

Redshirt junior forward Kayla Lewis has led the shorthanded Gators in rebounding this season. Read the story on page 13.



Traditional students feeling effects of UF Online

Some business classes impacted

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Although UF Online is only four weeks into its first semester, on-campus students are beginning to take notice of the program's effects on their courses.

Elizabeth Phillips, the executive director of UF Online, wrote in an email that the program has 596 students. UF Online is the new, fully online four-year baccalaureate program.

"Enrollment in UF Online was very strong for its first semester," Phillips said. "Applica-

tions are also strong for Summer and Fall."

She is working on what degrees will be added to the program for Fall, but she said some majors like psychology are certain additions.

The program is going as planned, but some feel it has blurred the lines between on- and off-campus students in UF's Warrington College of Business Administration.

Students like Sean Treiser, a 19-year-old UF economics sophomore, are upset that their courses have transitioned to totally online platforms even though they're traditional stu-

dents.

Treiser said two of his courses are completely online with the exception of live tests, but there are many courses that don't have live testing, either.

"Enrollment in UF Online was very strong for its first semester."

Elizabeth Phillips

UF Online executive director

"Students on campus taking the course might as well be in Africa," he said.

Horace Tucker, associate director of the Heavener School of Business, said it's likely a misunderstanding that's causing the unrest.

Tucker said the business college operated with online classes long before UF Online began — but there are two key differences.

One, he said, is that the Florida bill creating UF Online states courses shared between the program and on-campus students can no longer have "live sections." The college has redubbed them "live lectures" and made the time and location available to students. Space is limited, but it was for live sections, too.

"If they construct their schedules carefully, they can still go to class," Tucker said.

The other change is that professors' academic freedoms now extend to how much content they want to put online. Before, pro-

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Henna is Happening

Emana Sheikh, a UF nutrition sophomore, gives a student a Henna tattoo on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday afternoon.

NATIONAL

State of the Union addresses student, business opportunities

STAFF REPORT

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President Barack Obama outlined plans to enable startup companies to grow and extend more opportunities to hardworking college students.

The state of the union is strong, he said.

One of the major contributors to this strength, he said, is that Congress agreed on a new budget that leaves more room for funding priorities like education.

"The budget compromise should leave us freer to focus on creating new jobs, not creating new crises," Obama said.

He cited a White House-organized College Opportunity Summit that garnered commitments from 150 universities, businesses and nonprofits to "reduce inequality in access to higher education — and help every hardworking kid go to college and succeed when they get to campus."

As an example, Obama said his adminis-

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No snow for Gainesville despite cold

► SLEET IS POSSIBLE.

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While the Seminoles are enjoying a rare snow day and canceled classes, Gators will be slogging through possible freezing rain and sleet.

As temperatures dip to near and below freezing, the addition of rain to the mix makes some question if students will soon be building snowmen in the swamp, but WRUF chief meteorologist Jeff Huffman said there is no possibility of snow in Gainesville.

"There never has been a chance with this storm system in Gainesville," he said.

"There never has been a chance (of snow) with this storm system in Gainesville."

Jeff Huffman

WRUF chief meteorologist

However, from midnight to 6 a.m. on Thursday, there will be a chance of sleet and freezing rain.

Sleet is frozen rain falling to the ground as ice pellets, and freezing rain is precipitation that freezes upon contact with

the ground, leaving a glaze of ice.

Today's temperatures will be in the 30s with a windchill dropping below freezing, Huffman said.

Although local media outlets reported flurries near Gainesville in 2010, the last recorded snowfall in Gainesville was in 1989, according to wunderground.com.

Stanley Yoder, a 19-year-old UF nursing sophomore, said he's going to turn on the heat and break out the blankets in preparation for the cold weather.

"I'm definitely gonna be bundling up," Yoder said.

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Taste of Tikkun Olam

Come to Turlington Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today for a free snack relating to this week's Torah portion. Come learn about the stories and enjoy a tasty treat. For more information, contact Melissa at Melissa@ufhillel.org, or visit the Hillel calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal.

Mystery scavenger hunt

Scooby Dooby Doo, where are you? In the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. Come to RUB Entertainment's Scooby Doo Mystery Night today at 8 p.m. Solve a mystery, play some cool games and create crafts.

Food sovereignty symposium

UF's Center for Latin American Studies will host a one-day symposium Thursday with organizations affiliated with La Vía Campesina on Food Sovereignty: A Dialogue on an Alternative Future. The symposium will be held in Smathers Library from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Gay Movie Night

The Pride Community Center of North Central Florida will show "The Falls: Testament of Love" Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of snacks.

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 at 6:30 p.m. to find out more info on our upcoming volunteer opportunities. We proudly require no dues. Visit gators4hh.com, or contact us at gators4hh@gmail.com.

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 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 Life 5K

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

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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. This is a great opportunity to get more involved in the global health community and obtain leadership experience in international health. Find out more about the Global Health Case Competition and opportunities for involvement at by emailing 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 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.

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 Sunday 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 Gainesville community. For more registration information, go to the event's Facebook page, or email ASPOperationHeart@gmail.com.

Yulee Railroad Days vendor applications open

Entertainers and vendors of handmade arts and crafts: Welcome to the annual Yulee Railroad Days, which will be held March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information about applying to the festival, visit sites.google.com/site/archerhistoricalsociety/home. The event is sponsored by Archer Historical Society Inc.

Weekly Wellness Walk

Burn calories, get healthier and meet new people by joining the Weekly Wellness Walk at the Santa Fe College

track on South Road near the baseball field. We'll meet at 8 a.m. on Saturdays for the next seven weeks. There is no cost to participate and no age limit. We will start off with some aerobic and stretching exercises, a bottle of water and a few health tips. Call 352-870-9100 for additional information. The event is sponsored by the Alachua County Medical Society and Alachua County Medical Alliance.

Backyard Birding Tour tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Alachua Audubon Society's Backyard Birding Tour. It will be held Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited at 4212 NW 16th Ave. At the event, six of Gainesville's premier backyard birding habitats will be open to the public. Local experts will be available at each site to discuss their successes in landscape, hardscape, water features and feeding tips, which attract a variety of birds to their backyards. This event occurs during winter to coincide with the arrival of migratory species of birds.

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Senate speakers talk Supreme Court justice appointments

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Speakers at Student Senate on Tuesday raised questions about the procedure by which justices are appointed to UF's Supreme Court.

In addition to the Senate's votes to pass a resolution, two funding

bills and a Senator Accountability Act, it also unanimously appointed Brianne Lewis as its new Supreme Court justice.

Public debate opened when multiple senators yielded their speaking time to two UF law students, who received five minutes to discuss their opinions on the justice appointment process. The

UF Supreme Court's main function is to ensure the checks and balances are in place for executive and legislative branches, according to the Student Government website.

Alex Paez and Aubrey Burris, UF Levin College of Law students who said they were interested in being appointed for Supreme

Court justice, addressed the Senate about their experiences with the appointment process.

Burris said that even though the judicial branch is comprised entirely of law students, she is certain most of them aren't aware of the branch.

"I am confident in stating that the overwhelming majority of law students don't even know that this exists, let alone its importance or how it functions," she said.

Burris said in her speech that despite her efforts to learn about how the appointment process works, she did not receive any responses that were beneficial and was never informed of the process.

"The judicial branch remains an enigma of appointment with no set process of application and not even a hint as to when that process would occur for law students to be on the board," she said. "Transparency in this process ... would only serve to provide you with the most qualified and interested students."

Minority leader Sen. Michael Christ said the two students were interested in applying for appointment, but their efforts to communicate with Student Body President Christina Bonarrigo, who handles those appointments, went unanswered.

"They wanted to come and speak and voice their concerns with how the process is conduct-

ed," he said. "They felt, and I feel as well, that in order to get the best-qualified-possible applicants, it should be made well known to the entire law school."

Reached later for comment, Bonarrigo said, "We appreciate the two students' feedback and will look into our procedures."

According to the SG website, each justice is appointed by the president and then confirmed by the Senate. These justices remain in office until they graduate.

Lewis, who was appointed a Supreme Court justice, has served as vice president of membership for Florida Blue Key and director of creative for Gator Growl. She is due to graduate in May.



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Alex Paez and Aubrey Burris speak about transparency issues when applying to be appointed as a UF Supreme Court justice at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday night.

Passed legislation from Tuesday night's Senate meeting:

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2014-1008 Senator Accountability Act

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2014-1009 Resolution Honoring Human Trafficking Awareness Day

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2014-1010 Funding for the Nepalese Student Association

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2014-1011 Funding for the Undergraduate Consulting Club

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Negotiations between union, city stall over RTS wages

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Negotiations are over.

After months of bargaining with the City of Gainesville to improve pay for Regional Transit System workers, the group protecting bus employees, Amalgamated Transit Union, declared an impasse at the latest city hall proceedings Tuesday afternoon.

Negotiations started in October, but after about an hour of discussing contract proposals, the union refused to accept the city's proposed 1.5 percent pay increase.

Mary Frances Folz Donahue, president of Gainesville's ATU chapter, said she was disappointed with the outcome.

"Today they clarified that they're abso-

lutely opposed to any sort of pay progression," she said. "This is a continuation of this failed policy of keeping wages really low."

The union was fighting to get pay progression in the contract, Donahue said. She said the highest pay an RTS driver can make is \$16.92 per hour, but the majority are making in the \$12 to \$13 range.

"You have people that have been there for 15 years not making top pay," she said.

According to calculations made by ATU, the average top pay of fixed-rate transit operators in Florida and Georgia is an hourly wage of \$17.96. RTS wages fall at the bottom of those calculations.

Local activist Jeremiah Tattersall said the city needs to consider the numbers.

"Now we have the unfortunate title of worst-compensated transit operators in Florida and Georgia," Tattersall said.

The city offered the 1.5 percent pay increase for all city workers, but Tattersall said RTS deserves reconsideration because unattractive wages are repelling employees.

"Today they clarified that they're absolutely opposed to any sort of pay progression. This is a continuation of this failed policy of keeping wages really low."

Mary Frances Folz Donahue

Gainesville's ATU chapter president

"Other city workers don't have a recruitment problem," he said. "They don't have a retention problem like RTS."

As a result of the deadlock, Donahue said a third party appointed by the state will look at both sides and present its findings. However, the City Commission will ultimately make the decision after looking at the new information.

Gainesville's ATU chapter has about 100 dues-paying members, but represents more than 200 workers, Donahue said.

Before the negotiations, Donahue and Tattersall, joined by about 10 unionists, RTS workers and UF students, stood at City Hall holding signs for the cause.

"We're here because we're betting on Gainesville," Donahue said. "The other side is betting on a recession."

UF student Eric Brown, a lead organizer for Students for a Democratic Society, stood alongside the unionists outside city hall. The 20-year-old political science junior said it was only natural to come out and support RTS workers.

"It's easy because basically we see bus drivers as a key part of our UF experience," Brown said.

RTS spokesman Chip Skinner declined to comment after the meeting.

CAMPUS

Gator Dining continues text-to-win Dr Pepper scholarship

MEGAN KELLY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students have an opportunity to win a scholarship just by texting a number.

This is Gator Dining's second year conducting the text-to-win campaign with Dr Pepper, said Jill Rodriguez, the marketing program manager of Gator Dining Services.

Four students will be awarded scholarships totaling \$7,000 with three \$1,000 winners and one

\$4,000 winner.

A winner will be announced each month during the Spring semester.

The January winner has already been contacted and will be announced Thursday evening at the Gator Corner Dining Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

Michael Everette, a 19-year-old UF electrical engineering sophomore, won the Dr Pepper tuition scholarship giveaway last year.

Everette saw an email from

"I was jumping up and down, I had never won something like that before. I'm not the type of person to win raffles or giveaways."

Katherine Arellano

20-year-old UF public relations sophomore

Gator Dining Services advertising the giveaway and texted to enter the competition. In late April, he received a call saying he had won the \$4,000 scholarship.

"It has been nice having some extra cash and not taking out as many loans," Everette said.

Katherine Arellano, a 20-year-old UF public relations sophomore, won the giveaway last February.

Unlike Everette, Arellano knew she could enter the competition multiple times.

"I believe the reason I won was that I literally texted that number every single day," Arellano said.

Winning the scholarship was an exciting experience for Arellano.

"I was jumping up and down, I had never won something like that before," Arellano said. "I'm not the type of person to win raffles or giveaways."

Arellano put the money she won aside for her summer study abroad trip to London and Paris with the UF's College of Journalism and Communications.

"It was definitely a self-esteem booster to have the opportunity to win something like a scholarship," Arellano said.

UF students split on Obama's speech

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tration has given more loans to small business owners in the past five years than any other administration.

"The best measure of opportunity is access to a good job," he said.

He additionally urged businesses to raise the wages they pay employees. He said he plans

to sign an executive order "requiring federal contractors to pay their federally funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour." He hopes other employers will follow his lead and "give America a raise."

UF College Democrats President Lauren Nikoloff, 20, said after a watch party in the Reitz Union Auditorium that organization members looked forward

to the wage increases as well as Obama's intent to equalize women's rights in the workplace.

The political science and economics junior also said she's anticipating the president's plan to increase opportunities for low-income college students, especially with his initiative to lay a strong foundation during K-12 education.

"He's working hard to make sure every American has opportunities to advance," she said.

Alachua County Young Republicans President Katy Melchiorre said she thought equal pay for women was an important topic, but that she didn't support Obama's particular plan.

"I don't believe we need more government regulation on my income," said the 22-year-old first-year UF law student.

She said that Obama's anecdote about a small-business owner who personally raised the minimum wage for his employees was admirable for that particular small business, but she said she didn't support his call to raise the federal minimum wage.

Overall, she called the speech "just another glorified campaign speech for his politics."

Webcams help proctors

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professors were limited on how many assignments they could put online for on-campus students. He said the professors now have control over whether they want all of their quizzes and tests online or if they want to host live lectures.

Although UF Online has given the college more students, Tucker said, no new faculty have been hired. There aren't enough professors to split courses for UF Online and traditional students.

Some on-campus students are also upset about ProctorU becoming a part of their online classes.

ProctorU is an online proctoring solution for tests. A company employee observes students via webcam while they take their exams.

Although the cost of ProctorU is covered by the university for online students, on-campus students have to pay the difference, which changes for each class.

Amanda Jackson, a 21-year-old UF telecommunications junior, has already taken two exams through ProctorU.

Jackson held up her webcam and turned it in a circle for the proctor to check her room for textbooks or notes. She also had to show the proctor two types of photo identification and hold up a mirror so he could see her laptop screen.

"I didn't like having to go through all that," she said.

Tucker said it's also a professor's decision to use ProctorU or have live tests. He said online proctoring is similar to proctoring in a classroom.

"When you're on campus taking an exam there are eyes on you all the time," he said. "With ProctorU, it's just through a webcam."

Tawnya Means, director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Warrington, said that the business college's fluid course structure is due to its transition from Sakai to the new online platform Canvas.

Means said all 22 courses for the college's online bachelor's degree will be transferred to Canvas by Spring 2015.

"It's a little bit of a bumpy road while we transition," she said. "But in the end, life will be better for everyone."



AP Photo / Charles Dharapak

President Barack Obama takes the podium to give his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio sat at a table behind the president.

UF alumna starts advertisement-free Gainesville art magazine

It's funded by a thrift store

BRADLEY NORMAN

Alligator Contributing Writer

In a world where print advertising is volatile, one UF alumna is developing her own ad-free publication.

Suzette Cook, 46, released the first issue of her new publication, *Art & Soul*, this month. The publication is completely funded by proceeds from Cook's antique consignment shop Artsy Smartsy, located at 402 NW 10th Ave., a few blocks north of the Hippodrome State

Theatre.

"I knew I wanted to launch an art magazine," Cook said. "But I wanted it to be different. I'm trying to fund a magazine with a store and see if I can surpass advertising."

Cook said she wanted to avoid deadlines so she can take as much time as she wants to work on a story without pressure from advertisers.

"To think that journalism is going to be funded with ad sales," Cook said, "that's the archaic model."

Cook also uses her store and the people who shop there as catalysts for ideas and inspiration for stories, she said.

Mike Foley, a UF journalism professor, said Cook isn't the first to attempt to release an ad-free publication.

"I think she started this store to realize her dream of publishing this magazine, and I think that's terrific," Foley said.

Ad-free publication has been attempted before on a grander scale and failed, Foley said.

"The newspapers need a new model," Foley said. "The advertising makeup of the newspaper has changed drastically."

Ayana Stewart, a 20-year-old UF journalism junior and president of the Society of Pro-



Cook

fessional Journalists, said she admires what Cook is doing but questions whether it is a realistic model for all-print journalism.

"There's definitely a possibility that it could work for her if she continued to expand and fund it without advertisement, especially if that's what she's dedicated to," Stewart said.

However, she said she doesn't see a way that major publications could survive without advertisements.

"I think that on a smaller scale, it's a really cool idea," Stewart said.



Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Rain or Chime

A puddle on Turlington Plaza reflects Century Tower on Tuesday afternoon. The high for the day was 72 degrees with scattered showers.

CAMPUS

UF chosen to host law symposium

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Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Levin College of Law has been selected to host the 33rd Federalist Society National Student Symposium. It'll be the first time a student chapter outside of the top 15 law schools has hosted this event.

The Symposium is expected to attract students and alumni and help them connect and discuss top-

ics about controversies in security and freedom, according to a press release.

Devon Westhill, the senior local chapter president and chairman of the Symposium Executive Committee, said it is important for students to get involved and become educated on pressing issues.

"To understand complex and important issues such as the ones that we will discuss and debate at the

symposium regarding security, freedom, and privacy is both interesting and vital for tomorrow's leaders," he wrote in an email.

The Symposium will take place March 7 through March 8 in the Reitz Union. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for non-students.

"It's also a great opportunity to meet other law students and hear their perspective," said Jillian Pratt, a 22-year-old first-year law student.

Student-created app gets \$1.5 million in investments

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STEPHANY VASQUEZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

During his visit to the Pablo Picasso Museum in Barcelona, a UF student thought of an idea that could last for a lifetime.

Jared Kash, a 20-year-old junior studying film, advertising and anthropology, created a digital time capsule called Time Flash that is scheduled to launch Feb. 14 in the App Store. It will be available on Google Play in March.

The "time capsule" will allow users to take a picture or record a video and send it to their select group of contacts. The sender can set the date and time that friends can view it, Kash said.

"The app lets you capture and relive an epic night with your friends," he said.

For example, students may want to send posts into the future from study abroad trips or Spring Break.

"You will be able to see that someone sent you a time capsule, and we added a countdown for when you can open it," he said.

Kash was studying abroad

with the College of Journalism and Communications during Summer 2012 in Barcelona when he thought of the idea.

"I was looking at a painting of a woman at the Pablo Picasso Museum, and I felt a connection with her emotion and beauty," Kash said.

The image made him wonder how people could digitally capture moments for longer. Kash took the concept to his father, who is an entrepreneurship professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. They decided to work together to turn the idea into a reality.

Courtland McEachrane, a 21-year-old UF economics junior, has worked with Kash throughout the process, helping him promote the app on campus.

"It's just so easy to want to see it flourish and grow," McEachrane said.

The team has raised \$1.5 million through investors, Kash said. So far, he has 20 representatives at 20 universities around the country who have been promoting the launch as well.

Kash said that because he worked so hard on the app with his father, he will probably send his first post to family members.

Puppy's day out: UF Veterinary group hosts dog-wash event

► THE DOG WASH IS VALENTINE'S DAY THEMED AND WILL BE HELD FEB. 8.

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A group of UF Veterinary School Students will be spreading the love to furry friends this weekend in honor of Valentine's Day.

UF's College of Veterinary Medicine's nonprofit organization, Project HEAL, will be holding a Valentine's Day themed dog wash on Feb. 8 at the veterinary school.

"It's always fun to have a party with a theme at the dog

wash," said Cameron Biggs, president of Project HEAL and second-year student at UF's veterinary school.

A donation of \$5 will get dogs a bath, nail trimming and ear cleaning.

Steven Bingert, vice president and treasurer for Project HEAL and second-year graduate student at UF's veterinary school, said turnout for the dog washes last semester was great.

"There may not have been 200 people," he said, "but there was definitely 200-plus dogs there."

All donations will be used to fund Project HEAL's annual trip to Ecuador, where members care for animals in underprivileged communities.

"There may not have been 200 people. But there was definitely 200-plus dogs there."

Cameron Biggs
president of Project HEAL

Last year, members performed about 60 surgeries and more than 200 vaccinations, Bingert said.

Students like Biggs and Bingert, who have yet to go on the trip, said they're looking forward to experiencing the passion of the locals for their pets.

"They really love their animals," Biggs said. "They'll get there at 7 in the morning and wait for as long as they have to. They're really grateful."

Editorial

Money talks: Americans want female leads

In 2013, female-driven films killed in the box office. TIME magazine reported that movies released last year passing the Bechdel test made \$1.55 billion more than movies that didn't. The Bechdel test, for those of you who aren't fans of the "Dykes to Watch Out For" comic strip, is a standard that works of fiction are held to in order to determine gender bias. Films, books, TV shows and other forms of entertainment pass the Bechdel test if they contain two or more named female characters, the female characters speak to one another, and their conversations are about something other than men or relationships.

In general, a shockingly low number of films pass the Bechdel test. A running list of these movies is updated on bechdeltest.com. Even though Bechdel test-approved movies in 2013 brought in some serious cash at the box office — think "Catching Fire," "American Hustle" and "Frozen" — they accounted for only 36 percent of the top 50 highest-grossing movies.

The "if you build it, they will come" principle counts when it comes to women-driven movies. It's clear that there's a demand from the public for female action stars, comedians and dramatic actors. Then why are so few movies immune to gender bias?

The sad reality is that even in 2013, most major Hollywood studios — and most TV networks — rely on tired stereotypes when crafting female characters. Although news outlets are quick to tout the successes of movies showcasing deep, witty female characters, 36 percent isn't nearly enough.

Furthermore, the Bechdel test isn't exactly the be-all, end-all standard we should be holding the entertainment industry to; it's merely a jumping-off point. It's not enough to ask for a minimum of two characters who briefly have conversations that don't revolve around the ever-present "him." Hollywood needs films with female stars who reflect women in real life, and women in real life don't concoct zany plans to trap men or stand idly by while male superheroes save the world. For example, this year the buddy cop flick "The Heat" was a high-grossing film that passed the Bechdel test, but its success was purely commercial. Rotten Tomatoes gave it just a 66 percent rating, and The New Yorker and the Village Voice gave it poor reviews.

The future looks bright for 2014, however. Highly anticipated films such as "Divergent," "Veronica Mars," "Maleficent" and "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part I" represent some serious strides forward in the film industry's women problem. Sales last year showed that audiences want to see female characters on screen getting their hands dirty and fighting evil — with or without a Prince Charming. Money talks, as they say, and perhaps Hollywood execs are finally beginning to listen.

Reader response

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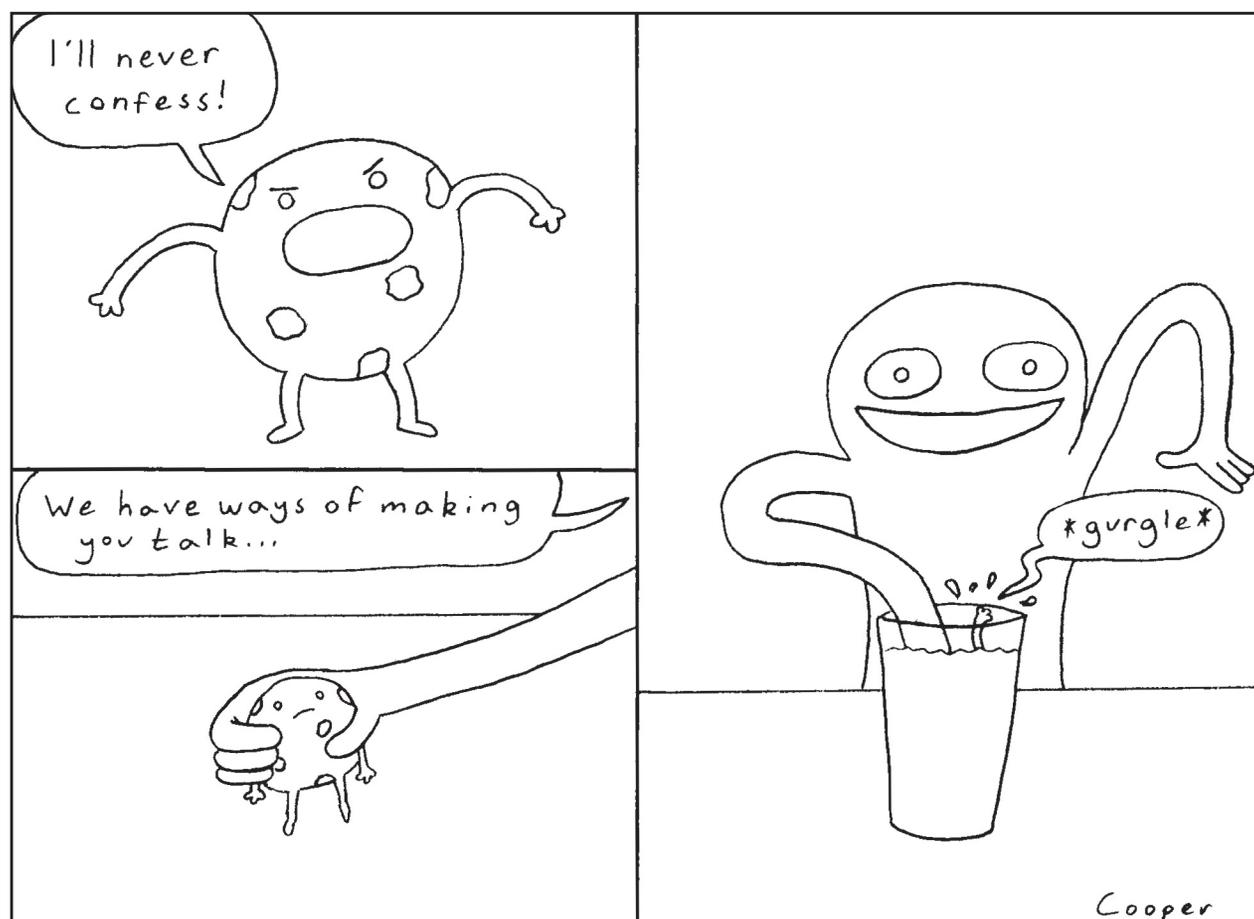
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Column

Football and the concussion paradox

Right now, the big buzzword for the NFL is "concussion." It's hard not to hear about it. Ever since the book and documentary "League of Denial" entered into the sports media arena, concerns for player safety and head-related injuries intensified. The word is in the back of every fan's, coach's and player's mind. I challenge you to find a game where the word "concussion" has not been brought up by the play-by-play or color commentator.

When the Chiefs took on the Colts in the first week of the playoffs, the Chiefs' star running back Jamaal Charles remained on the ground, motionless, during an opening drive play. After a few uneasy moments, the training staff checked him out. The result: concussion.

When the Saints played the Eagles, a Saints cornerback tried to lay a punishing hit on an Eagles wide receiver, only to have induced a concussion himself.

Fast forward a week to when the Saints took on the Seahawks. Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin passed a concussion test after a hard illegal hit by a Saints safety. Later in the game, he slammed his head on the ground trying unsuccessfully to catch a touchdown pass — concussion. This time, he remained on the sideline for the rest of the game.

Forget hearing about players getting concussions. We can see it happen every game.

This season in particular, many NFL watchers — myself included — saw the league through a different lens. It was hard not to see or read about a former player talking about his debilitating health condition and deteriorating mental capabilities because of his once-grand football career. And when you're in the stands watching the games, you begin to worry about it yourself.

I sat in amazement watching player after player struggling to pick himself off the ground, staggering off to the sidelines, then tripping over himself and falling back down after a play is whistled dead. In the not-



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so-distant past, some players would sit on the sidelines after such an act and get back on the field a few plays later. Yes, the league has taken steps to making the game safer. It changed the rules about how a player can tackle, prevents hits on the quarterback, and such. But fans

are still amazed at the amount of head injuries players take.

In the postseason, it is a completely different game. Whether you think NFL players lack passion for the game, you play to win when you are in the playoffs — emphasis on the word "play." Regardless if you will regret going back on the field after a bone-crushing hit or hitting your head hard on the turf, you want to play in some of the biggest games of your career. Nothing, not even concerns of concussions, will get in your way.

Despite the concussion scrutiny, football remains the most popular game in the country. Though we balk at admitting it, we watch the game for the big hits. We want to see two grown men hurdle themselves at each other at top speed. We want to hear the crowd cheer in unison after a fullback runs over a linebacker for the game-winning touchdown.

We fans live in this paradox: We advocate player safety yet complain about the "wussification" of the game. But the players too live in a paradox — they want to hit and play hard, yet they want to be immune from injury in later life. Concussions will be a problem for the league and its public relations team for years to come. Until this problem is solved for good, we have to accept this unfortunate reality.

Michael Beato is a UF economics sophomore. His columns appear on Wednesdays.

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

Column

America must end gun-control taboo

Last week in Virginia, a group of gun-control activists planned to hold a rally at the Virginia State Capitol. The protesters were turned away by Capitol Police, who informed them that the sticks on the American flags that they carried were forbidden inside the building because they could be considered weapons.

Meanwhile, another group of visitors to the Capitol walked swiftly and freely through the doorway. This group was made up of members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League and other pro-gun activist organizations.

The pro-gun citizens were visiting the Capitol as part of a Guns Save Lives event. According to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, about half of the pro-gun group was armed with weapons ranging from handguns to assault rifles.

This incident is illustrative of the hallowed, almost divine status of firearms in American society. Groups like the National Rifle Association have worked tirelessly to promote the image of the responsible gun owner as the ideal patriotic American citizen.

After the tragic killing of 20 children and six teachers on Dec. 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Mass., NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre immediately announced the organization's wholehearted opposition to any potential proposals for gun regulation.

Instead, LaPierre argued, the solution was to bring more guns into the mix by putting armed guards into every school in America.

"The best way to stop a bad guy with a gun," he said, is with "a good guy with a gun."

Lawmakers in Congress aligned themselves with the NRA's absolutist, anti-gun control stance and failed to pass a single new firearm regulation in the aftermath of Sandy Hook.

The fallibility of LaPierre's plan was exposed in January 2013, when an armed guard at Chatfield School in Lapeer, Mich., left his loaded gun in a school bathroom. This incident demonstrated the obvious: Even the most responsible gun owner is prone to lapses in judgment or memory. When firearms are involved, such mistakes have potentially devastating consequences.

Since the massacre at Sandy Hook, at least 194 more children have died as a result of gun violence, 127 of them in their own homes. Guns did not keep these children safe. Guns killed these children.



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One possible solution to the problem of gun deaths in American homes would be to encourage pediatricians, who are directly involved in ensuring the health of America's children, to inform parents about the importance of gun safety in the household.

Naturally, gun-rights advocates have sought to silence these vital stewards of our children's health and safety. A law passed by the Florida Legislature in 2011 could result in \$10,000 fines and other penalties for doctors who have conversations about guns with their patients. Gov. Rick Scott's administration is currently defending the law in the Florida court system.

The popularity of these dangerous and foolish laws among the pro-gun community demonstrates that the safety of children is not the advocates' primary concern.

Those who support sensible gun regulations, such as universal background checks and bans on certain kinds of assault weapons, must become much more forceful in their own advocacy if they are to have any chance of success.

Pro-life conservatives constantly rail against the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, which held that women have a constitutionally protected right to an abortion. Nearly every Republican presidential candidate in recent memory has expressed a desire to see *Roe* overturned by a more conservative Court.

What if, in a similar manner, advocates of gun regulation attacked the Court's ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, which reaffirmed the individual right to bear arms? These activists might argue that the rights outlined by the Second Amendment are not intended for individuals at all, but only apply to the "well regulated Militia" referenced in the amendment's text.

Such an effort to redefine the Second Amendment might not be ultimately successful, but it would help challenge the notion of the individual right to bear arms as a central and inarguable tenet of our society. This conversation would put political pressure on Congress to take action and help pave the way for new gun-control regulations, many of which are supported by the vast majority of the American people.

If America continues to place the gun sacred above all else, even above the safety and well-being of our children, then the shootings and the slaughter will continue unabated.

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UWire

Chromebook a worthwhile option

Whether for taking notes, writing papers or wasting time in class, it's generally accepted that a laptop is necessary for survival in the classroom.

For students who are looking for a computer that can meet all their needs without a bookstore price, Google's Chromebook may be the answer.

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Chromebooks run Google's Chrome operating system, which is essentially the Chrome web browser with a few built-in web apps. It utilizes Google Cloud, so you don't have to worry about losing your files or backing things up. You'll have to forget your grand plans of simultaneously writing 10 papers while directing U.S. military satellites from your dorm, but in this case, less is more.

All of the needs of typical students are accommodated by Google's range of productivity tools. Need to write a paper or take notes? Google Docs allows you to not only create documents, but also easily collaborate with others — an excellent tool for creating group study guides. Google's office suites include tools for creating spreadsheets and slideshows, comparable to Excel and PowerPoint.

Want to listen to music? You can buy songs through Google Play or sync your iTunes library, then listen through the Cloud. And for your typical time-wasting activities, the Chrome browser is lightweight and fast. After a few weeks of use, the battery life is still sufficient to manage a full day of classes.

However, the Chromebook does have its limitations. The Chrome OS means Mac and PC software can't be installed, and the lack of processing power makes it a no-go for students doing high-level design or editing work. But for the average student just looking for a computer to occasionally work on, the Chromebook is a cheap, cost-effective option that is definitely worth taking a look at. Just think — you'll never have to explain to the folks how your \$1200 Macbook was stolen because you didn't take the university's advice and lock it while sleeping in the library.

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UWire

Thoughts on 'Girls' from an actual girl

As a sophomore approaching her gilded 20s with no shiny career plans, I have grievances with Lena Dunham's work. A show with intentions to expose the struggle of being a girl in her 20s should have relatable characters, and the lack of a truly relatable "girl" is a gaping hole. I guess we are supposed to relate to Hannah because she calls herself "the voice of her generation," but do girls really want to relate to Hannah, a girl struggling with OCD and a boyfriend everyone calls an asshole?

A few "universal truth" lines don't make up for a character who's hard to like. And what's the point of a show with unlikable characters? Some say that the unlikable characters make the show more realistic, but I beg to differ. Are most people really as selfish and disorganized as the characters of "Girls"?

The problems I have began to surface when I watched

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"Frances Ha," a film that does all the things "Girls" tries to do.

"Frances Ha" made me realize that the problem with "Girls,"

along with the lack of likable and relatable characters, is its nature as a TV drama. Depicting the postgrad crisis in a TV show is simply cruel. It's cruel because the girls can't figure out their lives until the show is canceled. And based on its popularity, these girls aren't getting their lives together anytime soon.

Then again, does anybody actually enjoy realistic TV? No one would watch a show about graduates from a respectable university with applicable skill sets and rigid, achievable goals. People love to watch other people tumble into failure. I feel like I'm watching a stretched-out and dramatized version of my own impending doom.

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Students spellbound by Harry Potter park plans

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This summer, UF Muggles can hop aboard the Hogwarts Express for the first time in wizarding history.

Universal Orlando Resort recently announced that the Wizarding World of Harry Potter — Diagon Alley will open this summer with new Harry Potter attractions.

The second Harry Potter-themed park will connect to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter — Hogsmeade via the Hogwarts Express train. The train will take park patrons from London's King's Cross Station in Universal to Hogsmeade station in Islands of Adventure. Park-to-park admission will be required to ride the train.

The Hogwarts Express train is one of several new attractions spellbinding UF students. The new park will include Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts, where riders go on an adventure through Gringotts vaults.

Ashley McDowell, an 18-year-old UF

international studies freshman and Florida Quidditch team member, said she loved the first park and is already planning to visit the new park.

"The first time I went I cried because I was so excited. I can't wait to go on the Hogwarts Express."

Ashley McDowell

UF Quidditch team member

"The first time I went, I cried because I was so excited," McDowell said. "I can't wait to go on the Hogwarts Express."

McDowell said she believes the addition will get more people interested in the world of Harry Potter.

"It's always super exciting to be in the wizarding world," she said.

Karrie Ballis, an 18-year-old UF applied physiology and kinesiology freshman, said she hopes the park is even better than the Hogsmeade park.

"I was disappointed with the first park — it needs to be more like the books," she said. "I hope the rides will be better."

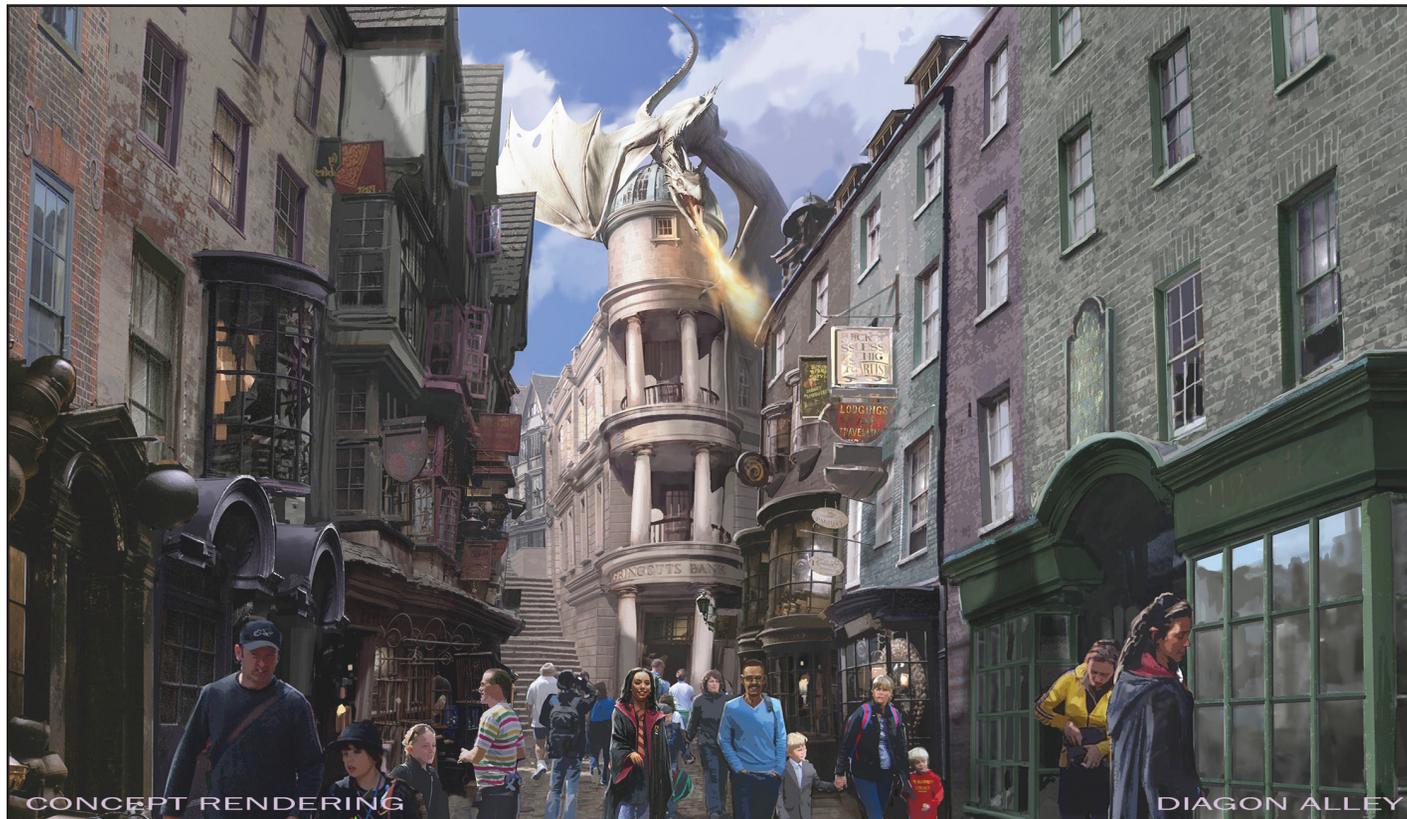
Muggles can also shop at Madam Malkin's Robes for All Occasions or seek out the Quality Quidditch Supplies shop for a more sporty wizard look.

"Hopefully the Quidditch store will get more kids excited about the actual sport of Quidditch," McDowell said.

Florida Quidditch team member Richard Crumrine, a 20-year-old UF family youth and community science junior, said he thinks the expansion will help visitors immerse themselves in the world of Harry Potter.

Crumrine said even though the books and movies are finished, he is thrilled that the legacy of Harry Potter continues with the parks.

"Our children's children who did not grow up in the era of Harry Potter will still know how much of an impact it made on our generation," he said.



Courtesy to the Alligator

Universal Orlando renderings show the Wizarding World of Harry Potter — Diagon Alley, which is scheduled to open this summer. The new section of the park will be connected via the Hogwarts Express train.

Student groups join race against breast cancer

► IT'S MARCH 23.

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Gators will join the fight against breast cancer with Gainesville's first race benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Registration for the March 23 race is open and will close March 21.

Two groups, UF's American Medical Student Association chapter and Florida Blue Key, are coordinating the event.

The race is not affiliated with the foundation, but money raised will be donated to its North Florida affiliate, said North Florida Komen Executive Director Delores Wise. Organizers couldn't host an official Race for the Cure because Alachua County doesn't have a Komen affiliate.

Race co-director Elizabeth Ortega said organizers are hoping for 1,000 people.

"I had a dream of bringing Susan G. Komen to Gainesville because I noticed it wasn't here," the 20-year-old UF biology and psychology sophomore said.

The main event is \$25 for UF and Sante Fe College students, \$20 for participants 17 and under, and \$30 for adults.

The 5K course will start on Flavet Field and circle around Lake Alice, she said.

Since the foundation drew criticism for temporarily cutting funding for Planned Parenthood, its spending habits have been criticized. But Ortega said students have responded well to the race.

Emily Hays, 19-year-old UF applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore, is participating in the Gainesville race with her mother, who's been breast-cancer free for four years.

"Because it's so well known, more people are more likely to donate and get involved," she said.

College course study site adds UF

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A free information-sharing site that provides a virtual meeting space for students taking the same college courses has made its way to UF.

ClusterFlunk.com and its founders, AJ Nelson and Joe Dallago, launched a Spring expansion to its year-old website that includes more than 52 schools, including UF.

"The medium allows students to speak to students, specifically those in the same

class," Nelson said.

The site allows students to upload and share documents in preparation for exams, as well as discuss class-related issues on a class wall.

Nelson said they chose UF due to the size of its student population.

The number of UF students enrolled on the site has reached 425, but Stephanie D'Amico, a 22-year-old UF journalism junior, is hesitant.

"I'm not against it, but I wouldn't sign up for it right now," D'Amico said.

CAMPUS

Sustainable UF aims to reduce footprints

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Students can pledge to reduce their ecological footprints this Spring with Sustainable UF.

The Office of Sustainability will be giving out free hot chocolate and reusable mugs to kick off its Spring campaign, Turn Over a New Leaf, on Turlington Plaza on Feb. 10 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The campaign encourages UF students, faculty and staff to reduce their ecological footprints in one of the largest areas of resource consumption: energy, food, transportation and waste.

"If everyone lived the lifestyle of the average American, we would need the resources of almost five planets," said Anabel Mendez, a 21-year-old UF public relations senior and intern at the Office of Sus-

tainability.

Mendez said the main goal is to help people create lifelong habits that support a more sustainable lifestyle.

Laurel Nesbit, the Office of Sustainability program assistant, said the office is encouraging students to reduce their footprints one category at a time in order to make the process more simple.

"You're going to be so overwhelmed," she said. "You'll quit at everything because it requires you to change every aspect with the way that you interact with the world."

Nesbit said the Office of Sustainability is hoping to get 1,000 people signed up for the campaign.

"We're hoping to get a lot of people signed up and actually engage in changing their behaviors,"

she said.

People can sign up to pledge on the Sustainable UF website. They will receive biweekly emails with tips on how to lower their individual footprints.

"If everyone lived the lifestyle of the average American, we would need the resources of almost five planets."

Anabel Mendez

Office of Sustainability intern

Tonty Rutinel, a 19-year-old UF microbiology and cell science junior, said he pledged to reduce his food consumption.

"I know that the biggest environmental impact on the planet is from our inefficiency in our food system," he said.

Trash to treasure: UF Surplus Warehouse repurposes goods

It saved the university \$2 million last year

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Nestled among the trees that line Radio Road sits a faded, yellow brick building and a well-kept secret.

A third of the structure is filled wall to wall with used items: printers, televisions, refrigerators and chalkboards.

It's not an antique shop or a

junk store. It's the UF Surplus Warehouse, under the administration of the Division of Finance and Accounting's Asset Management department.

Last fiscal year, the warehouse saved the university \$2 million, and with the increase in faculty hires this year, staff expects to see even more items entering and leaving the facility.

"You'd think we're the trash men, but we're actually something different," said Michael Stringer, administrative services coordinator for the warehouse. "We're trying to repurpose items — give them new life or new use. It's our passion."

The warehouse staff collects used equipment from UF's facilities to redistribute, resell or recycle

to UF buildings, faculty members and the general public.

Everything in the warehouse is recycled, from the employees' desks and computers to their filing cabinets and even cars.

The warehouse started out as a necessity 10 years ago.

University protocol requires an establishment where used or damaged goods are disposed.

Since Stringer joined the staff in 2011, the branch has saved the university millions of dollars by reusing and recycling scrap parts and listing items on online auctions.

Scrap parts have earned the university about \$75,000, and online auctions contribute an additional \$300,000, Stringer said.

Any official UF facility can give items to the warehouse. After the items are assessed to make sure they meet the safety requirements of the UF Environmental Health and Safety department, goods are sent to Stringer and his crew for sorting.

Reusable items are redistributed on the UF campus, and surplus

items are put up for auction and sold to the public.

Items that don't fall under these categories are either donated to nonprofit organizations or sold for scrap.

Gretchen Fisk, a 19-year-old UF telecommunication sophomore, said she thinks the warehouse helps campus be more sustainable.

"I think they should get the word out," she said. "Especially if the money they're saving is in the millions, I think it's a great idea."

Sherry Adams, the asset management accounting coordinator, said Stringer is a leading activist in promoting campus sustainability.

"He is very instrumental in his field," she said.

Through their efforts, Stringer and his team said they hope to help meet President Bernie Machen's goal for UF to have zero waste by 2015.

"It's hard to think long term, but we do," Adams said. "What we do here pays dividends to come, and that's what UF is all about."



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Computers and electronics fill the shelves at the UF Surplus Warehouse near the Asset Management office at 116 Elmore Hall. The warehouse saved the university \$2 million last year.

Items currently up for auction:

- 50-inch Hitachi TV — \$10
- Dell laptop — \$52.10
- 20-inch iMac — \$77
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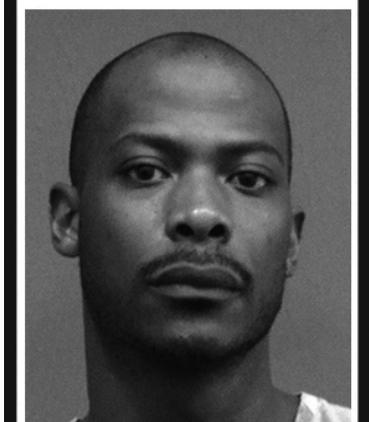
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1 Fly-by-nighter?
4 Hartford market checker's action?
10 To be, to Brutus
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17 Boise jewelry?
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20 Huffington Post piece
21 Catches on, with "up"
23 Helen Reddy's "___ Woman"
24 Signs of approval
26 Seek, as a fugitive
28 Like Mont Blanc
31 Harrisburg loudspeaker network?
35 China's Chou En-___
36 "My Fair Lady" composer
38 Piddling
39 Best of Hollywood
41 Jackson hair styles?
42 Pull an all-nighter, perhaps
43 "The Ides of March" actor Gosling
44 Grind to ___
45 Environmental prefix
46 Tulsa bull pen?
48 Lyric poems
51 New Rochelle campus
52 Agenda unit
53 Every little bit
54 Like Richard Burton, by birth
58 First name on a 1945 bomber
62 Commotion
64 Richmond medical center?
66 Start from scratch
67 Pass by
68 Spleen
69 Evangelist Roberts
70 Baton Rouge equipment?
71 Doo-wop horn

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1 Mayberry kid
2 Unites
3 Physical exam tests
4 Coloring stick
5 "Tic ___ Dough": old TV game show
6 Small diving ducks
7 City SW of Bogot-
8 Lemony drinks
9 Cager Archibald
10 Evian water
11 Broke into small, sharp pieces
12 Contest for a seat
13 Cheese in a red coat
18 Delhi royal
22 Hardly outgoing
25 Beach town NW of San Diego
27 "Semper Fi" org.
28 Last Olds model
29 Playboy
30 Rum-and-coconut drink
31 Organ part
32 Illegally off base, briefly
33 Six-line sonnet section
34 Bulletin board postings
37 Workplace protection agcy.
40 Like most Internet trolls: Abbr.
47 Unpolished
49 Eye
50 Upscale hotel chain
52 "Fingers crossed"
53 Curly hairdo
55 Stunt legend
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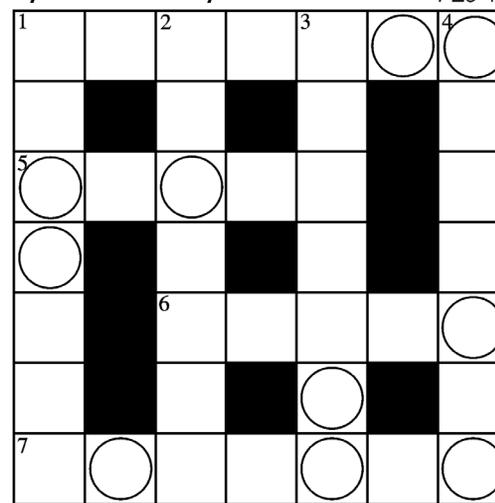
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Wiping the floor: The anatomy of Hunter, Sloan's perfect 10s

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There is more to a perfect 10 than meets the eye — which is why the Gators have accomplished the feat only 17 times in the program's 41 years of existence.

But on Friday, Bridget Sloan and Kytra Hunter made it look easy.

Sloan and Hunter's back-to-back floor performances scored perfect 10s with the judges in Florida's first home meet of the year against Georgia.

In collegiate gymnastics, the key to a strong scoring floor routine is balancing acrobatics and choreography.

There are some basics all floor routines follow. Gymnasts can choose any instrumental song, which is cut down to no more than 1:30 minutes. Each floor routine must include at least two acrobatic series, and one of those must contain two saltos or somersault. Tumbling passes, leaps and jumps are also required.

If a routine does not meet these standards, it's an automatic .10 deduction. Other deductions can come from as small of a mistake as stepping out of bounds or having a concentration pause longer than two seconds.

Within these guidelines, gymnasts are allowed more freedom than in any other event. With that freedom, Hunter and Sloan demonstrated their ability, creativity and desire to have fun.

When it comes to Sloan's routine, not much has changed. Sloan said her passes are all the same as the passes from her freshman-year floor routine, but this season, she is having more fun.

"The floor routine that I do here — it's not really all about the difficulty, but it's about showing it off," Sloan said.

"The one that I have right now, it get's the crowd into it."

This year, Sloan utilized her song choice — the White Stripes' hit "Seven Nation Army" — as a way to get the crowd involved in her performance.

Sloan's routine follows her song's lead —

it starts slowly and then builds. Sloan starts out lying down on the ground and does not stand until the 20-second mark of her 1:30-minute routine.

"When my music starts, everybody knows

that song," Sloan said. "I get this intense look and sassiness going. I think the beginning is my all-time favorite."

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Kytra Hunter performs her floor routine on Friday in the O'Connell Center. Hunter scored a perfect 10 on the routine. Her performance followed fellow UF gymnast Bridget Sloan's perfect floor routine — the first back-to-back 10s in an event for UF in almost 18 years.

Harris practicing with UF

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Since Damontre Harris re-enrolled at Florida at the start of the semester, he has so far been successful in his attempts to work his way back into coach Billy Donovan's good graces.

Donovan said Monday that Harris, who was dismissed from the team last month, has practiced with the No. 3 Gators every day in a role on the scout team imitating opposing teams' frontcourt players. The center has lifted weights and gone through individual instruction at UF's basketball facility while the team is in the midst of its Southeastern Conference slate.

Although Harris has done everything that is asked of him, Donovan reaffirmed

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the center will not play for the team this season.

"He's doing everything else everybody else is doing, except he is not on the bench during games," Donovan said.

"He is not going to play any games, but everything else he is doing right now. He's got an opportunity to salvage. It's disappointing to me; (he's) a guy that sat out an entire year to jeopardize himself like that in terms of his behavior."

Harris was originally dismissed from the Gators on Dec. 21, 2013, after not practicing with the team for about two months and being suspended for UF's

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Forward racking up boards

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The Gators are one of the smallest teams in the Southeastern Conference.

But forward Kayla Lewis helps make up for the height discrepancy by grabbing nearly any rebound she can get her hands on.

The 6-foot redshirt junior has accounted for nearly a quarter of her team's total rebounds this season — averaging a not-so-paltry 8.5 boards per contest — all the while averaging double-figures in scoring.

Lewis has shown considerable growth from last season, during which she averaged 5.5 rebounds and 7.2 points per game.

She led or tied for the team lead in rebounding 11 times last year, including NIT play. This season, Lewis has led or tied for the team lead in rebounding 12 times, and it is only halfway through the conference



Lewis

schedule.

"Kayla's always known what she's capable of being as a rebounder, and I think she's realizing it and making it happen," coach Amanda Butler said. "She loves the fact that she's smaller than most of

the people she's going up against. That's part of what fuels her, but I think the ultimate fuel for her is accepting and pursuing the fact that she can rebound in a different way than anyone else on our team can. She's got to do that for us to be effective, especially against these folks who are giving up inches — a lot of time in every position.

"She's a little bit of a flyweight, too. It's not just inches she's giving up."

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The Seattle Seahawks have cleared Percy Harvin to play in Super Bowl XLVIII. Read the story on page 16.

Florida among recruit's top four

Five-star athlete Adoree' Jackson listed Florida, LSU, UCLA and USC as his final schools via his Twitter account (@AdoreeKnows) Thursday night. Jackson plans to announce his choice on National Signing Day on Feb. 5

Tebow to host 'Good Morning America'

According to reports, former Gators quarterback Tim Tebow, currently an ESPN analyst, will co-host ABC News' "Good Morning America" on Friday.

Hunter enjoying floor exercise more this year

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Sloan's first pass may not look as difficult, but it is just as hard as Hunter's, coach Rhonda Faehn said.

She added that both first passes are considered "E," which is the highest degree of difficulty for collegiate gymnasts.

The most notable moves in Sloan's routine include a front double twist, back one-and-one-half twist to front layout and a double pike (a seated move where the gymnast is bent only at the hips).

"Her execution is near perfection," Faehn said.

"Every single time she gets up there, there's not much for the judges to deduct."

While Sloan is working on being sassy, Hunter's theme is power.

"I am powerful, so I'm worrying about not over-rotating or going too hard," Hunter said.

This year, Hunter's floor routine is set to "Damage Intended" by Gramatik, an electronic producer. Hunter has used Gramatik's "Solidified" for her sophomore-year floor routine. In 2012 and 2013, Hunter's floor routine scored as high as 9.975 each year.

As for what made the difference this year, Hunter said she's having more fun on the floor.

Her routine includes a double layout with a one-and-a-half twisting front layout into a Shushunova (a straddle jump to land in a front-lying support), as well as an open double tuck.

"Kytra has just an incredible amount of power and she's doing probably the hardest tumbling in a floor routine in collegiate gymnastics," Faehn said.

"She's combined some great artistry in there with it and her dance has really been a highlight, so I think that combination of that helped her this past weekend."

Harris will not play for Florida until 2014-15

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first 11 games — including a home exhibition — for violating team rules. At the time, Florida granted Harris permission to transfer to the school of his choice without restrictions, but the 6-foot-10 South Carolina transfer declined.

During the holiday break, Harris had a change of heart.

He felt like he had "made a big mistake," according to Donovan, and he wanted a shot to work his way back.

"Over the holidays, it was laid out pretty clear to him if he wanted to come back this is what he needed to do," Donovan said. "In doing so he was going to lose a whole year basically, and he still wanted to do it."

"His behavior and what he has been doing at least up until this point since he's

been back, since the break, has been positive."

During his redshirt season at UF, Harris dealt with multiple issues — including a torn labrum, high ankle sprain, strep throat and an arrest for failing to appear in court on a traffic violation.

Overall, he practiced about only 10-12 times.

But a year prior at South Carolina, Harris was a regular contributor for the Gamecocks.

During his sophomore season in Columbia, S.C., he started 30 games at center and averaged 6.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest. He recorded 71 blocks, which tied for second in the SEC behind Kentucky's Anthony Davis — a future No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft.

Harris could make an impact in 2014-15 for the Gators, who will lose frontcourt

players Patric Young, Casey Prather and Will Yeguete to graduation after this season ends.

But if Donovan sticks to his code, Harris will have to wait awhile to see the floor.

Donovan was asked Monday if he would bring Harris back in March if the team needed the towering center's presence in the postseason.

His response?

"It would completely devalue what our core values are here in terms of what we are trying to do each and every day," Donovan said.

"We have too many guys like Patric Young and Yeguete and Prather and those guys who have been committed for years, really working and doing the right things. And for us to all the sudden inject him back in there because he may be able to help our team — we've done fine without him."



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Damontre Harris poses at media day on Oct. 10, 2012. Harris, who left the team in December 2013, has practiced with the Gators after re-joining the team. Coach Billy Donovan said Harris will not play for Florida until next season.

Lewis helping Gators stick together

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Lewis' play on the court has improved dramatically, no question. But the role she has taken off the court has also increased from years past and has become pivotal to the team's morale.

"I just see a different demeanor, especially in Kayla," senior Jaterra Bonds said. "I've never seen her act and do some of the things she's done in my four years here. I'm proud of her. She's putting in extra work, inviting people to go shoot. It's just a new version of Kayla that I'm loving right now."

This season, Florida is 3-1 when Lewis leads the team in scoring. When she leads or ties for the team lead in rebounding, the Gators are 9-3.

In other words, when Lewis is on her game, so is the rest of her team. However, that may hinge more on her role in the locker room than her role on the floor.

"Kayla Lewis is the one who leads our prayer in the locker room before we come out," Butler said. "Part of her prayer involved us enjoying what we're doing and remembering that this is fun and this is a blessing. It was a different way of perceiving competition because it gets so heated. Every game, every possession just

matters so much and it is easy to get caught up in the negative side of your emotions sometimes."

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UF guard

Butler and her team were noticeably more jocular on the sidelines against Auburn this past Sunday than in games prior, and the pre-game prayer was most likely a significant contributor to that. Florida broke out of its three-game slump that afternoon and had one of its best offensive performances of the season.

"We wanted to stay composed," Butler said. "I think when you stay composed, you stay relaxed. It's an effective way to handle the adversity that we know is going to come, regardless of who we're playing."



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Kayla Lewis drives toward the net during Florida's win against Georgia on Jan. 19 in the O'Connell Center. Lewis has a quarter of UF's rebounds this season.

Freshman leading the way after UF's season-opening matches

Keegan won two matches

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With the ITA Kickoff Championship behind them, the No. 2 Gators' season has not been a story of experience, repetition or expected outcomes. Instead, it has been a story of freshmen and firsts.

After two straight wins, the Gators are not complaining.

"We're off to a pretty good start, I think," coach Roland Thornqvist said. "We've played pretty well, but we've shown some nerves maybe at times."

Florida got off to a solid start in its first two dual matches of the season, winning both without giving up a single point to either Louisville or Harvard.

During the weekend, seniors Alexandra Cercone and Olivia Janowicz each played at the No. 1 spot — previously reserved for former All-American Lauren Embree — for the first time in their careers. In addition, freshmen Kourtney Keegan, Stefani Stojic and Belinda Woolcock all competed in dual matches for the first time, but they played important roles on the team despite their lack of experience.

"It's different," Stojic said. "It's never happened before, but I think all of us freshmen are ready

for what's ahead of us. I think it should be good."

So far it has been, especially for Stojic.

The freshman clinched both of the Gators' matches at the ITA Kickoff, winning all four sets she played.

In addition, Keegan made a strong debut, notching straight 6-0 sets against Harvard's Amanda Lin on Sunday.

Keegan was the second Gator to wrap up her singles match, clearing the way for Stojic to seal the win.

The freshmen and the rest of the Florida squad will look to carry its two-game winning streak into its matches against UCF (1-0) today and No. 19 Baylor (6-0) on Saturday.

"You knew this week coming up, with these two matches, was going to be busy for us," Thornqvist said. "The hay is sort of in the barn for us now as far as actual work. It's more about getting your body ready, your mind ready and maybe polish up a thing or two. We're going to do some doubles, maybe play some more points."

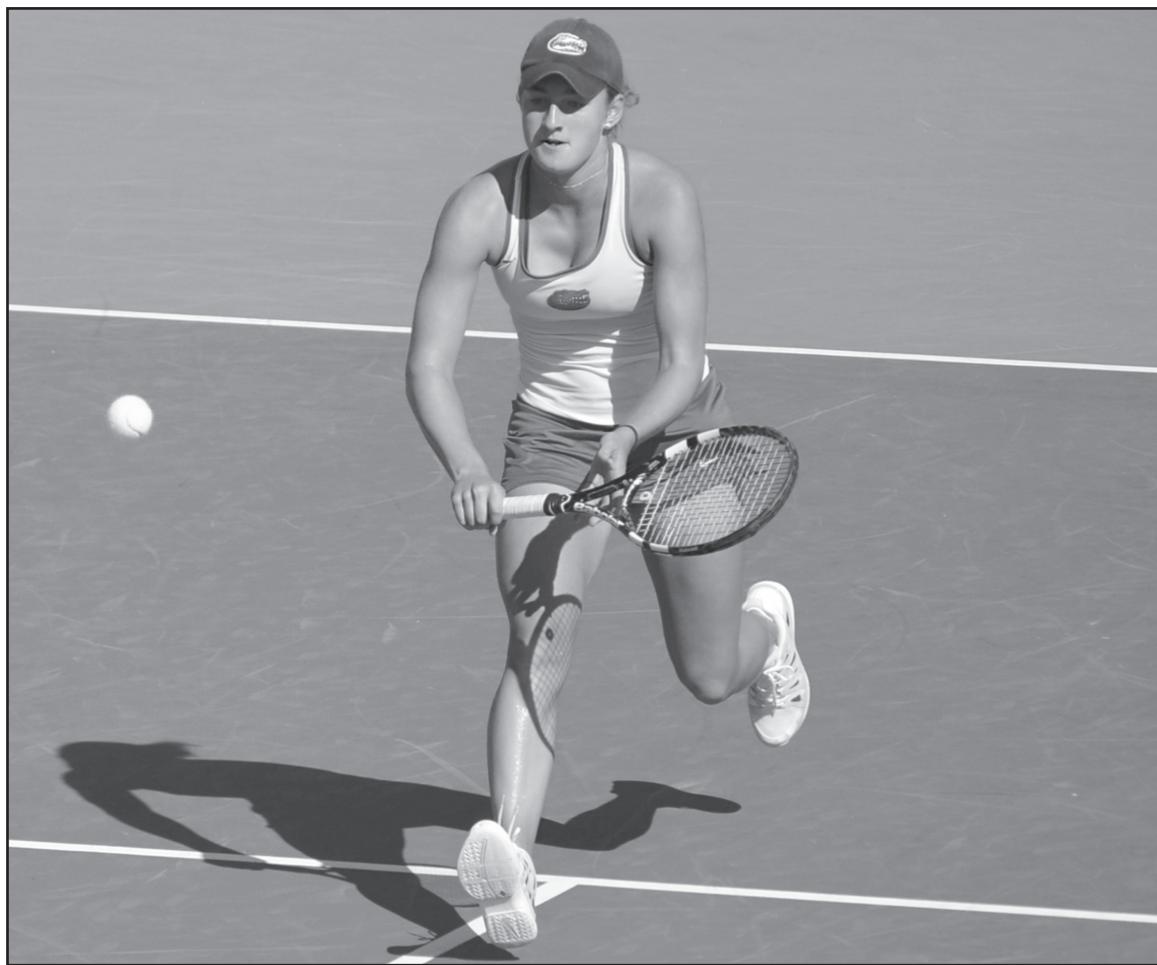
Aside from gaining experience for the freshmen, who comprise almost half the team, playing better in doubles is an important goal

for Thornqvist in the upcoming matches.

"That's always our goal," the 12th-year coach said.

Expect the Gators to continue experimenting with new pairs

in doubles when they host the Knights at 3 p.m. today at the Ring Tennis Complex.



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Kourtney Keegan attempts a volley during the Bedford Cup on Oct. 13, 2013, at the Ring Tennis Complex. Keegan won both of her singles matches in Florida's opening weekend.

Freshman point guard shooting poorly from three

► HILL MAKING 19.2 PERCENT OF HIS THREE-POINTERS.

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Throughout his freshman campaign, point guard Kasey Hill's shooting touch from beyond the arc has not been the smoothest.

Hill has thrived in transition this season for the No. 3 Gators, shooting 46.4 percent inside the arc largely because most of his two-point attempts are layups. But from three-point range, the McDonald's All-American from Umatilla has made only 5 of his 26 attempts (19.2 percent) — the worst mark on the team from a player who has taken at least 25 three-point shots.

Since the start of 2014, Hill has made only two of his 13 attempts from downtown.

"He hasn't shot the ball great, which is OK," coach Billy Donovan said. "Most freshmen are going to be up and down."

But while Hill's shooting from the outside has lacked, other aspects of his game have impressed Donovan during Southeastern Conference play.

Hill has averaged 4.8 points and

3.3 assists against 1.8 turnovers in 26 minutes per game in the conference slate.

Throughout the 2013-14 season, Hill has averaged 6.5 points — sixth most on the team — 3.3 assists and 1.6 turnovers per game. While Hill is on the floor, he has earned an assist on 25.6 percent of Florida's made field goals, according to KenPom.com. That assist rate ranks highest on Florida and 207th in the country.

In 15 games, the 6-foot freshman has also notched 20 steals, the third most on Florida. Hill's steal percentage — a statistic that divides a player's steals total by the number of defensive possessions he plays — ranks 129th in the nation, according to KenPom.com.

Donovan was pleased with Hill's performances in Florida's most recent wins last week against Alabama and Tennessee.

Coming off the bench, Hill scored a combined 8 points on 3-of-9 shooting during both games, but also recorded four rebounds and five assists against only two turnovers.

"I think he's playing more aggressive," Donovan said. "When things don't go well, he has a tendency to carry it to the next play. I think he's moving out of that maturity-wise."

WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfer disappointed after opener

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After the golf team's fourth-place finish in the Florida Challenge on Monday, redshirt sophomore Katie Mitchell and her teammates are looking to improve in their first three-round tournament in Palos Verdes, Calif., on Feb. 9-11.

"We were all disappointed in how we played," Mitchell said. "But we took a lot from it and it made us really hungry to get back to work and get ready for California in two weeks."

Mitchell, who celebrated her 21st birthday the day of the tournament, attributed the Gators' disappointing performance to poor weather during the first round and the difficulty of the course.

"The greens at Black Diamond are difficult," she said. "They were in really good shape and receptive. They were mowed pretty tight, so the ball was spinning and the break of the putts was tricky."

"The beginning was a little rough with the weather, there was fog so you couldn't see the ball real well and it was cold and nasty."

No. 16 UF finished 11 shots behind winner UCF with a score of 17-over (593) — a far departure from when the Gators won the tournament by nine strokes in 2013.

Mitchell shot rounds of 75 and 74 during Monday's tournament, tying for 14th place with FIU's Meghan MacLaren and Miami's Rika Park. The rest of the Florida team placed among the top 30 players.

"I feel like I played well, I hit the ball good, but my scores didn't show that," Mitchell said. "I burned the edges all day, coming really close but still missing."

Mitchell gave coach Emily Glaser credit for encouraging the team to finish strong in the second round of the tournament.

"We were all disappointed in how we played."

Katie Mitchell

UF golfer

"She kept pretty even throughout the day, when we were down she pumped us up and helped motivate us to finish strong and make some birdies," Mitchell said. "Before it started, she told us to stay patient, the patient ones play the smartest, and to trust ourselves."

The team will begin qualifying rounds later this week to determine which players will attend the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes. The Gators finished in fifth place out of 16 teams last year, earning a score of 40-over (892) on a course Glaser described as "unforgiving."

Mitchell said the team plans to do a lot of putting in practice to prepare for the hilly greens in California.

"It's always difficult when you have to travel such a long way, get acclimated to the time change, get used to the grass," Mitchell said.

"It's easier to go from Florida, Bermuda grass to other grass, so we kind of have the high end there."

GATORS IN THE NFL

Harvin cleared to return to Seahawks for Super Bowl XLVIII

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Percy Harvin is ready to start making an impact again.

After sitting out Seattle's 23-17 NFC Championship win against the San Francisco 49ers with a concussion, the fifth-year wide receiver

was cleared on Thursday to play in Super Bowl XLVIII against the Denver Broncos on Sunday at 6:25 p.m.

But Harvin is not complacent with just being on the Seahawks' active roster in MetLife Stadium

"I definitely think I can be a factor in this game," Harvin said

during Super Bowl Media Day on Tuesday. "The concussion was an unfortunate situation that I wish hadn't happened, but I'm ready to play football."

An injury-riddled season limited Harvin's contributions during the Seahawks' quest for the Lombardi

Trophy this season. Harvin, who had hip surgery on Aug. 1, 2013, played in only one regular-season game.

In that lone game, against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 17, 2013, Harvin returned a late second-quarter kickoff 58 yards to the Minnesota 46-yard line.

The Seahawks scored a touchdown five plays later to extend their lead to 24-13 entering halftime. Harvin also recorded one catch for 17 yards in Seattle's 41-20 win.

Harvin returned to action during the Divisional Round of the playoffs, recording three catches for 21 yards in the first half of Seattle's 23-15 victory against the New Orleans Saints on Jan. 11 before suffering the concussion.

Harvin's presence on the field will be a boost for a Seahawks offense that ended the regular season 26th in passing offense, averaging a meager 202.3 yards per game.

The 5-foot-11, 184-pound Harvin gives Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson a deep-threat in addition to starters Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin, who combined for 44.4 percent of Wilson's completed passes during the regular season.

Before becoming a victim of the injury bug and missing 22 regular season games since Nov. 11, 2012, Harvin proved to be a valuable asset on offense.

The 22nd overall draft pick by Minnesota in 2009, Harvin recorded 3,212 yards of offense for the Vikings and 20 touchdowns during his first three seasons in the NFL. He also added four touchdowns on

kick returns while averaging 26.6 yards per return in 45 games.

Harvin continued his success to start the 2012 season, leading the Vikings in receiving yards during seven of the team's first eight contests, six of which saw Harvin gain at least 84 yards.

Caldwell, Mincey play for Denver: In addition to Harvin, two other former Gators will see action in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Wide receiver Andre Caldwell, who teamed up with Harvin at Florida from 2006-07, and defensive end Jeremy Mincey, who played for UF from 2004-05, will try to help the Denver Broncos win their first Super Bowl since 1998.

Caldwell, a third-round draft pick in the 2008 NFL draft, recorded 16 catches for 200 yards and three touchdowns for the Broncos this season.

In his six years in the NFL — four with the Cincinnati Bengals and two with Denver — Caldwell has recorded 141 catches for 1,390 yards and nine touchdowns in 75 games.

In 2013, Mincey played in 10 regular season games — eight with Jacksonville and two with Denver — and recorded 17 tackles and two sacks.

A sixth-round pick by the New England Patriots in the 2006 NFL draft, Mincey has logged 161 tackles and 20 sacks in his career.



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Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin talks to reporters after his team's practice on Thursday in Renton, Wash. The Seahawks face the Denver Broncos on Sunday at 6:25 p.m. in Super Bowl XLVIII.



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