to prevent the next attack. The FBI, CIA and yes — to an extent — the NSA has done a wonderful job preventing possible terrorist attacks on American soil since 9/11, but the additional cost to American liberty is unnecessary.

Should the NSA have the ability to listen to suspected terrorists or those with connections to suspected terrorists?

Absolutely.

Should they also have the ability to hear our phone calls, look at our emails or see what we're up to on social networking sites for no reason?

Absolutely not.

In no way am I saying we need to let our guard down completely because there are awful people in the world who mean to do us harm. We can, however, prevent potential terrorists from carrying out their heinous acts without completely eroding our freedom in the process.

I support Obama, voted for him twice and spent much of 2008 working on his campaign, but I can say without a doubt in my mind that one of his biggest disappointments has been his inability to end the Bush-era blunders that dogged this country for longer than a decade.

The government is perfectly capable of protecting our nation against all enemies — foreign or domestic — without any of us having to live in fear of having our own freedom compromised by overzealous bureaucrats. Obama's reforms are a start, but this needed to happen years ago.

Joel Mendelson is a UF graduate student in political campaigning. His columns appear on Mondays.

## UWire

## Paid posts waste of money

Facebook was founded 10 years ago. It's no surprise the social platform has undergone many changes while it has been around. Although it looks different now, the key idea is the same: connecting with friends. Now add businesses into the mix.

Rather than seeing every single post from every single friend, Facebook filters your news feed based on your recent interactions with its latest algorithm. For \$6.99, you can pay Facebook to promote your personal posts.

A post to your personal page initially goes out to a small fraction of your friends. If they like the post and interact with it, more friends will see it. Over time, friends and pages you no longer interact with disappear from your news feed. For those with more than 1,000 friends, there has to be some sort of filtering. Otherwise, it would be too overwhelming.

"Facebook fades friends out the same way we do," said Jeanette Rivera, a public relations senior. "Eventually, if we see them in person, that's when those personal interactions come into place. You become interested in seeing that person's profile, and they come back into your news feed."

It's not that no one cares about the posts you share. It's probably just that no one has seen it or interacted with your post. The most popular posts seem to be photos, funny articles and memes.

"I use Facebook for student organizations to advertise our meetings, to read and share articles and to connect with my friends," Rivera said.

Advertising has always been prevalent on Facebook. What started as a social network has now moved toward a profitable business model.

"I started noticing the change in the past two years when Facebook started becoming a more strategic marketing outlet instead of a social outlet," Rivera said. "I feel that Twitter and Instagram fill that void now."

**Gemrick  
Curtom**  
UWire

When it comes to posts about her personal social life, Rivera said she would not pay to promote them.

I asked a few students if they thought Facebook would still be relevant in five years. The answers were mixed.

Some reactions were a definite 'no' and went as far as to hail Facebook as "the next Myspace."

Others, however, seem to still have faith in Facebook. As social media continues to change and adapt to people's needs, Facebook could still be a contender in the ring.

"It will remain relevant as long as they continue to buy out their competitors," said Raven Hurst, a communication media production senior.

Facebook has been around for a decade, but could it last another?

By controlling the content that Facebook users can see, Facebook can potentially force users' hands to pay for a greater organic reach. The lines between content creator and advertiser are blurred, and everyone becomes an 'advertisement' commercializing their social life.

Rivera explained that she did not initially "like" BuzzFeed on Facebook. After many of her friends shared content from BuzzFeed, it eventually became a suggestion in her Timeline, urging her to like the page.

No one clicks on the ads in the sidebar, but now that advertising has immersed itself into our Timelines, Facebook found a way to commercialize our content.

Who would pay to promote a photo of the croissant they had for breakfast this morning?

I probably wouldn't pay to promote any of my content.

I believe if my content is good in quality and people enjoy it, it pays for itself.

It really depends on what you utilize Facebook for.

Gemrick Curtom is a writer for *The Daily Cougar*. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

## Letter to the Editor

### Slate for Swamp Party

Dear University of Florida students,

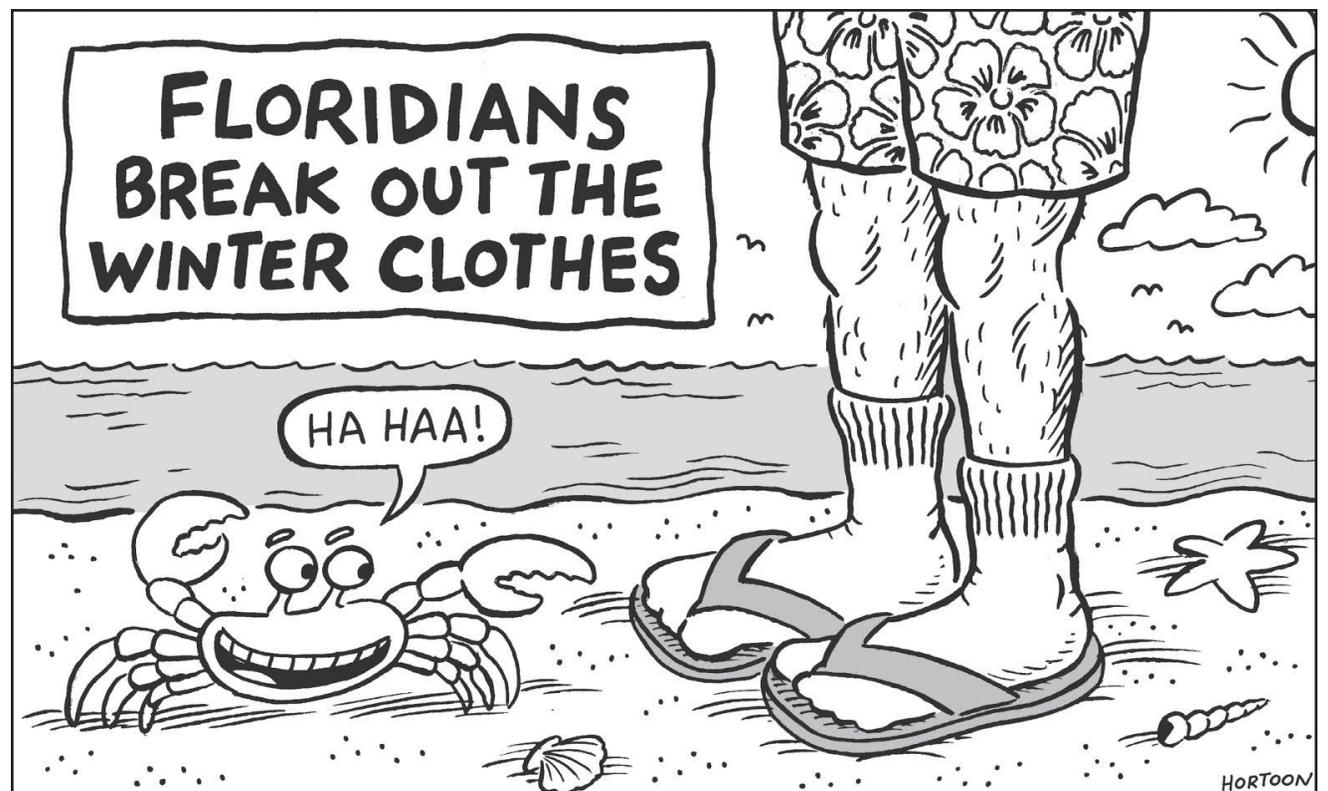
My name is Agassy Rodriguez, and I serve as the Swamp Party President. I am truly excited to represent the party this semester, as I have been involved with the Swamp Party since its inception in Fall 2012. I cannot wait to see how the party will continue growing this semester.

Student Government elections are here once again, but what does that even mean really? It means that you will have a chance to become involved with one of the largest student governments in the country and represent students from across the campus.

If you are a student who wants to make a difference in the issues facing our campus, then come slate for Swamp Party for a chance to campaign for your very own Senate seat! The slating process consists of interviewing with the party you are interested in to be selected as a candidate for the area you hope to represent.

Why should you choose to slate for Swamp Party? Simple: We are the most experienced leaders in SG and we have the passion to enact change on our campus. We are a diverse collection of leaders from across campus that are dedicated to enhancing your student experience at UF. To find out more information about Swamp Party, visit [swamppartyuf.com](http://swamppartyuf.com).

Agassy Rodriguez  
Swamp Party President



# Gators fans pile in O'Connell Center for Pack the Dome

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Fans who packed into the Stephen C. O'Connell Center this weekend had a little less leg room than usual.

The University Athletic Association surpassed its goal for its Pack the Dome weekend, welcoming more than 26,000 fans into the stadium for four sporting events — about 1,000 spectators more than the campaign's target attendance.

*"I sent an email out to our game day staff, and it probably had 13 bullet points of all the events we had going on."*

**Michael Ward**  
assistant director of marketing

"It was a big weekend for us," said Michael Ward, assistant director of marketing for UAA. "It seems like we always have one of these in January, these weekends that are kind of crazy for us as a marketing staff, but definitely events that we love to put on because we love the reaction on the fans' faces."

The weekend featured gymnastics on Friday; swimming and diving and men's basketball on Saturday; and women's basketball on Sunday.

To draw in crowds, the weekend included several special events and giveaways, such as the annual men's basketball T-shirt giveaway game

and a commemorative drinking glass giveaway at the gymnastics meet.

"I sent an email out to our gameday staff, and it probably had 13 bullet points of all the events we had going on," Ward said.

He said extensive planning and coordination for months in advance go into making multisport promotions run smoothly.

Austin Pleasants, an 18-year-old UF biomedical engineering freshman, said he went to all four games this weekend. He said he even camped outside overnight for front-row seats at the men's basketball game. He was at the O'Connell Center for more than 24 hours.

"At the women's basketball game today, there were a lot of people here, and a lot of them I heard talking about the Pack the Dome event," he said, "and that's why it's pretty crowded today."

Josh Beychok, an 18-year-old UF economics freshman, said promotions like this give an incentive to fans to attend sports that typically receive less attention.

"It definitely increases my likelihood of going to them, like a gymnastics (meet) or a swimming and diving (event)," he said. "I'd go either way to the basketball games, but for other events, definitely, that plays a part in it."



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## Thundering Through the Night

The No. 4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R holds its own against the competition during the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona on Sunday morning. This was the 52nd running of the legendary endurance race in Daytona Beach.

## CRIME

# Gainesville man boils over in noodles argument, later arrested

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Gainesville Police arrested a local man Saturday after police said he charged at his nephew with a knife during an argument about undercooked noodles.

Officers arrested 54-year-old Richard Vine Newton on charges of aggravated assault and domestic battery, according to an arrest report.

At about midnight at Gardenia Gardens Apartments, Newton's nephew told him the noodles

Newton made were undercooked, according to the report. Newton started screaming and shoved him in the face. Then, his nephew shoved him back and left the apartment they share.

He went to another apartment in the complex, where Newton followed him. They started arguing again, and Newton rushed toward him with the knife while making slashing motions, according to the report.

Newton's nephew was not injured and kept his distance from Newton until police arrived.

The witness who called 911 told police Newton was drinking alcohol throughout the night, according to the report.

During questioning, Newton said he had been drinking and said it can affect his demeanor. He said the argument never got physical and denied picking up the knife.

Officers found a kitchen knife behind the front door of the apartment, according to the report.

Newton was booked into the Alachua County Jail at about 2 a.m., where he remained as of press time in lieu of a \$7,500 bond.

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**Answers**

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- It was 2000.
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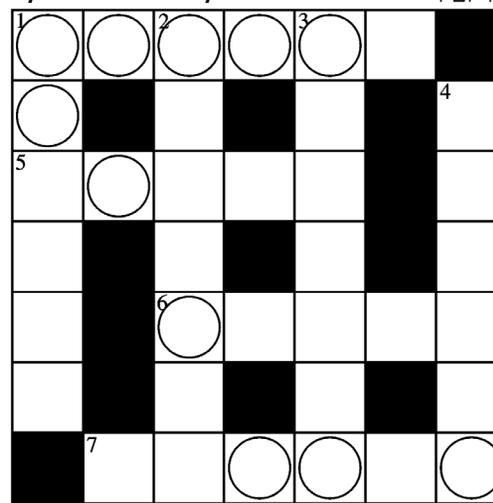
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5. Commenced	BGNAE
6. With	NOGAL
7. Estimate	KNOREC

**DOWN**

<b>CLUE</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
1. _____ system	BYAWUS
2. Thankless person	ETGARIN
3. Family members	KOLFIKN
4. _____ boat	ADORGN

**CLUE:** The "Bluegrass State" is home to lots of these.



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4 Dinner bills  
8 Defeat decisively  
14 Dean's email suffix  
15 Overlook  
16 "Respect" singer Franklin  
17 Hitchhike  
19 Rented  
20 Write back  
21 Amazement  
23 Pod fillers  
24 Out of the wind  
25 Far from being in agreement  
28 More in need of moisturizer  
30 \_\_\_ noire: dreaded thing  
31 Before today  
33 Contact lens care brand  
35 Indian prince  
39 What a pep talk is meant to do  
43 Pixieish  
44 Strong veiny cheese  
45 Chanced upon  
46 Chess corner piece  
49 Pizazz  
51 Graduation garb  
55 Quantity of 53-Down  
58 Grifter's game  
59 Diminish  
60 Prima \_\_\_: opera star  
61 Schoolchildren  
63 Time relaxing in a chalet, and where the first words of 17-, 25-, 39-, and 51-Across may appear  
66 Some nuclear trials  
67 Earth's natural satellite  
68 Archaic  
69 Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo  
70 Graph's x or y  
71 Nintendo's Super \_\_\_ console

**DOWN**  
1 Actress Messing of "Will & Grace"  
2 "I challenge you to \_\_\_!"

3 Took out, gangland-style  
4 Conservative Brit  
5 Bordeaux boyfriend  
6 Offer at Sotheby's  
7 Great bargain  
8 "Honor Thy Father" writer Gay  
9 1,000-year Eur. realm  
10 Come back into view  
11 In a total fog  
12 Use wool clippers on  
13 Owned, in the Old Testament  
18 K.C. Royal, e.g.  
22 E.B. White's "Charlotte's \_\_\_"  
25 Ball-\_\_\_hammer  
26 Normandy river  
27 Naturally lit courtyard  
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37 Had a meal  
38 FDR successor

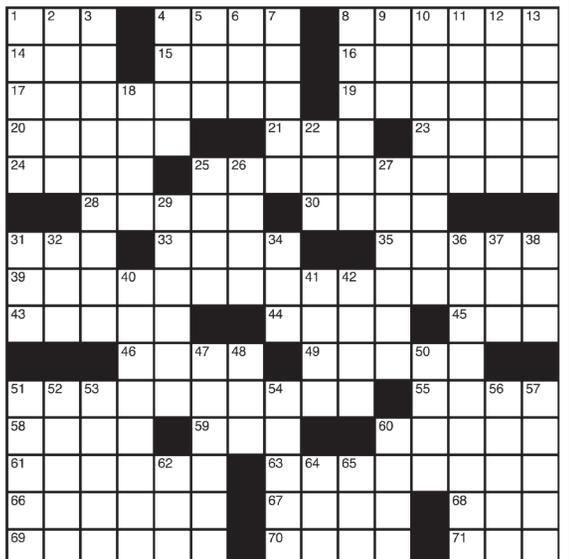
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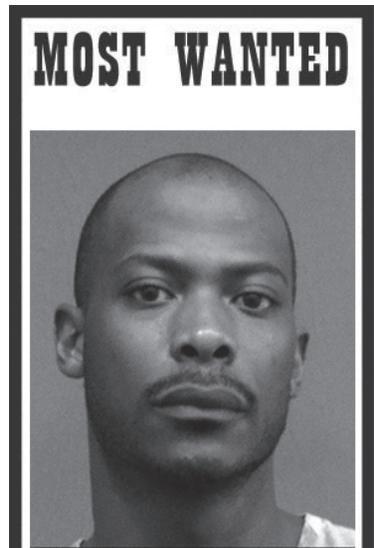
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## Florida offense finding balance during conference play

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For the first three games of the season, the Gators' offense went through Casey Prather. Nearly a third of the team's total points scored came from the senior forward.

But as the season progressed, Scottie Wilbekin was reinstated from his suspension, Michael Frazier II gained more confidence shooting the ball and the front-court came into its own with efficient play from Patric Young, Dorian Finney-Smith and Will Yeguete.

After defeating Tennessee 67-41, coach Billy Donovan said No. 6 Florida's offense is finally balancing out and using all of its weapons in its arsenal.

"We were behind in terms of these guys playing together because of suspension, injuries and a lack of cohesiveness," Donovan said.

"Right when we were going into the (Southeastern Conference), we were not utilizing our personnel to the best of our ability. It wasn't out of selfishness; it was just a lack of awareness. And I think we're getting better at that."

Wilbekin, Young and others have lifted some of the weight off Prather's shoulders in terms of scoring, and the Gators are now the only SEC team with five players averaging more than 10 points

per game.

Each one of the five has also led the team in scoring in at least one game this season.

In three of Florida's previous four games against Georgia, Ala-

bama and Tennessee, Frazier has led the charge by scoring a team-high 21, 18 and 17 points, respectively.

But on Jan. 18 at Auburn, the sophomore guard was held score-

less for the first time this season, leaving Donovan to rely on his other offensive threats to pick up the slack.

"Auburn had made a real conscious effort to take Michael Fra-

zier out of the game and Michael Frazier was 0 for 2, very, very frustrated and didn't get a lot of looks," Donovan said.

"It was one of those games where they just basically said, 'We're not giving this guy a three-point shot.'

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**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

"Like I tell our guys all the time, you don't know whose night it's going to be in terms of having a big offensive night."

Rather than let the performance of one player dictate the outcome of the game, the Gators shared the wealth against the Tigers as Prather, who had not led the team in scoring since Dec. 21 against Fresno State, jumped back on top of the leaderboard with 21 points.

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Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Michael Frazier II drives the ball down the court during Florida's 67-41 win against Tennessee on Saturday in the O'Connell Center. Frazier led the Gators with 17 points against the Volunteers.

## UF snaps losing streak

**GORDON STREISAND**

Alligator Writer

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The Gators snapped their three-game skid with authority Sunday afternoon in the O'Connell Center.

After three consecutive subpar offensive performances, Florida exploded for 87 points and a 46.8 shooting percentage in its 87-69 victory over Auburn.

Senior guard Jaterra Bonds led the way for the Gators (14-6, 4-3 Southeastern Conference), notching 18 points, six boards and five assists.

"It feels really good," Bonds said, "especially when you get an 18-point win against a team who's been very hot lately."

Bonds was perhaps most impressive from the charity stripe. As a whole, Florida was 21-for-26 from the free-throw line, compared to Auburn's 13-for-26 clip.

### UF Women's Basketball

"The key to the game was sticking to our game plan, and that was attacking the gaps," Bonds said. "We knew they were going to be big up front, so we just wanted to get it out of our hands quick and flash to the middle and attack from the corner. We just wanted to get it to the seams and make them make a play defensively."

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## GYMNASTICS

### Sloan, Hunter perfect on floor

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When Bridget Sloan finished her floor routine Friday night, a crowd of more than 10,000 fans who gathered to see Florida (3-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) compete against Georgia erupted.

Her official score was not calculated yet, but as the sophomore's floor music — "Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes — concluded, there was no rest in the O'Connell Center.

Sloan, the rest of the team and everyone in the crowd knew they had just witnessed perfection.

When the scoreboard displayed Sloan's perfect 10, the arena almost shook.

Then, the Gators did it again. Junior Kytra Hunter followed up Sloan's floor routine with another 10.

The back-to-back performances sealed the victory for the Gators, who defeated the Bulldogs (2-3, 1-1 SEC), 198.05-196.70.

"After she went and after she landed her last pass, it was just like an explosion in the O'Dome," Sloan said. "Competing together, we feed off of each other."

Florida finished its first three events (vault, uneven bars and beam) leading Georgia by 0.825.

"We started out and we didn't stick a vault, not one," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "And that's kind of what we expected."

Florida claimed overall wins in all three events except for bars, which Georgia won with a 49.600 — much to Faehn's surprise.

"Bars was a little bit of a surprise because

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Sloan



Stefani Stojic clinched two matches for UF's women's tennis team this weekend. *Read the story on page 14.*

### Gators in the Senior Bowl

Former UF football players Jon Halapio and Solomon Patton competed at the Senior Bowl on Saturday in Mobile, Ala. Patton returned a kickoff for 27 yards, and Halapio played most of the game at right guard.

### Baseball alumni day

Florida announced on Saturday that the baseball program would hold Alumni Day on Feb. 8. The festivities include a home run derby and a barbecue.

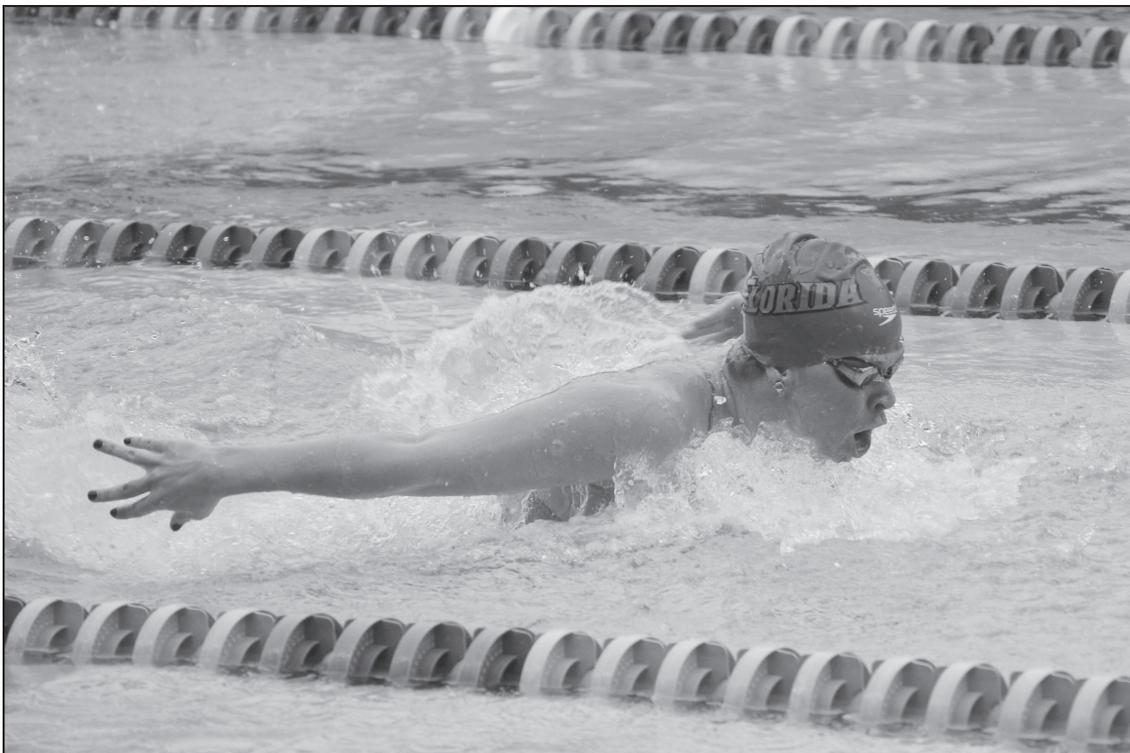


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# Weekend Wrap-up

Left: Mackenzie Caquatto performs on the uneven bars during Florida's 198.05-196.70 win over Georgia on Friday. Caquatto finished the meet third on the team with an all-around score of 39.600 against the Bulldogs.

Middle left: Elizabeth Beisel competes in the 200-yard butterfly during Florida's 173.5-124.5 win against Auburn on Saturday in the O'Connell Center. Beisel won three events in the Gators' win on Saturday, earning 27 points.



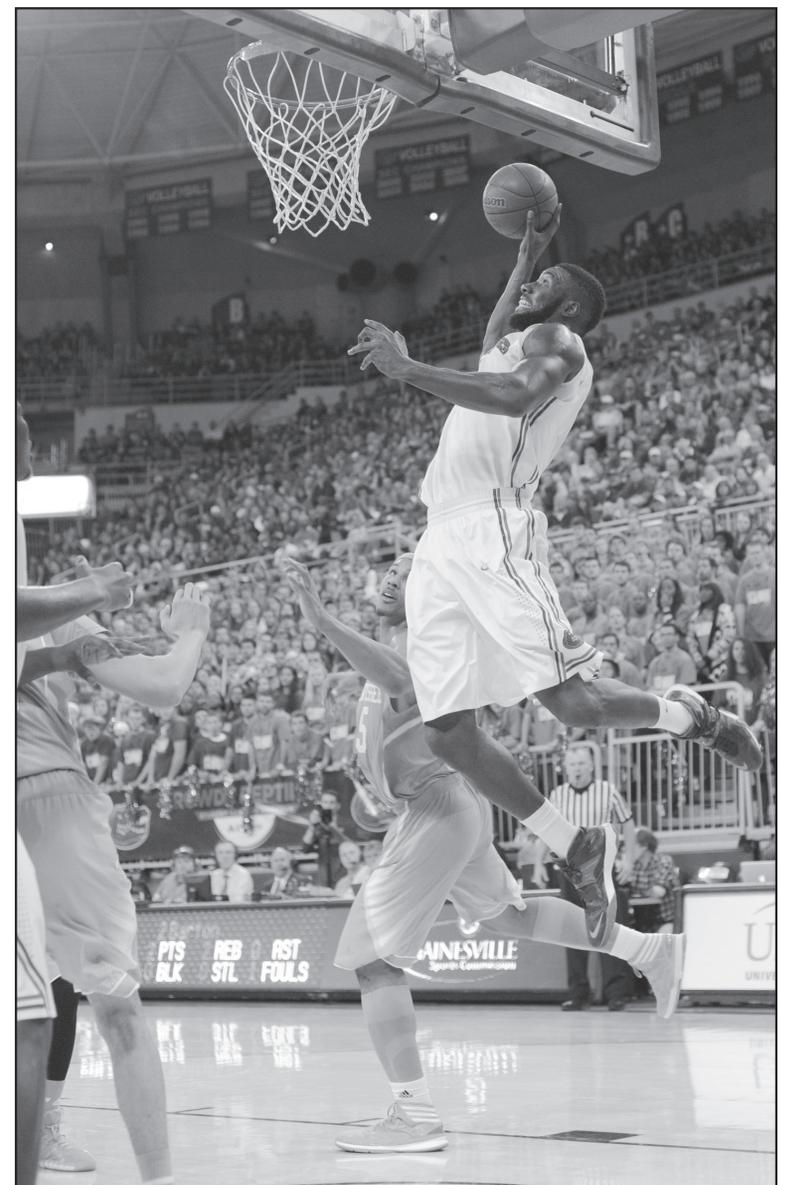
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Bottom left: Cassie Peoples evades Auburn's Cabriana Capers (35) during the Gators' 87-69 win against the Tigers on Sunday in the O'Connell Center. Peoples finished the game with 10 points and five assists against Auburn, helping snap Florida's three-game losing streak.

Below: Patric Young throws down an alley-oop during the Gators' 67-41 win against Tennessee on Saturday in the O'Connell Center. Young finished with 10 points and five rebounds in the victory, which was the Gators' 26th straight win in the O'Connell Center.



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# Freshman clinches second straight match

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Freshman Stefani Stojic has a new nickname.

"Stefani the clincher!" senior Alexandra Cercone screamed as UF celebrated its second straight win of the season.

After Sunday's match, maybe the name will stick.

Stojic won her second consecutive meet-clinching match as No. 2 Florida (2-0) shut out Harvard (1-1) 4-0 in the ITA Kickoff Weekend Championship at the Ring Tennis Complex.

"I'm very proud of her; I can't tell you the strides that she has made since we started practicing in August," coach Roland Thornqvist said. "She's very fast and she's looking to use her athleticism now when she competes, and that's going to make her very difficult to beat."

Stojic won her match 6-3, 6-3 to advance Florida to the National Team Indoor Championships in Charlottesville, Va. But before Stojic sealed the win, her teammates contributed to the shutout with dominant performances.

Freshman Kourtney Keegan and senior Sofie Oyen swept both of their singles matches in straight 6-0 sets.

"In singles, [Kourtney and Sofie] were like a choo-choo train; you couldn't stop them," Thornqvist said. "Not only were they very, very good offensively, but I thought they made very few errors on top of that."

The Keegan-Oyen tandem also teamed up in doubles for the second game in a row and won 6-4 to give UF a 1-0 lead before starting singles play.

"We played together in Vegas for the first time, and it went really well

from the start," Oyen said. "I love playing with [Kourtney]. She's so relaxed, she has such a good serve, and we have such great chemistry so that helps a lot too."

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**Roland Thornqvist**

UF coach

Oyen, Keegan and Stojic combined to score all four points for the Gators in the second meet of its back-to-back shutout. Florida's freshmen have been paramount to the team's early season success.

"[The seniors] have all kind of gone through it so they're kind of easing us into it," Stojic said.

"We've trained hard and we're doing the right things. They're showing us what we need to know about everything, so I think that's really helped us a lot."

While the freshmen have found their rhythm early, the seniors are still looking to improve their play.

Seventeenth-ranked senior Olivia Janowicz won in doubles but struggled slightly in the No. 1 spot, as did Cercone on Saturday against Louisville.

"In singles play, I think was the first time [Olivia] played one on the show court, and I think that moment got to her a little," Thornqvist said. "Maybe a little bit of that happened to Alex [on Saturday], too."

Despite a slow start from the seniors, the Gators do not lack strong play from the rest of the team. Wednesday, Florida will try to win its 127th regular-season home game in a row when UCF visits.

"We're all excited to play and we're so ready for this season," Oyen said. "I think we're going to go out there and play our best tennis again."



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Stefani Stojic swings at the ball during Florida's 4-0 win against Harvard on Sunday at the Ring Tennis Complex. Stojic clinched both of UF's wins last weekend.

# Florida knocks off TCU in home tournament

► LIPMAN WON CLINCHING MATCH.

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When Maxx Lipman entered the Ring Tennis Complex for Sunday's match against TCU, he hoped to make an impact for Florida.

After earning the match-clinching point, the freshman's hopes were more than fulfilled.

Lipman's singles victory against Jhonathan Gonzalez in straight sets (6-5(4), 6-2) clinched the match for the Gators (3-0) against TCU (1-1) 4-2 in the ITA Kickoff Championship on Sunday.

Studying his opponent and never backing down worked to Lipman's benefit as he came away with two victories.

"I really buckled down and played a really good tiebreaker, played really smart," Lipman said. "He started making a few more errors, got a little nervous, and I tried to capitalize on that."

Lipman fell into a 5-3 deficit in the first set but mounted a comeback against Gonzalez to win the set in a tiebreaker 7-4.

Coach Bryan Shelton said Lipman is a strong player to work with because he uses different skills on the court while competing. He can go heavy with his forehand and push opposing players off the court with strong volleys.

Along with sophomore Gordon Watson, Lipman earned the first doubles victory of the match to lead UF into position for the doubles point.

Redshirt sophomore Diego Hidalgo and senior Spencer Newman would go on to win their doubles match as well to seal the point for Florida.

Hidalgo and Newman won in a competitive tiebreaker 7-3 to win six games to five.

"We're very resilient," Shelton said. "We didn't close it out and a lot of teams would've put their heads down at that point."

"But I thought Spencer did a good job as the leader out there to make sure Diego kept his head high and continue to battle in the tiebreaker."

UF won three of its singles matches in straight sets.

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# Bonds leads team with 18 points, misses only one free throw in win

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The Tigers (11-9, 2-5 SEC) tried to contain Bonds but opened the door for fellow senior Lily Svete.

Svete, normally a starter, had a breakout game, registering 12 points and shooting 3-for-8 from beyond the arc coming off the bench.

"To me, it's easier to come out a little bit more relaxed, because when I start I have a lot of intensity," she said.

"As a shooter, I shoot better

when I'm more relaxed and I let things come to me. My teammates just did a great job of finding me. I ran with the offense and ran to the open spot, and they passed me the ball."

Florida not only shot the ball well, but also protected it. The Gators committed only 12 turnovers compared to the Tigers' 22, and also doubled up Auburn in steals 12-6.

"To only have 12 turnovers is one thing, but to have more assisted baskets than turnovers is a great indication that the team's playing well together," coach Amanda Butler said.

"We took care of the basketball. We neutralized the rebounding battle in the second half and also got to the free throw line. All these things contributed to beating a team that I think is very, very good."

At halftime, the Gators were leading 41-34. Midway through the second half, Florida busted the game wide open, leading by 23 at the half's midway point. Thanks to the Gators' 31-8 run in the first 10 minutes of the second half, Florida cruised to victory.

"The five that were out there just made it happen," Butler said of the run. "It wasn't necessarily like, 'OK, we got to have Jattera and we gotta have this person.' Those five just ran with it and brought

us a lot of energy. Jan (Miller) was in there and sparked the run. She went right in and attacked the basket, and right off the bat got a foul call."

*"To me, it's easier to come out a little bit more relaxed, because when I start I have a lot of intensity. As a shooter, I shoot better when I'm more relaxed and I let things come to me. My teammates just did a great job of finding me. I ran with the offense and ran to the open spot, and they passed me the ball."*

Lily Svete  
UF forward

Kayla Lewis was a significant contributor in essentially neutralizing the rebounding battle. Auburn had a significant size advantage on Florida and won the battle of the boards by 14, but Lewis' 13 rebounds were critical to keying the Gators to victory.

"This was a big win for us, no question," Butler said. "Before I even look at the film, things jump out; the way Lily shot, the big plays JT made, the rebounds Kayla grabbed, the way January played the second half.

"Everybody made plays and gave energy."



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Jattera Bonds drives the ball down the court during Florida's 87-69 win against Auburn on Sunday in the O'Connell Center. Bonds scored eight free throws as the Gators went 21-of-26 at the line on Sunday.

## Offense reducing load on Prather

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Donovan said not diversifying the offense is a recipe for failure because coaches will focus on the sole offensive scorer to shut down the team's production, as Auburn attempted to do by taking Frazier out of the game.

When the offense ran through Prather earlier in the year, Florida struggled to find consistent scoring when its opponent would shut him out. Against Wisconsin in the second game of the season, Prather managed only 12 on the road, which led to the Gators' first loss.

Now, only 20.8 percent of the squad's scoring is from Prather. Players such as Young, who went from averaging 6.7 points per game after the first three games of the season to 10.6 following the win against Tennessee, have stepped up to create balance. Donovan said the Gators offensive attack against the Volunteers was one of the most balanced games they have had this season. Finney-Smith fell just one point shy of reaching double digits Saturday, but Florida still had four others with 10 or more points.

"You want four to six guys in double figures," Donovan said.

"I've never been a big believer of just having one guy. I just think you want to be balanced. On any given night, I want people to look at our team and say, 'Geez, this guy's had 18, this guy scored 25 and this guy's done this.'"

## Gators broke program record on floor event

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that's our best events," Faehn said. "Our athletes were a little bit frustrated."

Faehn attributes the unexpected perfect scores to a strong start on floor, beginning with Mackenzie Caquatto, who came back from an 8.40 on floor at UCLA to a 9.95 during Friday's meet. She earned an event win with her 9.95 on beam.

"Having her out there as a senior and then igniting and doing such a great routine really lit everybody else up," Faehn said.

The next Gator to continue the streak was Rachel Spicer, who had struggled on vault (9.825) and beam (9.500) earlier in the meet.

"Then Spicey went up, and that was the best floor routine I've ever seen her do," Faehn said. "Everyone just kind of caught on fire from there."

Sloan and Hunter, who tied for the all-around win with a score of 39.70, now join Caquatto as the only current members of the roster to have scored 10s in their college careers.

The Gators broke the school floor record of 49.725, previously set in 2013 at the NCAA Super Six finals, with Friday's 49.875.

"Our first meet we didn't do so hot on floor and it just goes to show you how much depth we have," Hunter said.

"I still believe that this is better than what we were last year."

The last time two Gators put up back-to-back perfect scores was March 22, 1996, when Amy Myerson and Kristen Guise scored perfect 10s on uneven bars.

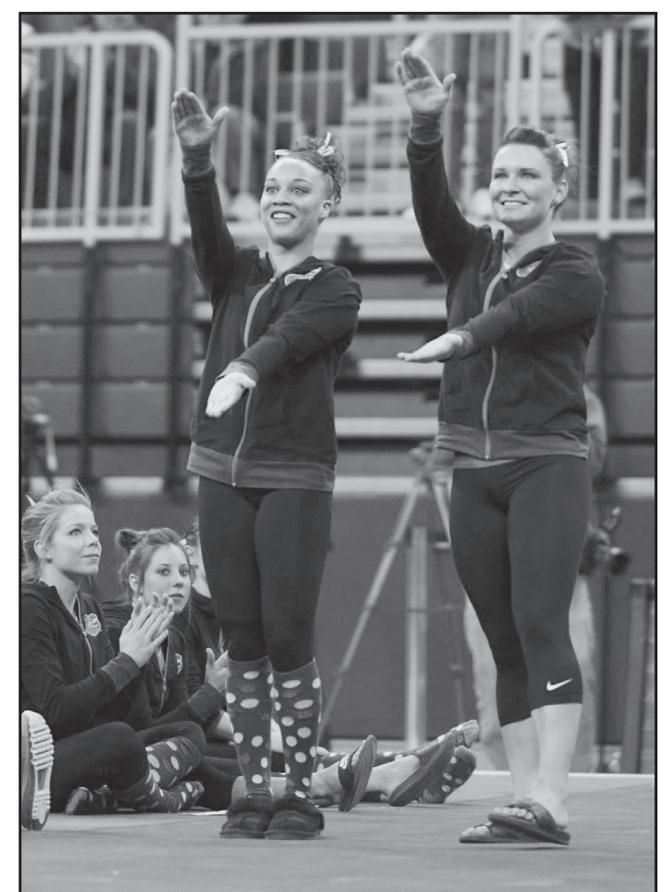
"Honestly I never would have thought I'd get a 10 on floor," Sloan said. "Floor is a good event for me, but I'm really pushing for a 10 on beam."

Although Faehn has never coached back-to-back perfect 10 scores on any event, she has coached and achieved the feat herself in her personal gymnastics career.

"When I did it the first thing I did was look to the crowd because gymnasts love to perform and to do that for every-

one in the stands," Faehn said. "I felt that [Friday night], like when Bridget and Kytra did it.

"They'll always have that memory of what it felt like to be perfect in that moment."



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Bridget Sloan and Kytra Hunter celebrate following Florida's match against Georgia on Friday in the O'Connell Center.

# UF bounces back on second day of meet

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After securing seven event victories and two meet records, the UF track and field team left the Rod McCravy Memorial in Lexington, Ky., with a better understanding of its depth.

Coach Mike Holloway felt unsatisfied after falling short of expectations in the men's distance medley relay on the opening day of competition on Friday, but he did not let the men's team dwell on the rough start. On the final day of events, the Gators had a different mindset.

The No. 2 men dominated the 800-meter dash with a first-place finish on Saturday to regain their footing.

"I was really proud of the men's 800m runners," Holloway said.

"I challenged them last night after we didn't have such a great DMR to trust our training, and they really stepped up to the plate [Saturday]."

Sean Obinwa finished in first place in the event in 1:48.20, while freshman middle-distance runner Donnie Lee Jr. logged a time of 1:51.03 in his first collegiate 800-meter race.

Sophomore Ryan Schnulle (1:49.13) finished in fifth place and freshman Andres Arroyo (1:49.22) came in sixth.

The men's team also proved worthy in the 4x400 relay as Arman Hall closed the final leg for his team.

Nick Uruburu, Hugh Graham Jr., and Ryan Schnulle all gave what their anchor needed to pull off a 3:07.20 first place finish, also a new meet record.

"Any time you can run a 3:07.20 in the men's 4x4 without Najee Glass and Detric Dukes, you're having yourself a good start," Holloway said.



Holloway

The anchor also showed up in the men's 400-meter run as Hall finished in the top spot with a time of 45.84 with teammate Graham Jr. (46.58) just behind in third place.

The No. 3 women also finished the competition strong. Sharing the spotlight of success in the women's 3,000-meter run came the one-two punch of senior Cory McGee, who finished in first place with a time of 9:18.26, and freshman Rebekah Greene, who ran a 9:18.44.

For the second consecutive meet, Eddie Lovett finished first in the men's 60-meter hurdles.

Holloway was satisfied with Lovett's performance in hurdles and McGee and Greene's work in the 3,000m.

"We take this for what it is knowing we did a great job this weekend," Holloway said. "We'll get back to Gainesville and get back to work because we have bigger fish to fry down the line."

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Florida solidifying roster for SECs

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Florida's roster was a work in progress during the Fall season, but with three weeks until the Southeastern Conference Championships, the Gators are rounding into postseason form.

The men's side lacked middle and long distance freestylers, and the breaststroke was a bit of a question mark — almost as bad as the same hole the Gator women needed to fill.

But junior Eduardo Solaache-Gomez, has made his mark in the breast events, filling the void Florida had at that position. He has the Gators' top times in both the 100- and 200-yard breast this season with the fourth-best swim

in the country for the latter event. He is a member of the 400-yard medley relay that notched an "A" cut at the Ohio State Invitational in late November — the nation's seventh-fastest time.

However, Solaache-Gomez's impact was something coach Gregg Troy had foreseen. Something the coaching staff did not see coming was the slew of school records the women's team would break this season — six — including both breast events by senior Hilda Luthersdottir.

The Icelandic Olympian emerged as the dominant breaststroker for the Gators this season, a spot that was wide open in September.

"We were tremendously fortu-

nate in the fall," Troy said. "Hilda Luthersdottir has taken her swimming to a whole new level. So where the breaststroke used to be a weak spot for us, right now, she's one of the (10) fastest in the country. It makes all our relays click."

Florida has qualified "A" cuts in all five relays.

The addition of freshman freestyler Mitch D'Arrigo gave the men solid production in the 500- and 1,000-yard free all season, but Saturday's dual meet against the Tigers saw three Gators put up national top-five times in the 1,000 free. Sophomores Ryan Rosenbaum, second, and Arthur Frayler, third, and D'Arrigo, fifth, all went under 9:05 in the event.



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Hilda Luthersdottir competes in the 100-yard breaststroke against Auburn on Saturday in the O'Connell Center. Luthersdottir is part of three relay teams that have recorded NCAA "A" times.

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