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'Bambooville' to be cut from UF campus

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Once again, UF is removing Jon Anderson's bamboo guerilla art from campus.

The 67-year-old retired schoolteacher and Florida Museum volunteer created the art installation in March 2013. It features an eclectic mix of bamboo art structures both towering and tiny that Anderson called "the middleground between Kanapaha Gardens and Satchel's."

"It's like a cool secret, something you stumble upon and want to share with others."

Zack Carter

UF health science freshman

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said Anderson was served a notice Monday stating he had 72 hours to remove Bambooville from UF property or to speak with the physical plant division if he needs to make other arrangements.

"While this art may be pleasing to many, if we allowed one person, we would have to allow many,"

Sikes said.

However, this was not Anderson's first tangle with UF over Bambooville.

In 2012, the artist first began adding bamboo structures to the Bartram Carr woods area. In December, a member of the UF grounds crew discovered the art and tore it down.

Early last year, he went before the University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee to ask permission to build his structure on UF conservation area.

After receiving what he said was a negative response to the idea, Anderson withdrew his request.

"I thought I was putting this up under the umbrella of the greenhouse," he said.

He visited UF's map room to check if the area he was eyeing for the newest iteration of Bambooville was allowed and said he was told there was "no delineation between greenhouse land and woodlands land."

But after UF's decision Monday, Anderson said he's ready to move on. He plans to pack his art Tuesday

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Jon Anderson, 67, poses in part of his interactive bamboo art exhibit, which is scheduled to be torn down in the next three days after UF ordered him to remove it.

UF Student Government elections start today

► THERE ARE 12 POLLING LOCATIONS.

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Today marks the first day of voting for Student Government elections.

Students will be able to cast their votes today and Wednesday at any of the 12 polling locations on campus. Each of them will open at 8:30 a.m.

All locations but the CSE main room will remain open until 8:30 p.m. That location will close at 5 because of scheduling conflicts, said Supervisor of Elections Justin Hoover. Voters who get there after 5 p.m. will be redirected to Marston Library.

In addition to the candidates, two referendum questions and one constitutional amendment will be on the ballot.

One of the questions asks students if they support implementing an open-container policy allowing those of legal drinking age to carry an open container of alcohol on campus during home football games. The second question asks if students support a 50-cent-per-credit-hour fee that would be used to fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on campus.

Referendums gauge student opinion and do not directly impact administration or SG policies.

Swamp Party Student Body executive candidates expressed their support for

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CAMPUS

Students speak up for Venezuela

LAUREN TRONCOSO

Alligator Contributing Writer

After government attempts to silence opposition in Venezuela, UF students are fighting to give the people a voice.

Last week, three Venezuelans were shot dead, and dozens were injured or detained after anti-government protests sparked chaos in the capital.

"They're fighting outside because they want to go back to a better Venezuela."

Andreina Nash

UF marketing and telecommunication junior and YouTube video creator

In response, Venezuelan native Andreina Nash, a 21-year-old UF marketing and telecommunication junior, said she spent 12 hours creating a YouTube video.

"What's going on in Venezuela in a nutshell" has gone viral, with more than 1.6 million views since Friday.

Nash said she's been called the voice of

Venezuela and asked to translate her video into several languages.

"I'll stand up for any injustices that are happening," she said, "and for any young person that feels like they don't have a future in their own country."

Nash and dozens of supporters stood on the corner of University Avenue and Northwest 13th Street on Monday holding signs, displaying Venezuelan flags and singing the country's national anthem.

Nash said the protest wasn't about politics but was instead about supporting the youth.

She said many of the university's Venezuelan students are in the United States to learn English and will return when their visas expire.

"They're fighting outside because they want to go back to a better Venezuela," she said.

Center for Latin American Studies director Philip J. Williams said Venezuelan UF students turned to protesting because they feel helpless.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

GatorWell focus group

participants needed

GatorWell Health Promotion Services is looking for UF students to participate in a one-hour confidential focus group about interpersonal violence issues on campus. These focus groups will occur through March 14 at the GatorWell location on Radio Road. Each participant will receive a \$20 UF Bookstore gift card and free pizza. To participate, email GatorWellProjects@mail.ufl.edu with your contact information. Use "My Campus" as the subject line. Participants must be 18 years or older and enrolled UF students.

UF Hillel self defense class:

Krav Maga

Krav Maga is a method of self defense used by the Israeli Defense Forces. Come learn techniques with our Israel fellow, Matti Gorodenchik, from 6:55 to 8 p.m. at UF Hillel. Gorodenchik has served as a combat fitness and Krav Maga instructor in the IDF. For more information, contact him at matti@ufhillel.org.

Arabic culture-themed movie screening and discussion

Join the Arabic Cultural Association and the Lebanese American Society at UF at our second event exploring religion in Arabic culture Wednesday in McCarty Hall B, Room G086, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:15. We will show the film "Fordson: Faith, Fasting, Football." After the movie, professor Khadidja Arfi will lead a discussion about religious identity among Arab Muslims in the Middle East. Free baklava and coffee will be served.

Latino Festival planning meeting

The 13th annual Downtown Latino Festival planning meeting will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures (La Casita), located at 1504 W. University Ave.

Resume and cover letter workshop

Get tips and inside knowledge from an expert about how to put together an effective resume and cover letter or improve the ones you already have. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar Chapter invites you to its workshop led by a representative from the Career Resource Center. It will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in McCarty Hall B, Room G108. Popcorn chicken and refreshments will be served.

Midterm relaxation days

The Library Ambassadors welcome you to join us for two days of relaxation. On

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Monday from 3 to 4 p.m., we will have Orion, a sweet, friendly therapy dog, while playing "The Lion King" and serving refreshments. On Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., we will have a variety of board games. Both events will be held in Library West, Room 212. Email libraryambassadors@uflib.ufl.edu for more information.

Empowerment service trip to Colombia

Sign up to go on one of Children Beyond Our Borders' Bound For Peace service trips to the beautiful cities of Medellín or Cartagena in Colombia. Volunteers are trained to build and execute education empowerment workshops for at-risk youth in Colombia. There will be a one-week trip during Spring Break and two two-week trips at the end of the summer. Trip prices vary but include housing, food, transportation and a plane ticket. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions, email the coordinators at servicetripinfo@chbob.org or visit chbob.org.

Ubisoft Facebook drawing

Ubisoft is one of the world's largest video game producers in the world and is represented at UF. Enter February Frenzy for a chance to win cash prizes and free swag. Enter by going onto the Ubisoft at University of Florida Facebook page and clicking on the link in the latest status update. Like all three pages, and enter your name and email.

Suit and Tie: Men's appreciation ceremony nominations

The Institute of Black Culture is seeking nominations for its men's appreciation ceremony. The ceremony will recognize outstanding men whose work and lives have helped make a difference in their communities. The nominee should have served as a leader and role model to other men, students, colleagues and/or his community. The selected recipients will be honored at the Suit & Tie: Honoring Our African American Men award ceremony April 10 in Ustler Hall. Nomination forms can be found at bit.ly/lipguu8 and are due by Friday.

Emily Dickinson and the Samurai Sword

Drawing upon a selection of Emily Dickinson's poems, Sheila Barksdale combines artwork and the practical application of the Japanese sword to explore the range of the poet's perception of time, space and relationship to cosmic principles. The event will be Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Archer Community Center.

Student Orgs Needed for RecSports Photo Shoots

RecSports is looking for UF student organizations to volunteer as models for photo shoots promoting the department's group services, including activities with Lake Wauburg, competitive sports, fitness and more. They are looking for organization members who will sport smiling faces and their club's T-shirts while participating in one of the activities guided by RecSports marketing leaders, photographers and videographers. To volunteer your organization, contact Hayden Manuel at haydenm@recsports.ufl.edu.

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

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Open containers, new fee on ballot

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the open-container referendum, and spokeswoman Susan Webster said the party is in favor of the green referendum question but thinks students should have the final say.

"We do believe that because it would increase the cost of education for students at the University of Florida, students should have the ultimate decision," she said.

Students Party spokesman Alex Klayman said his party supports the open-container referendum question but does not back the 50-cent-per-credit-hour referendum for a green energy fee.

"The party supports the answer 'NO' on the 50-cent per credit-hour fee," he wrote in an email. "Though the referendum is non-binding, there is no reason we should be raising fees for a Green Energy Fee when we aren't even taking

all the steps we could be without raising fees."

In addition to the referendum questions, the ballot will include a potential amendment asking if the SG anti-discrimination policy should be updated to include genetic information.

"By including genetic information in the nondiscriminatory clause, we are ensuring that the student organizations and Student Government have uniform requirements," Webster said.

Klayman also said his party is in favor of the amendment.

"Updating our constitution to better follow anti-discrimination laws is a no-brainer, and making everyone feel welcome/accepted at UF is a positive for every student," he wrote.

Micaela Montero Dokser, Taco Libre Party candidate for Student Body treasurer, said the party will side with students on all three issues, as its main focus is to try to get Taco Bell back.

Polling locations

- Broward Hall basement
- Bryan Hall study area on the second floor (near Room 212)
- CSE main room, rows N2, O1, O2
- Health Science Center C2-041C
- Jennings first floor library
- Law school (Bruton-Greer Hall) side hallways by doors in back
- Marston Science Library main room
- Murphree Area Commons conference area, Room 106
- Reitz Union Computer Lab (now located on the ground floor)
- Southwest Rec Center cafe near entrance on the left side
- Springs Area office, Room C-202
- Veterinary Medicine Academic Bldg. Education Center, Room V1-104

Polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. today and Wednesday.

Taco Libre's platform

- Bring Taco Bell back to campus

Students Party's platform

- Improve the quality of air conditioning in the CSE building and Library West
- Improve the quality of classrooms in our aging halls
- Improve the maintenance of campus amenities
- Increased access to SG printing
- Improve the SafeConnect system to be more accommodating
- Fix the blue lights across campus
- Work with RTS to improve the busing experience of students living off campus
- Work to implement a "rent-a-bike" system on campus
- Work with SNAP leadership to increase efficiency
- Work to increase food diversity on campus
- Bring more food options to students living in/near Lakeside or Southwest Rec
- Have open conversations with students about bringing specific vendors to UF
- Reform the election rules that are clearly biased toward a one-party system

Swamp Party's platform

- Ensure the Reitz Union remains open and useful throughout the construction process
- Add more activity rooms in RecSports facilities to expand group fitness classes
- Increase restaurant options on meal plans
- Implement sustainable solar picnic tables that power phones and laptops
- Install more microwaves across campus to allow for more flexible dining options
- Work with Student Health Care Center to develop an online appointment-making process
- Increase study space on campus by turning Newell Hall into a 24/7 student study area
- Fight to ensure there aren't tuition increases
- Decrease the cost and required use of access codes and class supplements
- Install a capacity counter in Library West to allow students to view the number of available seats online
- Create a new nighttime transportation service for students who live off campus to get home safely
- Implement an on-campus bike-sharing program
- Create a diversity programming committee to collaborate with all cultural student organizations on campus
- Increase food scholarships available to student organizations
- Eliminate half funding of student organization travel to allow for higher reimbursement of travel expenses

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LOCAL

Candidates talk biomass plant, GRU rates at Monday debate

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Candidates for the March city elections discussed Gainesville's state of affairs Monday night at the Alachua County Democratic Black Caucus debate.

Eight of the ten candidates who qualified for the upcoming elections attended the debate held in the County Administration Building.

Candidates answered questions posed by Charles Goston, former president of the caucus, and Ermon Owens, its current president.

The candidates vying for a three-year term on the city commission discussed issues ranging from increasing GRU rates to the biomass

plant.

District 2 candidates Cheri Brodeur, a UF faculty member, and incumbent Todd Chase participated in the first half of the debate.

Brodeur said city commissioners can no longer plan far into the future when making important decisions, like the one that led to the implementation of the biomass plant.

"We are making plans for things so far down the road," she said. "I'm going to be long dead by the time they are done with it."

In the second half of the debate, at-large Seat 2 candidate Mark Venzke said Gainesville needs to find a way to break off from the biomass plant contract.

"That decision was made behind closed

"When we have leadership that doesn't respect citizens, you can't expect much in return."

Annie Orlando

at-large Seat 2 candidate

doors without the scrutiny of citizens and all of that frankly is wrong, if not illegal," he said.

Other candidates debated issues like city commissioners' civility at public meetings.

At-Large Seat 2 candidate Annie Orlando said city commissioners have become arrogant after being in power for so long.

"When we have leadership that doesn't respect citizens, you can't expect much in re-

turn," she said.

One recurring topic of the night was how Gainesville's poorer areas are currently coping with increasing utility rates.

Goston said GRU has not spent any money on the financial deficit of Gainesville's citizenry. The biomass plant led to a spike in utility rates in October.

"Their utilities went from \$2,000 a month to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a month," he said.

With the upcoming elections, citizens need to start doing more to research the platforms of their politicians, Goston said.

"GRU has become the living nightmare for a lot of people," Goston said. "People are looking to wake up from the nightmare."

Florida artist smashes \$1M vase in Miami museum

► HE DROPPED IT ON PURPOSE.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A South Florida artist is facing a criminal charge after police say he smashed a \$1 million vase at Miami's new art museum to protest what he called its favoritism for international rather than local art.

Maximo Caminero, 51, was charged with criminal mischief after Sunday's incident at the Perez Art Museum Miami. According to a Miami Police Department arrest affidavit, a guard told officers Caminero picked up a colored vase by Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei. When told to put it down, the security guard said Caminero smashed it on the floor.

According to a police affidavit, Caminero told officers he broke the vase to protest the museum's lack of local artist displays and because "the museum only displayed international artists' art."

Caminero, a painter who lives in Miami, declined comment when reached by telephone Monday.

The police affidavit lists the value of the vase as \$1 million, quoting the museum's security officials. Criminal mischief can be a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison when the property damaged is worth more than

\$1,000.

Caminero had a recent showing at the JF Gallery in West Palm Beach that offered a patrons a chance to meet him and "view a sampling of the work from his 30-year career as an artist."

According to PAMM's site, the vase is one of more than a dozen that are part of a floor installation. Each vase is partially painted in bright colors.

Behind the installation are a series of three black-and-white photos showing Ai holding a vase and then letting it drop to the ground, smashing into pieces.

The Ai Weiwei: According to What? exhibit runs through March 16 at the museum. Museum officials confirmed the incident in a Monday email, and noted that an upcoming show will feature a local artist, Miami's Edouard Duval-Carrié. The Haitian-born artist's show, beginning March 13, is titled "Imagined Landscapes."

A sculptor, designer and documentary-maker, Ai has irked Beijing by using his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in China and the need for greater transparency and rule of law. He was detained for 81 days in 2011 during a crackdown on dissent. After his release in June 2011, Ai's design firm was slapped with a \$2.4 million tax bill, which he fought unsuccessfully in the Chinese courts.

Some UF Venezuelans feel helpless

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"It's a small symbolic act," he said, "but I think it's important nonetheless to draw attention to developments there."

Williams said a lot of the dissatisfaction in the country comes from the economic situation, leaving many students worried about post-graduation opportunities.

Atilio Atencio, a 19-year-old UF biochemistry sophomore from Valera, Venezuela, said everything is scarce in his home country.

That includes toilet paper and toothpaste — now luxury items.

He said Harina P.A.N., the corn meal used in many popular Venezuelan foods, isn't available.

Atencio said two of his cousins were involved in demonstrations in the college town of Merida, but they weren't hurt.

Students are the ones protesting because they are the most educated, he said.

"It's a matter of publicity," Atencio said. "The more the world is aware, the more they're going to push for change."

However, Williams, who is also a professor of political science and Latin American studies, said the U.S. shouldn't get involved if human rights aren't being violated.

"Venezuelans have to determine their future," he said. "It's a sovereign country... and it's not our government's place to take sides."

Still, Nash said she plans to fight as long as it takes.

She said she hopes the last video she dedicates to her country is one of Venezuela with liberty and democracy.

"I have a feeling that this time it will be different," Nash said. "Our voices will be heard."



Emily Cochrane / Alligator Staff

Students and members of the Gainesville community protest the killing and jailing of students in Venezuela and the corruption of its government's power. The protest was held Monday.

Students want to fight the university's decision to eliminate it

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and is inviting members of the community to help.

"If they will take some things and put them in the truck, then they can take some things and put them in their car," he said.

Elliot Larkin, a 23-year-old UF manage-

ment master's student, recently began helping Anderson, who has Parkinson's disease, groom and decorate Bambooville.

He said he will be going through all of the appropriate channels to fight UF's decision.

"I'm hoping they're going to make an exception based on the extraordinary circumstances," he said.

Zack Carter, a 19-year-old UF health science freshman, discovered Bambooville this semester while searching for his biology lab. Enchanted, he brought his girlfriend back to experience the "unique and eye-catching" art.

"It's like a cool secret," he said. "Something you stumble upon and want to share with others."

Anderson said although he is sad he can no longer share his project with students and residents, he'll mostly miss seeing the happiness Bambooville brings to visitors.

"People who visit have a wonderful positive energy that just glows around them, and I'm lucky enough to get to experience it," he said.

UF abortion advocates gather on campus to speak out

JESSICA HUNDLEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

At an abortion awareness event held Monday on the Plaza of the Americas, speakers told Gators abortion is something college women and men both have a stake in.

Kendra Vincent, chairwoman of the Gainesville chapter of the National Women's Liberation, said the event was a response to some of the legislation that has been proposed and passed in other states that some women's rights activists believe were put in place to impede abortion.

"They know they can't overturn Roe v. Wade," Vincent said, "so they're chipping away at it."

The speak-out was meant to raise awareness on campus and attract as many people as possible, Vincent said.

"The idea behind this is that women are really the experts when it comes to making decisions about their body, about health care, about whether or not they want to have children or when they want to have children," Vincent said.

Katie Walters, one of the featured speakers, said she had an abortion five years ago while she

was in college.

She said she knew an abortion was something she had to do, and with help from her friend, who worked at an abortion clinic, she was able to make the process as easy as possible.

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Kendra Vincent

National Women's Liberation
Gainesville chapter chairwoman

"You just expect it to be this really awful thing, and it really wasn't," Walters said.

Patrick Runfeldt, a UF English senior, attended the speak-out and said he agreed with what the women said.

"I don't know anything about being pregnant," Runfeldt said. "There is no way that any man should be able to decide the rights of people who are in childbearing situations."



Alex Maminakis / Alligator

Kendra Vincent, chairwoman of the Gainesville chapter of National Women's Liberation, advocates for women's abortion rights. The event was held Monday afternoon on Plaza of the Americas.

UF site to help families figure out mandatory health insurance

► PEOPLE CAN SEE REQUIREMENTS AT STUDENTINSURANCE.SHCC.UFL.EDU.

PURVI PANDIT

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new health insurance website, launched through UF Health Shands Hospital, has been formed to help newly admitted students and their families purchase or prove their health insurance.

Mary Kay Schneider Carodine, assistant vice president for student affairs, said the site, studentinsurance.shcc.ufl.edu, was created to help families see the UF requirements for

health insurance.

"When students receive admission to UF," she said, "they will receive information in there about one of the conditions of enrollment being health insurance."

If new students don't prove that they have health insurance, they will be automatically enrolled into the policy that will appear on their UF bill 30 days before classes, Carodine said.

"Based on our research with other institutions that have mandatory health insurance, about 80 percent of students tend to be already covered by insurance through their parents," she said.

For the students who choose to enroll in UF's health care, financial aid money can now

"When students receive admission to UF, they will receive information in there about one of the conditions of enrollment being health insurance."

Mary Kay Schneider Carodine
Student affairs assistant vice president

be used toward health insurance because the university has made it mandatory, Carodine said. That rule only applies to students enrolled in six or more credits.

Katherine Lindsey, assistant director of health administration at the Student Health Care Center, said upon looking at a list of the top 25 public schools in America, UF President

Bernie Machen found many of them required health insurance for enrollment.

The decision to make health insurance mandatory at UF, made in March 2013, was a joint effort between the Student Health Care Center, the Student Affairs Office and the Student Government, she said.

"We want students to be healthy," Lindsey said.

Some students aren't feeling good about the shift to mandatory health care.

Andrew Bryan, a UF accounting combined-degree fifth-year student, said mandatory insurance seems like more of a burden.

"In theory it might sound all rosy, but in reality, I see it being more cost to the already debt-ridden college student," Bryan, 21, said.

UF Interfraternity Council debuts site

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Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Interfraternity Council launched its new website last week with hope that its upgraded interface and new features will help strengthen UF's Greek community.

Features include a blog, a bi-weekly newsletter, promotional info and news.

Thomas Echezabal, an 18-year-old UF computer science freshman and brother of Chi Phi, said he designed the site. He said it boasts a new design

to reflect IFC's professionalism and pride.

"I'm most proud of the news section of the website," Echezabal said. "It's about having the Greek community connected as one, keeping everyone updated."

IFC also plans to provide web design services to all UF IFC fraternities.

"Basically, fraternities can get a good deal if they need a new website or advertising help," he said.

But Shawn May, a 21-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering junior and brother of Zeta Beta Tau, said he would prefer individualized newsletters.

STATE

Fla. man edits tunes for Sochi skaters

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAPLES — Alexander Goldstein was watching the pairs skaters at the Olympics Sunday — with his ears.

From his cozy studios at ABG World, LLC in North Naples, Goldstein could take apart every piece of music that is played in the "Iceberg" Skating Palace in Sochi, Russia, over the next week.

A fair number of them will be his own creations. Goldstein is something of an Olympian himself among sports music programmers, having edited music for 38 gold-medal ice skating programs and at least as many silver medals.

"I counted. There are 104 competing, and Alex has worked with 26 of them," said his wife, Marina Berkovich. She and her husband don't wait for primetime coverage; they've been streaming Olympic ice competition live over the last week. Goldstein-edited music is

behind Canadians and Russians, as well as U.S. leaders — Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

Goldstein has edited competition music for Korea, Japan and nearly every Western country. In fact, he programmed the music behind the first ice dance competition to be sanctioned by the Olympics Federation in 1976. Lyudmila Pakhomova and Aleksandr Gorshkov, Russians, as was Goldstein, won it.

"Everything was different in those days. You had to work with tapes — it was so much harder," Goldstein said. "Now it's all done on the computer."

That doesn't make the work easy. When Davis and White take to the ice on Monday, skating to Rimsky-Korsakov's romantic "Scheherazade," it will be only after a compilation that has had to do its own epic ice jumps.

What TV watchers will hear is his careful blending of just three

versions, choosing among phrases from each of them to insert the necessary rhythm where the program calls for it and to extend or cut a phrase to work with a lift, a jump or a compulsory move. While Rimsky-Korsakov might scratch his head, Goldstein surgically connects the pieces so seamlessly most viewers are sure they heard a single work.

International Skating Union judges must approve the music before it's used. Goldstein learned long ago that incorporating a detectable little fillip that will help them keep the beat is critical.

"The judges aren't music experts," he explained. "They're skating experts. They're straight about this. If they can't keep the rhythm, they won't allow the music."

Goldstein can't skate. "No," he said with a sheepish smile. "Never. I'll let the coaches who can get on the ice handle that part of it."

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Editorial

Endorsement: Swamp, but with footnotes

Endorsing Student Government parties is always difficult, and in an election season that saw unprecedented events, we found it even harder. Swamp is the only party with a full executive ticket, but we have serious reservations about encouraging the growth of a one-party system — especially when that one party has a history of corruption.

But Swamp is the only group that has mobilized successfully, set feasible goals and proved its members are qualified.

So, here it goes: The Alligator endorses the Swamp Party's executive ticket for the Spring 2014 elections — with footnotes.

The state of SG is disheartening. It's overwhelmingly run by Swamp, and the only way to start fixing that is to make Student Senate more diverse. For that reason, the Alligator also endorses all of the Students and Taco Libre candidates for Senate.

Swamp presents some good ideas. We love the proposed installation of more microwaves on campus — seriously, it'd be so much cheaper to make ramen between classes instead of buying Subway — and the planned lobbying for standardized taxi cab rates. In previous years, Swamp has been criticized for making extravagant, unrealistic promises in hopes of enticing voters, and although not all of its platform points this year seem doable — decreasing the cost of access codes? Come on — most can be accomplished.

We particularly liked that Student Body president candidate Cory Yeffet said he'd be a vocal member of the university's Board of Trustees. Many presidents, like Tj Villamil and Christina Bonarrigo, have been more or less silent during the meetings in which they were the only student voices who could comment on issues like tuition hikes.

UF students need the Student Body president to speak up. The board is out of touch with students' needs, and without proper representation by the SBP on our behalf, its power will go unchecked.

Yeffet promises he'll be loud. We hope he is.

Also, we have full faith in treasurer candidate and all-around good guy Elliot Grasso. He knows how to handle money, he knows how student orgs work, and he knows how to help them.

Moving on.

This year, Swamp showed it cares about SG by presenting an achievable, well-thought-out plan. We support Taco Libre's mission of making students care more about SG, and we think they succeeded by keeping it interesting. However, disorganization is not an excuse for failing to muster up executive tickets for both Students and Taco Libre parties. Students Party presented vague platform points — no prices, no plans. Taco Libre had a simple platform but lacked specifics about its feasibility.

To future minority parties, we say: The minority has to play the majority at its own game. It's not enough to advocate for votes based solely on the fact that you're the underdog. You need to be just as savvy and just as strategically driven as Swamp.

Regardless of this endorsement, though, we really just want students to vote. All you need is your Gator 1 Card (or a photo ID plus your UF-ID number) and a concern for UF's future.

Reader response

Today's question: Will you vote in the SG elections?

Monday's question: Should universities control their student newspapers?
12% YES
88% NO
105 TOTAL VOTES

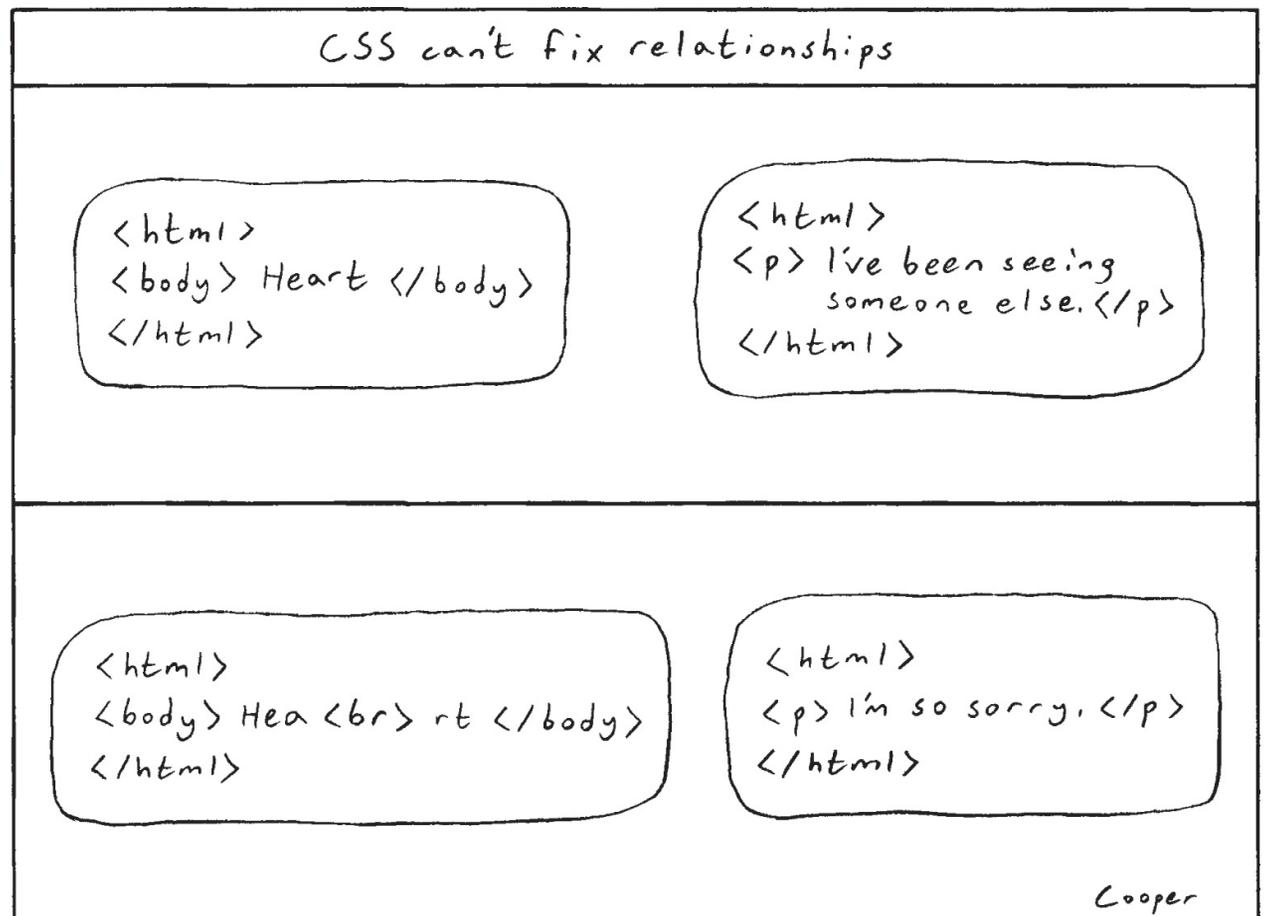
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Column

UF student leadership controlled by System

March 14, 2000, was a historic day. Charles Grapski left the Alachua County Courthouse to grab a bagel only to come back to hear that the verdict was ready. When the jury gave its ruling, Grapski was in tears.

A total of \$6 million in damages was awarded to Grapski for the defamation he suffered as a former UF Student Government candidate.

To understand the verdict, you have to go back some years. In 1923, a leadership honorary, Florida Blue Key, was formed at UF and soon became highly influential. As one analyst put it in 2004, "the doors to the governor's mansion, Legislature and judiciary in Florida all seemed to unlock with a Blue Key."

But as in all institutions, things started going astray. Since getting into FBK was vital to becoming successful after graduating from UF, its membership became tied with student politics, and not in a pleasant way.

By 1995, the world knew the proverbial had hit the fan. In that year's Spring elections, Charles Grapski ran for the Student Body presidency, making a fatal mistake. He ran as an independent — not realizing that he was upsetting the System that controls the UF Student Government.

Soon, fliers appeared across campus, falsely claiming that Grapski was a convicted child molester. After losing the election, Grapski went to the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Alachua County, suing FBK for its collusion with the System.

Even before the jury gave the verdict, it was clear that FBK worked hand-in-hand with the Greek coalition that controls UF student politics.

A judicial notice confirmed that FBK "has historically employed a house and group system of control over members and aspiring members to determine candidates for student government elected and appointed offices, Florida Blue Key membership and slates of candidates to run for student government offices..."

The jury went further, ruling that FBK had defamed Grapski "through a conspiracy."

Although the names and faces have changed over the



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years, the culture of corruption persists.

Two years ago, an Alligator investigation revealed how FBK membership is controlled by a "powerful few," with anonymous sources saying that membership in the prestigious honorary depended on "backroom deals" among UF's multicultural and

Greek groups.

At the time, the Alligator noted that the new FBK class — picked by leaders from Theta Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Epsilon Pi — was "nearly devoid of diversity," with only six members from minority clubs.

Although it might seem like the Greek coalition is racist, there was another reason for the lack of diversity.

That year, the System, which usually dominates campus politics despite representing a fraction of the student population, almost lost. The minority community that aligns itself with the System was blamed for its low voter turnout.

Unlike the Greek community, minority groups — Asian American Student Union, Black Student Union and Hispanic Student Association — have their hands tied when it comes to using coercive tactics; all they can do is encourage their members, nothing more.

Contrast that to 2010, when sororities were recorded to have bribed their members with alcohol for voting and punished non-voting members by withholding food.

This, my friends, is UF at its worst.

Next week, I will suggest practical steps on how we can begin to tackle this systemic corruption.

Until then — particularly when the front page Thursday inevitably shows folks from the System celebrating their election victories the night before — let's enjoy ourselves.

After all, how many Americans, without traveling to the Middle East, can ever experience such undemocracy?

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

Letters to the Editor

Vote yes on the Student Green Energy Fund

While students are looking over party platforms in the upcoming Student Government election, there is another issue that they need to be informed on prior to voting. I, along with other students, gathered enough signatures for a nonbinding referendum on green energy to be placed on this semester's SG ballot.

This non-binding referendum will ask students if they support the creation of a 50-cent-per-credit-hour fee increase for a green-energy fund. A nonbinding referendum means the result would not have a direct effect, but it is used to gauge student interest. If enough students support the referendum, then it will show the Board of Trustees that students at the University of Florida are serious about clean energy.

The money collected from the fee would go toward funding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, such as build-

ing retrofitting, installing solar panels and changing out energy-inefficient light bulbs. The money the school saves in electricity because of a project would be put back into the fund to invest in even more green-energy projects. With an average annual energy bill of \$40 million, these savings could have an enormous impact.

When students hear the word "fee," the first question they want answered is what the cost for them will be. This is the lowest fee increase ever proposed. It would cost the average student about \$6 to \$8 but would generate up to \$600,000 per year.

The Student Body has shown support for the student green-energy fee in the past. In 2008, a green-energy fee referendum passed with 78 percent support. In the Spring of 2012, a resolution unanimously passed SG Senate supporting a green-energy fee.

Other schools, including the University

of South Florida, have a green fee, and it has been working well for them. I'm urging all students to vote yes on the green-energy fund, so we can make the University of Florida greener, which will lead to a better campus and a better Earth for all of us.

Frank Plageman
UF political science senior

SG elections open today

Voting for Student Government elections begins today and will continue tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is the students' chance to voice their opinions on what direction they want their Student Government to take and how they want to be represented on this campus.

I urge all students to educate themselves on the platforms that each party on campus is presenting. Talk to the candidates who correspond to your class standing, ask them about what they hope to achieve

if they are elected, and most importantly, tell them what you want to see happen.

Elections are an opportunity for students to have a discussion on what they want, and more importantly, an opportunity to continue these conversations once elections are over because Student Government is a yearlong conversation between students and their elected representatives.

Every vote today and tomorrow counts. Elections all over have been decided by slim margins and even in some cases by one vote — your vote could be the one.

So when you are walking across campus and a party representative asks, "Have you voted today?" proudly display your "I voted" sticker because you have exercised your democratic right to vote as a student at the University of Florida.

Together for tomorrow.

Agassy Rodriguez
Swamp Party President

Column

Ellen Page's coming out sparks debate

The best Valentine's Day surprise for some may have come in a small package in the shape of actress Ellen Page. The 26-year-old "tiny Canadian," as she describes herself on Twitter, known for "Juno," officially announced she's gay at a Las Vegas event sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign on Friday.

Some may wonder why this is news; either because "My Ellen-Page gaydar has been going off since 2009," or "It's 2014. Isn't everybody gay these days?" While I understand both of these reactions, it's still a big deal for a celebrity to publicly come out.

Even though Page coming out was about as shocking as finding there is a long line at a campus Starbucks between class changes, it is still important for the LGBT community. And yes, even though

it is 2014 and people have become more accepting of different sexualities, no, not everyone is gay. According to a 2012 Gallup poll, 3.4 percent of Americans identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, which, although a significant portion of the population, is still a minority.

Americans are also becoming more supportive. A 2013 Gallup poll found that 52 percent of Americans would vote for a federal law legalizing same-sex marriages in all 50 states, which has grown sharply from 32 percent who said the same in a 2004 ABC News/Washington Post poll. However, there are still many setbacks to equality. On Feb. 11, the Kansas House of Representatives approved a bill allowing anti-gay segregation. When passed, the law "will allow any individual, group, or private business to refuse to serve gay couple if 'it would be contrary to their sincerely held religious beliefs,'" according to Slate magazine.

Yet, there has been progress. The attitude in Hollywood toward LGBT people has noticeably changed. When the dancing Ellen of talk-show fame came out 17 years ago, in April 1997, Degeneres' award-winning sitcom was canceled within a year.

Now, Page's announcement is somewhat softened by the recent "coming outs" of other actors such as Jim Parsons, Victor Garber and Zachary Quinto. Neil Patrick Harris' sexual preference hasn't kept him from becoming a star on "How I Met Your Mother" and grossing \$15 million per season for the show. And Ellen Degeneres recently won her 14th People's Choice Award.

Though the "star persona" is an influential part in which roles actors are cast, I doubt this announcement will hurt Page's career.

However, some question whether Page was really brave for coming out. There are critiques like, "So, she's gay? So what? That doesn't mean she deserves a gold medal."

Just because she came out in a more accepting atmosphere in front of LGBT youth at a Human Rights Campaign doesn't make her any less brave. Sharing anything deeply personal about yourself warrants commendation, especially when you are in a position of power and you have the opportunity to inspire others.

Her coming out is not more important than anyone else's, but it does have a wider effect. I'm proud of Page for using her position to create conversation and doing so in a very eloquent speech at that.

And like Page noted, she couldn't have been standing on that stage delivering those words if it weren't for all of the lesser-known, but just as notable, advocates behind the campaign.

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Guest column

Anti-intellectualism threatens US

The UF Student Senate has again proven to be poorly imitating the anti-democratic actions of the U.S. Congress. Is it a coincidence that just weeks after the Student Senate tried to pass its own oppressive resolution concerning Israel, the U.S. Congress is now attempting to do the same?

The propaganda, described as legislation, being brought forth in our local and national legislatures is a vicious attack on civil liberties.

Legislation such as this necessitates an obvious question be asked: Do public institutions of higher education have the right to object to U.S. foreign policy?

On campus, a resolution condemning actions in support of the movement to boycott, divest and sanction — BDS — Israel for its continual violation of human rights was argued at the last public senate meeting of the semester. Dozens of community members attended and spoke to criticize an attack on our right to freedom of expression. The resolution was not voted on.

Similarly, in Washington, a bipartisan bill called the Protect Academic Freedom Act was introduced on the House floor Feb. 4. The bill aims to deny public subsidies if academic organizations participate in the BDS movement.

Legislators and special-interest groups recognize the threat BDS poses to the U.S.' relationship with Israel, and they are now attempting to gag those who would

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protest the crimes against humanity committed by the U.S. and Israel.

Carbon copies of this legislation are being proposed in state legislatures in New York and Maryland as well — all of which seek to justify attacks on civil liberties through

baseless appeals to "anti-semitism" and "academic freedom." The theme of "academic freedom" is not unique to this bill. Dozens of other bills have been submitted with similar titles. The phrase "academic freedom" as it appears in the titles of legislation all over the U.S. often refers to the same thing — teaching of non-scientific ideas, like creationism and its twin sibling intelligent design, in public science classrooms.

The congruity of rhetoric among supporters of Israeli crimes and those who would be as bold to deny evolution is no coincidence. The late American historian Richard Hofstadter pointed out more than 50 years ago the prominent and ongoing theme of anti-intellectualism in American life: "American education can be praised ... on many counts; but I believe ours is the only educational system in the world vital segments of which have fallen into the hands of people who joyfully and militantly proclaim their hostility to intellect..."

From the Reitz to the Capitol, anti-intellectualism is a dominating force in the U.S. that must constantly be negated.

Andrew Pentland is a UF history senior.

Guest column

Students Party, it's time to wake up

I was extremely surprised at Students Party minority leader Michael Christ for calling Taco Libre party "pathetic" and "insulting" in an article in the Alligator.

This much, everyone agrees on: The System's corruption — which goes by the name of Swamp Party these days — is intolerable. But equally intolerable is the leader of a party with only a few seats in SG calling another party "pathetic" and "insulting."

As one of the original members of the Students Party, it isn't easy for me to admit there's been a steep decline in the party's outlook for the past two years. Ineffective campaigning, platforms and senators have exacerbated the situation. All I see nowadays are Students Party senators trying to be "professional" and befriend the senators from the System. Opposition senators, in a misguided attempt to create "bipartisanship," have only made their

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Speaking Out

positions weaker, much to the delight of the System.

In last year's campaign, I tried my best to reverse this trend. Unfortunately, the egoism prevalent in the already weak Students Party has ruined any chances of tackling the corruption of the System.

That is why I left and have not returned. I was hoping either the party's attitude changed or the party itself crumbled. I am not in the minority on this issue, either. The newly formed Taco Libre Party is composed of former Students senators and executive members. In fact, Taco Libre is being run and supported by some of the most loyal past party members who spent their blood, sweat and tears establishing the party and bringing it to its zenith.

Christ's issue with the press was wholly improper, which is not surprising since the inability of Students Party to handle the press for the last two

years is another contributing factor to the party's decline.

It was clear Christ's hating on Taco Libre was hugely embarrassing for the entire party when campaigners wrote a letter to the editor defending him in a last-ditch attempt for damage control.

There have been single-issue parties in the past such as the Keg Party and the Pants Party, whose slogan was "You're Invited." These parties increase interest in Student Government, which can benefit a minority in the long run. Students Party was successful in the past because we focused on single issues like unnecessary tuition hikes and preserving independent newspaper boxes. I say all of this as a friend. I say this as a wake-up call to the Students Party to actually start doing things effectively. And, yes, I am officially supporting the #TacoRebellion.

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CRIME

Man circling Hardee's arrested for cocaine

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Alachua County Sheriff's deputies arrested an Alabama man Monday morning after police said he was "tweaking" on drugs and driving in circles around a Hardee's parking lot.

Deputies arrested 29-year-old Chad Robert Weltlich on charges of cocaine possession and drug equipment possession, according to an arrest report.

At about 12:15 a.m., an employee at the Hardee's located at 7300 W. Newberry Road reported a car circling the parking lot for about 30 minutes.

When a deputy arrived, the car pulled into the drive-thru even though the restaurant was closed. The officer stopped the car, driven by Weltlich, and noticed he was shaking and stuttering when he spoke.

Weltlich told the deputy he was ordering food and insisted he wasn't intoxicated, according to the report. He also said there were two other people in the car, but when officers didn't see anyone in the car, Weltlich said he forgot they already left with his dad. Weltlich also said he was moving from Miami to Alabama then changed his story and said he was moving from Miami to Panama City.

Deputies saw a glass pipe with a circular bowl on the driver side of Weltlich's car.

After searching the car, law enforcement found 0.7 grams of cocaine and a Hardee's bag with two warm burgers inside, according to the report. Weltlich denied any knowledge of the pipe and the cocaine.

Deputies booked Weltlich into the Alachua County Jail, where he remained in lieu of a \$7,000 bond.



AP Photo

Battle Cries

Historical re-enactors dressed as Confederate soldiers fire on Union forces during the re-enactment of the Battle of Olustee on its 150th anniversary Sunday in Olustee, Fla.

Free food alert: Firehouse subs today

► IT'S PROMOTING NEW LOW-CALORIE OPTIONS.

ASHLEY KOBZA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Firehouse Subs is giving away free sandwiches today.

The chain is releasing its new "Hearty & Flavorful" menu by giving away one of its six fewer-than-500-calorie subs to customers from 5 to 7 p.m. at both Gainesville

locations.

"We want to be everybody's choice for lunch and dinner," said Cecily Sorensen, Firehouse's vice president of corporate communications. "Part of this new menu is offering something we have not done in almost 19 years in business."

Sorensen said the co-founders have been in the process of creating the new menu for more than a year because they didn't want to abandon Firehouse's identity.

Gary Gale-Shelton, manager of the Subway restaurant located at 1805 SW 13th St., said he doesn't think it will hurt Subway's sales.

"This is stuff we rolled out a year or two ago, and they're just rolling it out now," he said.

Adam Altman, a 22-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior, said he's excited.

"They're probably one of the best options or highest in my book for right-off-University food," he said.

CAMPUS

Law event to focus on agriculture issues

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The upcoming Public Interest Environmental Conference will give attendees a chance to learn about legal issues facing the environment and modern agriculture.

The UF Levin College of Law and the UF Environmental Land Use Law Program will host the 20th annual event Thursday through Saturday. It is open to the public, and tickets are free for UF students, faculty and staff. The conference is called Feeding the Future: Shrinking Resources, Growing Population and a Warming Planet.

Conference co-chair Chris Johns said agriculture has a long, well-established history in Florida.

"A lot of people that grow up in Florida have no idea

how large of a presence agriculture has within the state and how much it affects statewide policy and environmental issues," he said.

Publicity chairman Sean Bedford said he's expecting about 200 people to attend the event.

"We do really think that this is something that will interest a lot of different people from a lot of different backgrounds," Bedford said.

Nalowa Malafa, a 28-year-old UF third-year law student, wrote in an email she will be attending the conference for the third time.

"Studying the environment can be a daunting and depressing task," Malafa wrote, "but coming together with individuals in different fields who are working towards solutions provides hope and encouragement."

Service sorority heading to Asheville

► THEY'LL GO OVER SPRING BREAK.

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Six members of UF's Delta Nu Zeta service sorority chapter will participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge in Asheville, N.C., from March 3 to March 8.

The challenge is an alternative break program that gives groups the opportunity to spend a week helping with Habitat's effort of eliminating poverty housing in a community.

"We'll be building for five days. We'll be putting in dry-wall, painting, roofing," said vice president of community service Amber Paoloemilio. "We wanted to go to Asheville

to help out a new community while still staying close to home."

Paoloemilio, a 22-year-old UF women's studies and Spanish senior, said this will be the first time the sorority will leave the state for a service project.

"I always wanted to do a service trip during Spring Break," said 21-year-old nursing junior and sister Wanda Fritz. "Since I'm doing it with my sisters, I feel more comfortable going there."

Mina Radman, founder and vice president of communications, said the sorority provides more than 100 scheduled hours of service a semester for members to choose from.

"We're heavily service-focused," Radman said. "It's not the traditional way college students spend their Spring Break."

Gator football starters endorse Students Party in SG elections

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Two UF football players have publicly endorsed the Students Party.

In a news release Monday, starting linebackers Dante Fowler Jr. and Michael Taylor announced their support and urged fellow students to vote in the upcoming elections.

In the release, Taylor, a redshirt junior, said, "The Students Party has every student's best interest at heart. They don't just represent individual 'blocs' or special interests. They represent every student."

Fowler, a sophomore, said in the release, "After witnessing

"We're the right choice for every student, not just the stereotypical GDI ... Our athletics agree: If you're not a part of the system, then you're not benefiting from the system."

Alexander Klayman
Students Party spokesman

Student Government elections for four semesters, we've seen first hand the corruption and inefficacy of the Swamp Party ... the student body deserves better."

This isn't the first time a member of the football program has endorsed Students Party. Coach Will Muschamp endorsed

player and vice president candidate Jesse Schmitt in 2012.

Students Party spokesman Alex Klayman said the two football players are friends with the Students Party's health and human performance Senate candidate, Jacob Gabriel, and they expressed their interest in endorsing the party.

Klayman said he's happy but isn't surprised.

"We're the right choice for every student, not just the stereotypical GDI ... Our athletics agree: If you're not a part of the system, then you're not benefiting from the system," he said.

Taco Libre Party Student Body treasurer candidate Micaela Montero Dosker said her party has no official endorsements.

Swamp Party spokeswoman Susan Webster declined to comment.

LOCAL

New downtown sculpture 'Luna' keeps its eyes on passersby

ANDREA SARCOS

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Two fiddlers played music to the crowd of local artists and art enthusiasts Sunday evening during the unveiling of an art sculpture downtown.

Artist Ted Crom gave his mother the honor of cutting the yellow ribbon on "Luna," a 13-foot-tall steel crescent moon with human facial features and beaming red eyes. The ceremony took place at the intersection of Southeast Second Avenue and Southeast First Street across from Dragonfly Sushi.

"We wanted his eyes to follow you as you walk by, which would be an eerie thing if you weren't expecting it."

Ted Crom
artist

Crom said he built the sculpture as something fun to do during his retirement.

He designed and built "Luna" in about five months at his home welding shop in Cross Creek, Fla., with the help of a few others.

The sculpture's eyes light up in the evening, and Crom said he plans to install a motion sensor to allow the solar-powered eyes to follow passersby.

"We wanted his eyes to follow you as you walk by, which would be an eerie thing if you weren't expecting it," he said.

Scarlett Richmond, a 21-year-old UF journalism senior, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony because she said she wanted to see if the sculpture was as creepy as her friends had told her it was.

"I really love the idea, personally, of all the drunk people that are going to get freaked out for the first few weeks that don't know it's here," she said.

UF environmental engineering first-year graduate student Jordan Capeloto said he preferred this sculpture to the previous art pieces on campus, such as the "Whispering Close" sculpture on Plaza of the Americas.

"It definitely catches your eye because it's got the big red lights," the 24-year-old said. "I enjoy the concept of it."

Nava Ottenberg, the initia-

tor of the public art installation and owner of Persona Vintage Clothing & Costumes, first saw Crom's "Luna" sculpture in November during the Downtown Festival and Art Show and felt that it belonged permanently downtown.

"Art is essential to our being. It's essential in our culture," she said. "The more public art, the bigger it is, the better."



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Ovaryaction plays in front of Luna, the art installation on the corner of Southeast Second Avenue and Southeast First Street, Monday.

Students rent out furry running buddies

► RENTALS START AT \$5.

JESSICA HUNDLEY

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A group of UF students has teamed up with Operation PetSnip of Gainesville to raise about \$5,000 for homeless pets as a campaign for their sales management class.

Running Buddies for Kittens and Puppies offers students the chance to donate a minimum of \$5 to be partnered with a motivational running buddy.

Justin Kelsey, a 21-year-old UF finance junior, said his sales management class group chose this particular campaign idea because of how popular running is among UF students.

The group chose to fundraise for Operation PetSnip because it supports the organization's efforts to decrease the amount of pets eu-

thanized in Gainesville each year.

"Every dollar donated goes towards helping an animal get this sterilization procedure who normally wouldn't have anyone to pay for it," Kelsey said.

Kelsey is even offering his own dog, Bella Rose, to join some of the campaign's 20 runners.

Chelsea Verhoeven, a 20-year-old UF biology sophomore, said she loves to run and she thinks the project is a great way to get people excited about running.

"Running with people can motivate you and push you to keep going when you normally would just give up," Verhoeven said. "It makes running a bit more enjoyable with a partner than getting tired by yourself."

The campaign is planned to continue until Spring Break, but Kelsey said he also hopes to turn it into something more long term.

STATE

Florida led world with 23 shark attacks last year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida was the world leader in unprovoked shark attacks last year with 23, which is easily the most in the U.S. and more than twice the number as any other country, according to a report released Monday.

None of the Florida attacks was among the 10 fatal incidents around the world, according to the UF's International Shark Attack File.

Worldwide there were 72 unprovoked shark attacks in 2013, down from 81 the year before and the lowest recorded since 67 attacks in 2009. The U.S. had 47 attacks with 13 in Hawaii, six in South Carolina and one each in Alabama, California, North Carolina, Oregon and Texas.

"Sharks have a lot more to fear from us than we do from them," said George Burgess, who maintains the shark file. "Statistically, shark attacks are ex-

remely rare, especially considering the number of humans that enter the water each year."

The International Shark Attack File investigated 125 shark incidents but determined many of them were provoked attacks. It defines unprovoked attacks as incidents involving live humans who encounter a shark in its natural habitat and do nothing to provoke it. It doesn't include attacks in aquariums, sharks feeding on people who were already dead or incidents in which a person initiates contact with a shark.

A shark attack in Hawaii was the nation's only fatality. Australia and Réunion each had two shark attack deaths while Brazil, Diego Garcia, Jamaica, New Zealand and South Africa had one each.

Florida has averaged 21 unprovoked shark attacks during the past 10 years.

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1 JFK announcements
5 Athletic shoe brand
9 Haute, Indiana
14 Red dessert wine
15 A party to
16 Advil competitor
17 Two-toned treat
18 Bibliography, e.g.
19 Washer cycle
20 Phrase on a treasure map
23 Sycophant
24 Captain of industry
26 Novelist Deighton
28 Sinking ship deserter
29 Illuminated
31 Luxury SUV since 1970
36 Hard-to-hit tennis server
37 Black wood
38 Vigor's partner
39 Locale
40 Criminal, to a cop
41 Sophocles tragedy
43 Giant Mel enshrined in Cooperstown
44 NBC late-night comedy hit
45 Pull
46 First film to win the Oscar for Best Animated Feature
48 "Take care of yourself!"
53 One of the things little boys are made of, and a hint to 20-, 31- and 41-Across
57 Take as one's own
59 Desert tableland
60 Pirate booty
61 Confused struggle
62 Cool and collected
63 Blackthorn fruit
64 Message limited to 140 characters
65 Lotion additive
66 -de-camp

DOWN

1 Glue for a model kit
2 Mel, "The Velvet Fog"
3 Fields of study
4 Nor'easter, for one
5 Light lager
6 Part of BTU
7 Dance wildly
8 Bet all players must make
9 Fossil-preserving spot
10 "The Waste Land" poet
11 Budget vehicle
12 Natl. park campers
13 Wide shoe size
21 Actress Cuoco of "The Big Bang Theory"
22 Guide for the Magi
25 Female relative
27 Best-seller list entry
28 Make payment
30 "Jurassic Park" predator, for short
31 Auto loan default consequence
32 Helps, as a 40-Across
33 Santa's home
34 Econ. statistic
35 YouTube clip, for short
36 Pacino and Capone
39 Washington's ___ Sound
41 Peeling potatoes in the mil., perhaps
42 Darts, commonly
44 Seven-person combo
47 Indian currency
49 Tostitos dip
50 Garlic mayonnaise
51 Monsoon aftermath
52 Makeup maven
54 Gym site, briefly
55 Negotiation goal
56 Northern European capital
57 Qty.
58 Beads on the grass

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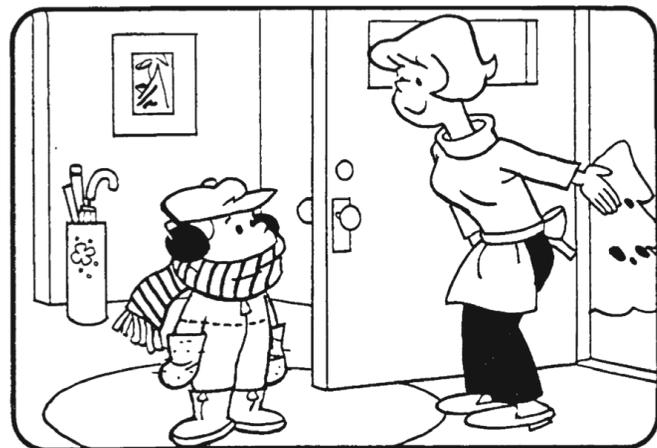
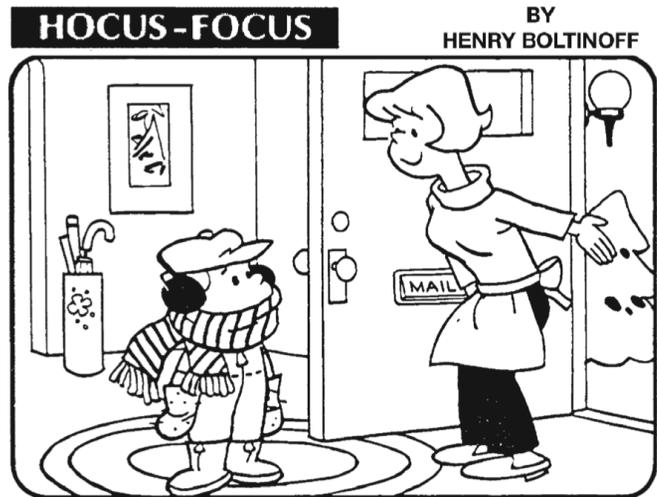
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Wilbekin wins league honor after stellar road outings



AP Photo

Scottie Wilbekin (5) drives against Tennessee guard Jordan McRae (52) in the first half of Florida's 67-58 win on Feb. 11 in Knoxville, Tenn. Wilbekin was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

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During the past two weeks, Scottie Wilbekin has been everything the No. 2 Gators have needed him to be — and then some.

For his performances in wins last week against Tennessee and Kentucky, during which he totaled 44 points, Wilbekin was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

"Yeah, they (individual honors) don't really mean anything," the senior point guard said. "It's nice to be acknowledged, but I've still got to put in work and we've still got practice today, so it's not really going to affect anything."

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Scottie Wilbekin

UF point guard

Wilbekin's focus on constantly trying to improve has been apparent in his recent play.

In UF's past four games, the senior point guard has been on a tear, averaging 19.8 points per contest on 43.6 percent shooting and a 42.1 percent clip from three-point range.

During the stretch, he also notched a combined 15 assists and seven steals.

His most notable performance during the stretch came in the Gators' 69-59 victory against the Wildcats in Rupp Arena on Saturday.

Logging a team-high 36 minutes, Wilbekin scored a career-high 23 points on 5-of-10 shooting and sunk 2 of 3 attempts from behind the arc.

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Gators bats off to hot start during opening weekend

► UF SCORED 19 RUNS IN THREE GAMES.

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Florida struggled to score runs throughout the 2013 season, but in its opening series against Maryland, the bats showed that 2014 would not be a repeat.

The No. 23 Gators (2-1) scored 19 runs in their series win with the Terrapins, scoring seven runs or more in two of the three games.

"We swung the bats pretty well," shortstop Richie Martin said.

Although UF brought in the top recruiting class in the country, returning faces contributed the most to the offense.

Martin leads the Gators in batting average through the first three games, notching a .455 mark in his 11 at-bats against the Terrapins.

Martin sparked Florida's offense in the rubber game of the series.

The sophomore worked a six-pitch

walk to lead off the game and scored when catcher Taylor Gushue lifted a sacrifice fly to right field.

"From the first inning, we saw [Maryland pitcher Jared Price] really struggling," Gushue said. "We knew that he had a good arm. We knew that he had a changeup. We knew what he was trying to do."

UF Baseball "But he just didn't have his command [Sunday], so we just were patient up there, and it paid off for us."

Martin drove in a run of his own on a flyout in the Gators' four-run second inning, but his most powerful contribution came later in the game.

After freshman A.J. Puk notched an RBI double, Martin drove him in with a double of his own, setting the stage for him to work his magic on the basepaths.

On the first pitch of the following at-bat, Martin took off for third base, sliding in safely as the ball glanced off third baseman Krysthian Leal's glove. Martin raced

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Consistency works for UF

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Florida's last four victories have come by way of the same starting five.

The Gators are a perfect 4-0 when senior Jaterra Bonds, redshirt junior Kayla Lewis, redshirt sophomores Carlie Needles and Cassie Peoples and freshman Ronni Williams are on the floor for the opening tip.

Their last two losses, however, have featured two different lineups.

In the loss at Arkansas, Florida inserted redshirt senior Lily Svete in place of Williams. Svete had been thriving when coming off the bench up to that point, averaging 12.7 points per contest during Florida's three-game winning streak that made its way into early February.

But against the Razorbacks on Feb. 6, Svete scored six points and racked up four fouls.

Williams was coming off an injury, though, and Svete returned to the bench for Florida's next game — an 86-80 victory against then-No. 15 Kentucky where Svete scored a career-high 17 points.

Sophomore January Miller had a whale of a game against the Wildcats, too, scoring a team-high 20 points.

Her performance was good enough to earn her a starting spot against Georgia on Sunday in place of Needles, who failed to score a point and tallied one assist against Kentucky.

"January had a great game against Kentucky," coach Amanda Butler. "Carlie had struggled a little bit. It's not something that we place a whole lot of emphasis on in terms of, 'We're going to put our best five out there, who's playing the best right now?' January's been in that starting lineup as much as Carlie has. Lily's been in as much as Ronni has. We like to think

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Gilroy garners award

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MEN'S GOLF

Florida searching for answers after worst-ever performance at home tourney

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Florida has been traveling through some uncharted territory lately, and it is not somewhere it wants to be. "This is like beyond my wildest dreams," coach Buddy Alexander said after Florida's 11th-place finish at the SunTrust Gator Invitational over the weekend. "I mean, we've never had a season even close to this."

To show how dire this situation is for the Gators, their finish at the SunTrust Gator Invitational this past weekend was the worst performance ever at the tournament.

Alexander wasn't even the coach at Florida for UF's now-second-worst performance — an eighth-place finish in 1981. He was between jobs at his alma mater, Georgia Southern, and LSU and competing on the professional tour.

"I've never had any experience like this, even at Georgia Southern or LSU, if you want to know the absolute truth," Alexander said.

The second-worst finish at the tournament under Alexander's tutelage was last spring. The Gators placed fourth, led by then-sophomore Eric Banks, who tied for 10th place with a score of 211 (+1). Seniors Tyler McCumber, Tommy Mou and T.J. Vogel were also part of the squad but have since graduated and moved on to play professionally.

Despite the loss of those three, the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 rosters look similar. The program has retained standouts such as juniors J.D. Tomlinson and Banks and added freshmen and transfers who have had success in their careers.

So why has Florida struggled so much?

Alexander thinks it all may be in the players' heads.

"It starts in your mind," he said. "Golf is a mind

game in itself.

"I know where I am (mentally), and I'm ready to go to war and make some changes and keep battling like heck," Alexander said. "But I don't know exactly where (the players) are."



Alexander

The Gators could just be discouraged due to their disappointing finishes in this season's tournaments. Their highest placement so far was a tie for third at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate at the beginning of October. UF shot a collective 857 (-7) on one of the toughest courses it has played this season.

To Alexander, "the positives outweighed the negatives" during that tournament, but he still wasn't particularly satisfied with UF's finish.

The problem is not because of an absence of team chemistry. Tomlinson is sure of it.

"We've bonded really well, so we do everything together," he said. "I think by having that team unity, it kind of makes everybody better, and kind of inspires each other. We have friendly rivalries, so you want to keep on doing better than each other."

Whatever the problem is, Florida needs to find the solution soon. The Gators have only four regular-season tournaments remaining and are running out of time.

"Whatever upside they have, they need to come up with pretty quickly," Alexander said. "There's just some little aspect of a guy's game that, whether it's his wedge play or his putting or his confidence or an intangible of some sort, why some of these guys haven't really performed."

"But it needs to start happening pretty quickly for us to realistically be able to go in the postseason and feel confident about doing some good things."



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J.D. Tomlinson tees off during Day 2 of the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Sunday at the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

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Point guard solid from free-throw line

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But the bulk of Wilbekin's scoring throughout the past two weeks has come at the charity stripe late in games.

The dependable senior has earned the reputation of a closer, making 80.4 percent of his free throws during the span.

He went 9 of 10 from the foul line in the final 8:14 of action against Kentucky.

In the previous game in Knoxville, Tenn., the 6-foot-2 Gainesville native knocked down 5 of his 6 free-throw attempts in the last 52 seconds of regulation to seal a 67-58 Florida win on Feb. 11.

The senior said taking "way more" shots at the foul line during recent practices compared to the beginning of the 2013-14 campaign has helped his accuracy.

In his first five games back after serving a five-game suspension at the start of the year for violating team rules, Wilbekin shot just 46.7 percent from the charity stripe.

"(I am) just getting up a bunch of free throws outside of practice," Wilbekin said. "I was shooting really bad in the beginning of the year, so I put some work into it."

But the Gators have seen Wilbekin develop as a floor general.

Heading into last week averaging almost two turnovers per game, Wilbekin went without a turnover against Tennessee and Kentucky and notched a combined eight assists.

"(I am) just trying to be smart with passes, trying not to do too much," Wilbekin said. "Not trying to make the hero play."

With the Gators owning a 12-0 SEC record and the No. 2 spot in this week's AP poll, coach Billy Donovan is happy his senior point guard stayed the course and did not transfer after his off-season issues.

"We probably would not be in first place and undefeated in the SEC if he didn't change," Donovan said.

"If he left, we probably wouldn't be undefeated in the SEC. So, it was really a two-fold for me. For our team to be better and for him to be better, he needed to change."

Hill doubtful: After exiting in the second half of Florida's win at Kentucky with a groin injury, Kasey Hill is doubtful for Wednesday's home contest against Auburn.

The freshman point guard missed Monday's practice and will be re-evaluated today, Donovan said.

"My guess right now, and I'll probably have a better idea [today], but I would say he is probably doubtful, not going to play on Wednesday," Donovan said Monday.

Without Hill, Florida will have three players — forward Dorian Finney-Smith, shooting guard Michael Frazier II and guard/forward DeVon Walker alternate at the backup point guard when Wilbekin rests.

Martin hit two doubles against Terps

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for home, scoring Florida's eighth and final run.

Martin knocked another double later in the game — a departure from his style of hitting in his first season. As a freshman in 2013, he racked up 51 hits in only 44 games. But of those 51, only six were extra-base hits — five doubles and one triple.

Although Martin will likely not match the pace he is on, which would put him at 37 doubles for the season, the uptick in power production may make him a better leadoff hitter. Florida's leadoff

hitter in 2012, shortstop Nolan Fontana, had 20 extra-base hits in his final season at UF before the Houston Astros selected him in the second round of the 2012 MLB Draft.

The Gators also got production out of their third-year backstop.

Gushue hit the ball hard throughout the weekend, following Martin with four hits in his 11 at-bats and leading the team with five RBIs in its opening series.

But even when Gushue made outs, he put a charge into the ball. His sacrifice fly would have gone for extra bases had right fielder Anthony Papio not made a leap-

ing catch.

The junior catcher made the most noise for an offense that did not launch a home run in its opening series, knocking a double off of the right-field wall in the second game of the series.

The Gators look to continue their success in their first midweek games of the season. Florida plays Central Florida on Tuesday and North Florida on Wednesday — both at McKethan Stadium at 7 p.m.

"We play a good schedule," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "Our midweek games are hard ... We don't play any cupcakes."



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Richie Martin hits during Florida's 9-7 loss to Maryland on Saturday at McKethan Stadium. Martin leads the team with a .455 batting average after the Gators' three-game, season-opening series win.



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January Miller drives down the court in Florida's 75-67 win against Alabama on Jan. 30 in the O'Connell Center. Miller fouled out against Georgia on Sunday.

Miller scored five points, fouled out against Georgia

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of ourselves as pretty interchangeable."

However, Miller's recent good fortune didn't follow her to Athens, Ga.

In the Gators' 67-58 loss to the Bulldogs, Miller only scored five points and subsequently fouled out.

"It was a tough day for January," Butler said. "She had a fantastic outing against Kentucky (and) was really picking her spots well and making her type of plays. (Against Georgia) she just didn't seem to have that same sort of flow, and I think that's ultimately why she ended up picking up a couple of those fouls. No question that when she's not on the floor, we're a little bit slower. She makes us a lot faster, a lot more dynamic as an attacking unit."

Ironically, Needles outscored Miller coming off the bench, scoring six points.

To be fair, one can't logically pin the

change in the lineup to Sunday's loss. Correlation does not equal causation, not to mention Georgia had a strong showing on its home floor, winning the rebounding battle and draining seven threes.

"They shoot the ball really well against us," Butler said. "Not that they don't shoot the ball well in general — they've got really dynamic players in a lot of different spots. Our challenge that is there every game is to be able to adjust to game trends. That's something we talk about all the time and we didn't do a very good job of that [Sunday]."

Recent history was also not in Florida's favor heading into Georgia. The Gators haven't won a game in Stegeman Coliseum in a decade.

"They're very good," Butler said. "They're good every year. Coach Landers does a great job. There's not anywhere in our league that I would say is easy to play or easy to win."

"It's a spot that's especially difficult for us."

Gators traveling to SEC Championships as one of top teams

Florida men are No. 1 squad in country

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The five-day Southeastern Conference Championships begin today as the nation's top-ranked Gators men's swimming and diving team (8-0, 5-0 SEC) and the No. 5 women's team (5-3, 3-2 SEC) will each take on five of the top-25 teams in the country in Athens, Ga.

On the men's side, No. 1 Florida headlines the bunch, but No. 4 Missouri, No. 6 Georgia and No. 13 Auburn — winner of the conference crown in 16 of the last 17 years — could make a play for the title during this week's competition.

Florida is the heavy favorite after thrashing its competition this season.

UF's women will have to stare down the country's best in No. 1 Georgia and No. 8 Tennessee. Both got the better of the Gators in the regular season.

"This is an exciting time for us," coach Gregg Troy said. "Championship season is always big in swimming. Everything counts the rest of the way. You've got to take your enthusiasm and maintain it over five days if you want to win in probably the best conference in the country."

Eight SEC champions from a year ago return for the Gators: redshirt senior Sebastien Rousseau, seniors Brad deBorde and Marcin Cieslak, juniors Eduardo Solaeche-Gomez and Matt Elliott and sophomore Pawel Werner for the men, and senior Elizabeth Beisel and sophomore Natalie Hinds for the women.

Cieslak and Beisel will be flirting with greatness this week. Due to restrictions put in place in 1990, athletes can only compete in three events at SECs, but the two will still have a shot at making school history.

Cieslak's six SEC individual titles are just two fewer than Gator great Ryan Lochte, who shares the all-time record at Florida with two others.

The 2012 Polish Olympian will be competing for three conference championships, two of which he won at last year's SEC meet.

The face of the women's team in her time at Florida, Beisel has earned seven SEC individual titles and, regardless of how this year pans out, will go down as fifth all-time in conference championships at UF.

But she has a shot at something more.

If she pulls off the hat trick like she did in 2012, Beisel will become the second Gator to win 10 SEC titles since the three-event limit was imposed 24 years ago. She trails only Nicole Haislett, who went a perfect 12 for 12 from 1990-94.

Beisel has been an iconic swimmer for Florida in her four years, earning conference and national individual titles, but she has watched as SEC rival Georgia has gotten the better of her team four years running.

She is hoping this year will be different.

"We look really good. I think we do have a chance to beat Georgia," Beisel said. "That's obviously the goal ... Just try to win."

"It'll definitely be a tight meet, so we'll see how it goes."

Beisel is looking to the rest of her team to step up in what she called a grudge match after UF fell to UGA in November 2013.

Senior Hilda Luthersdottir was a swimmer Beisel mentioned. Her performances in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke claimed both of Florida's school records this year.

She brings them along with her, taking that energy and igniting her fellow Gators to swim fast through the joy it brings her. It's something she doesn't try to hide.

"It's inspiring for all of us because seeing her as happy as she is after her race, swimming fast," Beisel said. "It makes us all want to feel the same thing."

And ending a collegiate career with something Florida hasn't been able to accomplish since 2009 — the SEC crown — is something that she knows is within reach.

"I think this is the best team that I've ever been a part of in my four years here," Beisel said.

"So for it to be my senior year, I really want to do really well."



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Elizabeth Beisel competes in the 200-yard butterfly during Florida's match against Auburn on Jan. 25 in the O'Connell Center. Beisel is aiming for a three-event sweep at the Southeastern Conference Championships starting today.

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