



# UF recognized for having 12 Gators in Congress

► FSU HAS FOUR ALUMNI IN CONGRESS.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Graduates from UF are expected to do great things, but the 12 alumni serving in the U.S. Congress show just how far a UF degree can go.

UF was recently ranked among the top 20 universities with most alumni as congressional representatives, which placed it above Ivy League schools like Princeton University, Columbia University and Dartmouth College.

Although Harvard University, Georgetown University and Yale University topped the list, the majority of schools named in the top 20 were public universities from large states, like UF, the University of Texas and the University of Georgia.

Florida State University has four alumni in Congress.

Michael Martinez, a UF political science professor, said these colleges may produce the majority of congressional representation because they are the flagship, or leadership, universities in those states. Larger states have more representatives and more opportunities for alumni to be elected.

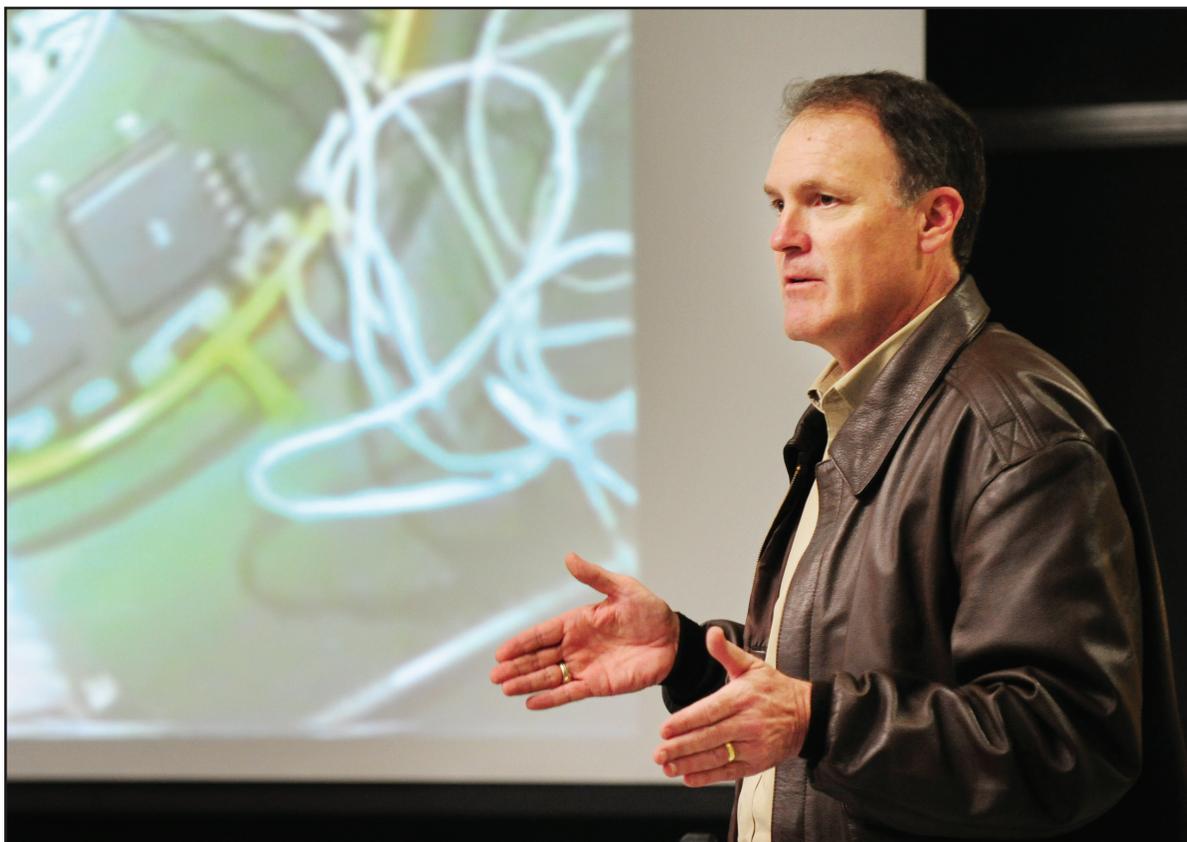
"I think it shows that within each state there are universities that attract the next generation of political leaders, and I think that's UF in Florida," he said.

UF has a history of producing those kinds of students, which Martinez said led the political science department to create a graduate program and undergraduate certificate in political campaigning.

He said two of the Gator graduates in Congress, Thomas Rooney and Debbie Wasserman Schultz, went through this program.

"People wanted to have a degree program that would teach them the skills that would be useful in political careers," Martinez said.

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## Out of this World

James Donald Halsell Jr., the technical director for advanced space launch systems at Dynetics Incorporated, spoke about his NASA career Wednesday evening in the New Physics Building. Read the story on page 3.

## LOCAL

# Commission candidate to withdraw

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Barbara Ruth says she's no longer campaigning for a City Commission seat.

At the League of Women Voters City Commission candidate forum Tuesday, Ruth told her fellow candidates she was done campaigning.

The former At-large Seat 2 candidate initially decided to run be-



Ruth

cause she said she felt stuck and complacent, but now she's lost all momentum.

"I didn't have a great chance to win," she said.

"I just wanted to not be a spoiler for any one camp. This might let one of them win it outright."

Ruth, 65, will now officially endorse At-large Seat 2 candidate Helen Warren.

Warren said she and Ruth would have divided the same pool of voters.

"I appreciate that she is giving her support to me because it's going to be a close race as it is," Warren said.

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# Quiz: Which Florida School Will Soon Host BuzzFeed's CEO?

## Jonah Peretti to visit UF in March

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The man behind the site that crowds Facebook feeds with whimsical quizzes and listicles is coming to UF.

The Accent Speaker's Bureau is bringing Jonah Peretti to the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on March 20. Peretti is the founder and CEO of BuzzFeed as well

as co-founder of the Huffington Post.

Daniel Landesberg, the chairman of Accent Speaker's Bureau, said Peretti will discuss the new age of social media, entrepreneurship and news.

"Most college students would agree BuzzFeed, which is mixing social media with news and popular Internet content, is really popular right now," Landesberg said.

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**Daniel Landesberg**

chairman of Accent Speaker's Bureau

Landesberg said a lot of students don't take the time to read long-form news articles, so BuzzFeed's easy-to-read style lets students stay informed in an entertaining

way.

Tickets will be available at the Phillips Center Box Office for students March 19 at noon and March 20 at 5 p.m. for the general public. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Accent paid Peretti \$40,000 to speak.

Fernando Caffoll, a 22-year-old UF mechanical and aerospace engineering senior, said BuzzFeed articles don't seem appealing, but seeing Peretti speak would be interesting.

"I probably wouldn't go for funsies," Caffoll said. "But if I have time, I'd go."

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### Man sells pot to cops, gets arrested

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### Florida opens up home tournament

Taylor Gushue will lead UF against FGCU as the Gators open up a three-team home tournament today at 7 p.m., pg 14.



## News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Mugs with Menches

Get artistic with UF Hillel at the Mugs with Menches program at 7:30 p.m. today at the Reitz Union Arts and Crafts Center. Students will have a chance to relax, listen to Israeli music and express their artistic sides.

## A Night of Magic: Disney Edition

Reitz Union Board Entertainment invites you to "be our guest" at A Night of Magic: Disney Edition, today in the Reitz Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. Dress as your favorite characters, and make your own pair of Mickey ears. Take pictures with Capt. Jack Sparrow, decorate a mug at the Mad Tea Party, get a caricature done, and test your trivia, karaoke and costume skills for some magical prizes. For more info, email [rub.specialevents@gmail.com](mailto:rub.specialevents@gmail.com).

## See deceptive butterflies at the Butterfly Rainforest

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

## Gay Movie Night

On Friday at 7:30 p.m., the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, located at 3131 NW 13th St., will show "The Perfect Wedding." Gay Movie Night is a free service of the Pride Community Center. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of snacks.

## Ubisoft Facebook drawing

Ubisoft is one of the world's largest video game producers 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.

## Florida Digital Newspaper Library intro and tutorial

Discover Florida's rich publishing history at the Matheson Museum, located at 513 E. University Ave., Tuesday at 6 p.m. For generations, Hispanic, Jewish and African-American communities thrived in the state of Florida, developing and publishing their own newspapers. These newspapers, which highlight Florida's multi-ethnic and immigrant history, are now digitized and freely available online. Learn about this new resource valuable to teachers, historians, genealogists and others.

## Summer dental program

Time is running out to apply for

## FORECAST

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the 2014 Summer Learning Program at the UF College of Dentistry. This year's program is scheduled for July 7 to 25. All applications must be received by March 7. This program allows pre-dental students to learn more about the dental profession and help them become stronger dental school applicants. Students will spend three weeks at UF participating in dental workshops, doing rotations through UF's various specialty dental clinics and doing simulation lab projects.

## LGBT leadership panel

LGBT Affairs will be hosting a leadership panel comprised of present and past LGBTQ-identified leaders on campus and around the Gainesville community to discuss their experiences as leaders on campus and how their sexual or gender identities impacted their experience as student leaders. Please join us at the Ustler Hall Atrium, March 12 at 7 p.m.

## GatorWell focus group

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 from March 10 to March 20 at the GatorWell location on Radio Road. Participants will receive a \$20 UF Bookstore gift card and free pizza. To participate, email [GatorWellProjects@mail.ufl.edu](mailto:GatorWellProjects@mail.ufl.edu). Use subject line "My Campus." Participants must be 18 years or older and currently enrolled UF students.

## Multicultural and Diversity Affairs hiring ambassadors

MCDA is hiring. Applications for student ambassadors are now available online at [tinyurl.com/MCDAapp](http://tinyurl.com/MCDAapp) and are due March 12 by noon. We are looking for both volunteer and Federal Work-Study positions for the Summer and Fall. If you're looking to join an organization tasked with change, this is your chance.

## Yulee Railroad Days vendor applications open

Entertainers and vendors of handmade arts and crafts: Welcome to the annual Yulee Railroad Days. The event will be held March 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information about applying to the festival, visit [yuleerailroaddays.org](http://yuleerailroaddays.org). The event is sponsored by the Archer Historical Society.

## Crohn's and colitis support group

If you have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, come find support with others. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge, located at 2121 SW 16th St. For more information, contact Dennis Frohlich at [Dennis@UCVlog.com](mailto:Dennis@UCVlog.com) or 701-541-3608.

## Restoring Bambooville

A group of students is working to present a formal proposal to the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee as well as the Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee to bring back Bambooville. To help, find the Facebook page "Restore Bambooville," or contact Elliot Larkin at [ufl.edu](mailto:ufl.edu) or Nick Chrone at [NChron@ufl.edu](mailto:NChron@ufl.edu). Also sign the petition on [change.org](http://change.org).

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## CORRECTION

An article in Wednesday's Alligator incorrectly stated the number of people who participated in the attempt to break a record for popping bubble wrap. The number of participants was actually 399.

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# Astronaut launches UF careers

► **JAMES DONALD HALSELL JR.**  
SPOKE TO STUDENTS.

**KYLE FOLLANSBEE**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A former astronaut gave Gator engineering students a chance to shoot for the stars Wednesday evening.

James Donald Halsell Jr., the technical director for advanced space launch systems at Dynetics Inc., spoke about his NASA career at 6 p.m. in the New Physics Building during a recruiting information session for Dynetics.

He piloted two of his five total missions and commanded the other three. He's logged about 52 days in space.

Halsell showed the group of about 20 students a short video of his experience on a mission to the International Space Station in 2000.

"It was just as exciting as you'd think," Halsell said. "No matter how many degrees you get at UF, you will still play with your food in space."

Halsell discussed the tasks he accomplished on board the ISS, including a night-landing mission.

"The 3,000-degree plasma that is generated by air friction as you slam into the Earth's upper atmosphere... that's what actually slows the shuttle down," Halsell said. "It was my first night landing, so I was excited for that."

Dynetics Inc. is a 1,300-employee company with headquarters in Huntsville, Ala. It covers areas including intelligence, sensors, missile systems and space.

Matt Fidler, a 25-year-old UF computer engineering junior, said he attended the event because he was looking for an internship this summer with Dynetics Inc.

Andrew Mortellaro, a 21-year-old UF electrical engineering senior, interned with the company last summer.

"As the summer progressed, I picked up different skills," Mortellaro said. "I had to get a security clearance, so I can't tell you everything I worked on."

## CAMPUS

# UF Olympic hopefuls crowdfund

**BRIDGET ANDERSON**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Two UF students were invited to attend a USA rugby academy this summer at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., but funding the trip could prove a hurdle for the Gator athletes.

Gabrielle Zablan and Stephanie Browne were invited to the training center after attending a high-performance training camp in Georgia two weeks ago.

Together, the athletes are working on ideas for fundraising money to finance the high cost of the trip.

Zablan, a 19-year-old UF athletic training sophomore, began a crowdfunding campaign on GoFundMe earlier this week. As of press time, it had raised about \$250 of her \$1,700 goal.

Eric Keys, head coach of the UF women's rugby club team, said he was not shocked by the nomination of the two players due to their strong athletic abilities.

Keys, an assistant professor of geography at UF, said he considers the nominations a big deal for the rugby club team and said they should be seen as a pathway toward bigger goals.

"This is a way for athletes to get on the

Olympic team," he said.

Zablan said attending the camp is a step toward reaching her dreams.

She began playing in October and said the first rugby game she ever watched was the first match she played in.

"Ideally, I would like to go to the Olympics," she said. "I don't know if 2016 is a possibility, but 2020 would be awesome."

*"I think I have a pretty good shot at playing in the world cup one day or the Olympics maybe, if everything works out."*

**Stephanie Browne**  
UF statistics junior

Browne, a 20-year-old UF statistics junior, said she is excited to share this experience alongside a teammate.

"It helps develop our players and make our team better as a whole," she said.

Her long-term goals are similar to Zablan's. She hopes to represent the U.S. at the Olympics in the future.

"I think I have a pretty good shot at playing in the (Rugby) World Cup one day or the Olympics maybe, if everything works out," she said. "That's the goal, but I know it won't be easy at all."

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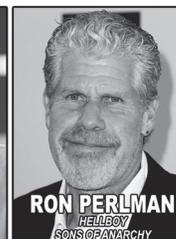
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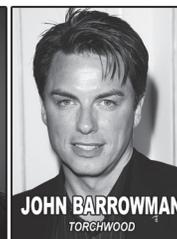
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# Reitz, Fresh Food Company compost in sustainability efforts

## UF hopes for zero waste by 2015

**LIZZY SHEBANEK**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF took a major step this week toward its initiative of Zero Waste by 2015.

The Reitz Union and Fresh Food Company locations have started composting after recently signing a contract with WCA, a waste and recycling management company.

According to UF's Living Green website, "composting is the biological decomposition of organic waste such as food or plant material by bacteria, fungi, worms and other organisms under controlled aerobic ... conditions."

Taylor Cremo, an account executive for WCA, said this is an "easy behavior change" on the path to sustainability. This relatively small change could end up making a big impact on UF's waste stream, she said.

A 2009 study reported about 15 percent of UF's total waste was from food waste alone, Cremo said.

She said the dining halls produce about 2,000 pounds of food waste every day.

Cremo said she wants this decision to make an impact on how all UF students view sustainability.

"My hope is that Florida Gators leave this university with an understanding that

waste is a resource and live their lives accordingly," Cremo said.

But this isn't the first time UF has put its composting efforts to good use.

*"My hope is that Florida Gators leave this university with an understanding that waste is a resource and live their lives accordingly."*

**Taylor Cremo**  
account executive for WCA

WCA and UF composted more than 50,000 pounds of waste during the 2013 football season.

Some students on campus said they think this is a positive change for the university.

Amanda DeCanio, a 20-year-old UF environmental engineering sophomore, said she is impressed by the university's decision to start composting.

"It is an outward and very public demonstration to students, staff, professors and the Gainesville community of UF's commitment to the environment and Zero Waste initiative," DeCanio said. "This is very telling and proves we should be on the lookout for future changes to UF."

Kyle Rodriguez, a 21-year-old UF sustainability junior, said he also thinks this program has the potential to be successful.

"I feel like it's a great step forward," Rodriguez said. "Not only does it reduce the amount of waste at the Reitz Union, but it also serves to educate students about the ... ways you can live a sustainable lifestyle."

## LIFESTYLE

# App helps ticket appeals

**SAMANTHA BLEND**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Emily Jacobus is no stranger to the dreaded sight of a citation sticking out from her windshield wiper.

That dread is something a new iPhone app called Fixed hopes to ease.

The app is expected to launch next week, several news outlets reported. Initially it will be available in San Francisco, but the founders said they hope to expand to other major cities in the U.S. soon.

According to the app's website, a person can contest his or her parking ticket by submitting a photo of the ticket along with the violation code. The app then informs the user of the probability of successfully appealing the ticket.

It can also inform the user of what evidence he or she needs to collect in order to support the appeal.

If the appeal is successful, Fixed

charges the user 25 percent of the fine. If not, it doesn't charge the user.

Jacobus, a 20-year-old UF chemical engineering junior, said she would consider using the app for future tickets, especially in more populated areas with more expensive citation fines.

Scott Fox, the director of UF's transportation and parking services, said he appreciates the app's concept because it helps users navigate the appeal process and motivates parking services to hand out accurate tickets.

He is familiar with the appeal process not only because he is the director of transportation and parking, but also because he has gotten multiple parking citations himself.

"In fact," Fox said, "they kind of like to get me."

If the app became available in Gainesville, he said he doesn't think it would cause a significant change in collected revenue or parking regulations.



AP Photo / Wilfredo Lee

## Lefty Love

A young fan waves a flag for golfer Phil Mickelson to sign after Mickelson finished his Pro-Am round of the Honda Classic golf tournament Wednesday in Palm Beach Gardens.

# She is endorsing Helen Warren

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Although Ruth has not formally withdrawn, she said she plans to make it official soon. To withdraw, Ruth would need to contact the Supervisor of Elections office, which would then place notices at the voting precincts.

Elections supervisor Pam Carpenter said if Ruth withdraws, her name will still appear on the ballot, but her votes will not count.

"We have had this happen before, so we have a process for it," Carpenter said.

Ruth used about \$600 to fund her campaign. She said she didn't have any other donors in line to support it further.

Mark Venzke, also an At-large Seat 2 candidate, said he was not surprised to hear

about Ruth's endorsement of Warren.

"Helen is most closely aligned with Barbara Ruth's general philosophies and sensibilities," he said.

*"I've done my best and spoke from my heart."*

**Barbara Ruth**  
former Seat 2 candidate

Ruth first moved to Gainesville after her husband, a Vietnam War veteran, passed away from pancreatic cancer. She has lived in her marigold yellow house in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood for almost 12 years. During that time, Ruth ran a small massage-therapy business and became an ordained minister.

Ruth, who is vice president of the Stephen Foster Neighborhood Association, said her first foray into politics was in

2006. She rallied with other residents of the neighborhood against the expansion of the city public work's fleet garage next to the neighborhood. The group of neighbors led the city to move the facility out of its boundaries.

She said the experience taught her the importance of openness between the City Commission and the public.

"Making the people truly aware of what the plans are is a key thing," she said.

Ruth will remain active in her neighborhood and efforts to help with cleanup plans for the Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site.

Now that her campaign is over, Ruth said she'll have to find a job. But she said ending it was the best decision she could've made.

"It's a relief," she said. "I've done my best and spoke from my heart."

# They inspire UF students

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Besides creating role models to inspire current UF students, Martinez said having alumni in Congress may give UF an advantage in legislative issues.

"There are 12 members of Congress that will hopefully at least open the door and listen to what UF has to say," he said.

Hadar Arazi, a 19-year-old UF political science sophomore and Student Senator representing the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said she was inspired by the accomplishments of Gator graduates before her.

"I think it shows that anybody can go on to be a representative if it's something that you really want," she said. "I think it's cool that there are so many footsteps to follow in."

Student Senator Bradley Bean, a 19-year-old UF industrial systems engineering sophomore, said although

the announcement comes as no surprise to him, having so many alumni in Congress speaks volumes about the value of a UF education.

"It means that our education is preparing us for leadership roles in the real world," he said. "I think it's great to know that our education actually means something."

## UF alumni in Congress

- Marco Rubio — BA
- Corinne Brown — MA and EDS
- John Mica — BA
- Debbie Wasserman Schultz — BA and MA
- Gus Bilirakis — MA
- Thomas Rooney — MA
- Ted S. Yoho — BS and MA
- Bill Nelson — attended before transferring to Yale
- Jeff Miller — BA
- Kathy Castor — PhD
- Ander Crenshaw — BA
- Dennis Ross — BS

**CRIME**

# Man sells pot to cops, arrested

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Gainesville Police arrested a 28-year-old man Tuesday after he sold marijuana to undercover officers, according to a GPD arrest report. The sting was in response to residents' complaints about drug dealing in the area.



Summers

At about 1 p.m., two on-duty, undercover officers drove into Candlelight Estates Mobile Home Community, located at 1600 NE 12th Ave.

The officers met Walter Bernard Summers Jr. in front of a lot and asked if he had any "mollies," but Summers said he didn't have any. An officer then asked if he had any weed, and Summers said yes, ac-

ording to the report.

One of the officers gave him \$20, and Summers went into a nearby home, returning with 7.2 grams of marijuana that he handed over.

When uniformed officers appeared, Summers ran through the trailers and jumped a 4-foot fence, according to the report.

He then gave up and put his hands in the air, saying "OK, you got me," according to the report.

Officers also found a bag filled with 1.4 grams of marijuana in his left pants pocket.

Bernard was charged with selling a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, according to the report.

He was booked into the Alachua County Jail at about 1:30 p.m. and was released Wednesday after meeting a \$10,000 bond.

# Anti-cruelty campaign responds to circus acts

► IT AIMS TO HELP ELEPHANTS.

**JANA BERKOWITZ**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Members of the Student Animal Alliance are encouraging students to "Be an Elefriend" the week after Spring Break.

Christina Bicknell, a peta2 campus representative for UF, said the campaign was created after the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus came to the Stephen C. O'Connell Center last month. Bicknell said Florida is one of

the few states where universities still allow the circus to come to campus.

"It is unfortunate that a place for higher learning would support an event that has no educational purpose and promotes animal cruelty," she said.

Activists will hand out literature on campus about animal cruelty and let students sign a petition to block the circus from UF in the future.

Anna Sandoval, a 19-year-old UF exercise physiology sophomore, said she supports the campaign.

"This event opens up a very different perspective to something I used to love as a child," she said.

## IT'S GREAT TO BE A FLORIDA GATOR

**BASEBALL**

**THURSDAY, FEB 27 @ 7 PM**  
**VS. FGCU**

**DM** DANCE MARATHON CHECK-IN  
DISNEY PLAZA | CHECK-IN 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM  
CHECK-OUT BEGINNING OF 5TH INNING

**FRIDAY, FEB 28 @ 7 PM**  
**VS. ILLINOIS**

**RR** ROWDY REPTILE CHECK-IN  
DISNEY PLAZA | **3 POINTS**

**HOT DOG VOUCHER**  
THE FIRST 200 ROWDY REPTILES TO CHECK-IN WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE HOTDOG TO BE REDEEMED DURING THE 3RD AND 4TH INNING

**SATURDAY, MAR 1 @ 7 PM**  
**VS. FGCU**

**FIRST PITCH**  
UF STUDENTS CAN SIGN-UP TO THROW OUT THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH

**SUNDAY, MAR 2 @ 1 PM**  
**VS. ILLINOIS**

**FAMILY SUNDAYS**  
GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS, POPCORN & 12 OZ. SODAS ONLY \$1!

MCKETHAN STADIUM  
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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**FRIDAY, FEB 28 @ 5 PM**  
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**SATURDAY, MAR 1 @ 4 PM**  
**VS. LSU**

500<sup>TH</sup> GAME IN THE O'CONNELL CENTER

**SATURDAY, MAR 8 @ 12 PM**  
**VS. KENTUCKY**

STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL CENTER

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**SENIOR DAY**  
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**SUNDAY, MAR 2 @ 1 PM**  
**VS. TEXAS A&M**

STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL CENTER  
**FREE ADMISSION WITH GATOR ID**

**SENIOR DAY**  
GATOR SENIORS JATERRA BONDS AND LILY SVETE WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOLLOWING THEIR LAST HOME GAME IN A POST-GAME CEREMONY

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## Editorial

### Age and attitude: What accounts for alcohol abuse?

**P**redictably, as March approaches, news outlets will start releasing “shocking exposés” revealing the “dark side of Spring Break” as if we didn’t know drunken college students fall off balconies in Panama City every year. Trend writers would have you believe all students view Spring Break as a weeklong free-for-all, and while this isn’t necessarily true — we have Habitat for Humanity and other things to do, after all — it’s true that alcohol abuse is a pervasive problem in American university culture.

Despite the fact that there’s a wealth of information and resources available to students — at UF we have GatorWell and the medical amnesty policy, for example — binge drinking still happens at an exorbitant rate on campus. According to an Alligator report Monday, one to two alcohol-poisoning transports are reported on campus every weekend, and about 20 to 30 on-campus drunken driving cases occur each year.

Pinpointing the source of college binge-drinking culture is difficult. How big of an impact do parents play in the development of their children’s attitudes toward alcohol? Is the known European model of allowing children to drink with meals effective in reducing alcohol abuse later in life? Do the minimum-age laws for alcohol purchase really make a difference when it comes to college binge drinking?

The answers are complicated. A 2009 study in *Science Daily* reported that parents who adopted a relaxed attitude toward allowing their children to drink revealed that those children were more likely to binge drink in college. Further research is needed, however — the researcher admitted she didn’t separate students who specifically drank with their parents during meals from those who let their kids drink inside and outside the house.

In regards to the drinking-age limit, some argue the arbitrary age of 21 has no effect on students’ binge-drinking tendencies. If a college student younger than 21 wants alcohol, they reason, he or she has the means to find it.

While this is true, the same logic can be applied to all other areas of the law: hard-drug consumption, illegal firearm ownership and assault. If people want them or want to do them, what is stopping them?

And anyway, researchers have claimed that the minimum drinking age does indeed have an effect on the number of drunk-driving incidents involving young adults.

The Alligator report said, “research, collected since 2006, indicated that the age-21 drinking laws are associated with lower rates of drunken driving accidents and other dangers of excessive drinking.”

Clearly, a myriad of factors contribute to college students’ binge drinking tendencies.

For now, all we can do is keep the drinking age at 21 and hold parents accountable for helping their children develop healthy attitudes toward alcohol. That moderation is paramount, for both your safety and health.

## Reader response

**Today’s question:** Do you like BuzzFeed?

**Wednesday’s question:** Do you agree with the legal drinking age?

**47% YES**  
**53% NO**  
97 TOTAL VOTES

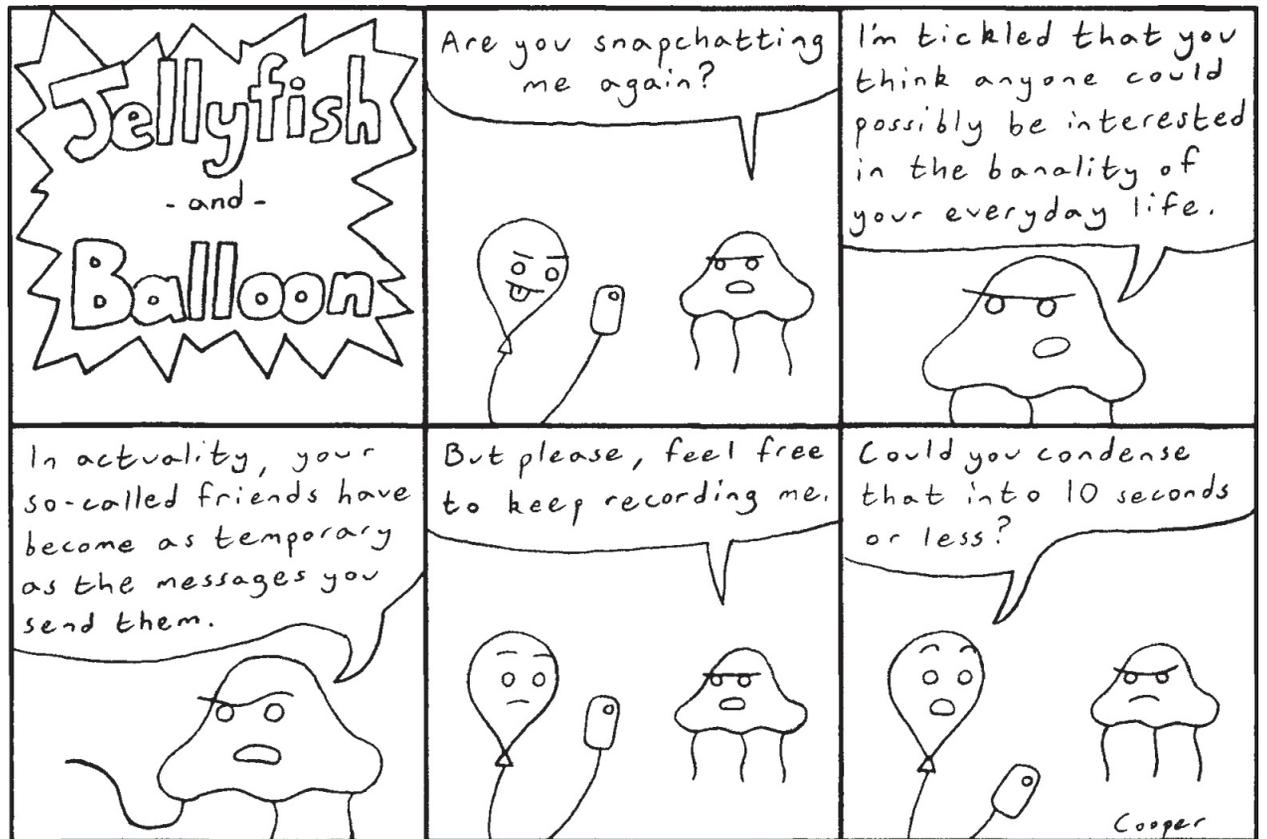
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## Column

### Net neutrality is a thing of the past

**T**hink about the nature of the Internet. It’s anything and everything at your fingertips whenever you want it. One day, we will tell our children we lived in a time when information was truly free.

Net neutrality began unraveling in January with a Supreme Court decision against the Federal Communications Commission. Years ago, the FCC classified Internet Service Providers in a way that limited the commission’s ability to regulate them. Because of this, Verizon sued the FCC, arguing the commission didn’t have the authority to enforce net neutrality. The Supreme Court agreed with Verizon.

Net neutrality works to ensure the Internet is a level playing field for everyone. Without it, ISPs could charge Internet companies more to access its servers, only to slow service if they don’t cough up the money. This helps small companies with few resources grow by avoiding substantial costs to be competitive.

Without the regulations, big Internet companies like Netflix may be required to pay more for the same speed service as other companies or might cut deals with the ISPs to ensure preferential treatment for their traffic. Of course, this extra cost would most likely be passed on to consumers, driving prices up.

Net neutrality advocates still have hope. The Supreme Court gave the FCC a way out. The court basically said the FCC can regulate the way ISPs treat traffic as long as it promotes broadband development.

Unfortunately, Netflix essentially threw that hope away in a deal made with Comcast on Sunday.

Comcast is the world’s largest cable provider and is set to buy out Time Warner Cable in another recently announced deal. If the purchase goes through, Comcast will be the Internet provider to nearly 40 percent of homes. That said, Netflix has seen 25 percent slower service to Comcast subscribers over the past few months.

Because of the infrastructure of the Internet, data



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doesn’t always go directly from companies like Netflix to service providers. In Netflix’s case, sending traffic through an intermediary before Comcast was the cause of the slowdown. Much like roads jamming when there are too many cars, cables jam when there is too much

data. With Netflix accounting for 30 percent of all Internet traffic during peak times, it’s no mystery why content travelled slower.

The deal between the two companies will give Netflix direct access to Comcast’s servers, no middleman required. In other words, they’re paying for better performance, pulling the philosophy of net neutrality up by the roots.

So get comfy with Netflix, Facebook and other Internet giants. It’s likely without net neutrality in place, there will be fewer big breaks for Internet start-ups that rely on the decentralized, competitive nature of the Internet.

It would be extremely difficult for any would-be Netflix challenger to get the funds to purchase the same access that Netflix has. Little access means fewer customers, meaning small companies will have a hard time getting off the ground.

It’s important to note that this doesn’t necessarily violate net neutrality so much as it goes around it. Net neutrality focuses on traffic discrimination. This deal is about Netflix’s ability to directly connect to Comcast’s servers.

But that’s what makes it so problematic. Even if net neutrality is resurrected, the philosophy behind it has already been undermined. If this becomes the new norm, the Internet as we know it is dead.

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## music

# Iron & Wine talks music, inspiration and latest album

ALEXA VOLLAND

Avenue Writer

After breaking onto the scene more than a decade ago with cooing vocals on "The Creek Drank the Cradle," Sam Beam, known as Iron & Wine, has repeatedly redefined his music.

Known best for his lyrical imagery, Beam's progression has been distinct, moving from the hushed twang of "Our Endless Numbered Days" and the guitar-picking Americana of "The Shepherd's Dog" to the more layered rhythms and full band on "Kiss Each Other Clean." Beam's latest album, "Ghost on Ghost," is no exception, still placing the emphasis on his songwriting but with a higher energy.

Before Iron & Wine takes the stage Friday night at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, we caught up with Beam. And, yes, his voice sounds just as sweet on the phone.

**Q: You are an artist who redefines your work, and you can see that in the progres-**

**sion from your earlier 2000 stuff to "Ghost on Ghost." Is there somewhere musically that you see Iron & Wine going next?**



Beam

**A:** I don't really know. I'm chasing something interesting, but no idea what it was going to look like. I have no idea what's going to happen, which makes it kind of fun.

**Q: A lot of your songs feel very personal. Where do you draw your inspiration from? Is anything in your life off-limits to write about?**

**A:** No, not really. Really personal or not — it all sounds personal — so you never know if I'm telling what really happened or if I made it up. There are parts of my life that are more interesting to write about, but at the same time, nothing's off-limits. I'm not going to give you my social security or anything. Inspiration comes from all over the

place — stories that I read or were told about from other people. A lot is just pure fantasy. I'm interested in narratives, loose or specific. It's just not a diary entry but the way I feel.

**Q: What was it about this set of songs that you felt you could collect them all together? How did you narrow down the songs to include on "Ghost on Ghost"?**

**A:** This one in particular was a little looser than the last few. In "The Shepherd's Dog," there was a dog included in every song. And then the record after that, there was a river. This time, I noticed I had a lot of songs with this central couple. If you try real hard, it could sound like that. A lot of different place names, and it's this couple against the world or the couple against the town they're in. And that made the sounds feel similar.

**Q: Looking back at who you were as an artist when you released "Creek Drank the Cradle," which is heavy on the acoustics, would you have thought "Ghost on Ghost"**

**is something you would have ever made?**

**A:** I wouldn't have known how to do it. I don't see an end. Then, I would never have felt like I was able to do that. I wouldn't have any idea how to approach it. For me, this meant a decade worth of experience that I had. I would have loved to make a record like that. I'm not a jazz musician — I've picked up a lot — but at the time I knew about four or five chords. It was a fun way to spend the day. I wouldn't have imagined I would have made the second album or the third.

**Q: What's your writing process like? I have this image of you being the kind of songwriter to carry around a notebook in your pocket everywhere.**

**A:** I don't carry it in my pocket, but I have it in a satchel wherever I go. I do have a lot of notes in my phone — it all goes in the phone these days. I treat it like a job in certain ways and try to sit down for a while every day.

# Fast food- and fairytale-inspired fashions hit Milan runway

## MODELS ROCKED

### McDONALD'S.

ELLY AYRES

Avenue Writer

Sandwiched between London and Paris fashion weeks, Milan's autumn/winter ready-to-wear collections brought a delicious dose of cool to the table. For the past week, designers dished up the most enviable of cold-weather trends — their inspiration rising from the depths of centuries-old fairytale books to the height of McDonald's golden arches.

One of the most talked-about shows was Jeremy Scott's Moschino collection, which was all about the overstatement of pop culture. Scott held a magnifying glass up to our label-conscious, name brand-centric culture, changing fast food into fast fashion.

One model dressed in a typical takeout-girl uniform carried her McDonald's kid's meal purse on a tray down the catwalk, while a handful of others were wrapped up in, well, candy wrappers. The label's signature "Moschino" nameplate belt found itself reimagined — this time wrapped continuously around one of the skirts and corresponding pair of thigh-high boots.

Although Scott's cheeky sense of humor sang the praises of over-the-top dressing, Gucci's creative director, Frida Giannini, opted for more

subtle glamour. Clean lines and smaller silhouettes were the word, and models decked out in pastel shades of blue, green, pink and yellow flaunted a refreshing balance

of casual luxury. Upscale materials like fur and leather were shaped into laid-back garments most would never expect, and the irony of fine fur on a sweatshirt was not lost on

the audience. Snakeskin knee-high boots were woven throughout the looks, and models surveyed the crowd from behind barely tinted oversized sunglasses. And perhaps

the biggest surprise of all from the elegant brand: blue jeans.

Dolce & Gabbana hit an especially high note with its dark fairytale-like collection, composed of about 70 looks that personified the contents of a storybook. However, in this case, the typical damsel in distress was nowhere to be found. Red Riding Hood was certainly present, but she came in the form of a fierce-looking heroine in a blood red, hooded fur coat. Female knights in chainmail stormed the runway, though their knee-high heeled metallic boots (looking exactly like the bottom half of full-on armor) might get stuck in the battlefield. Romantic notions floated within the collection as well in the form of lacy, jewel-toned coats sporting flora and fauna.

Fashionistas still haven't forgotten Fendi's fantastic collection by Karl Lagerfeld, which was rooted in its theme of transience and travel. Lagerfeld cited Billie Holiday's "Violets For Your Furs" as an inspiration, explaining how lovers used to pin flowers to their departing significant others' coats when they travelled. Entire orchid branches were pinned to many of Fendi's fur cloaks, which were practical shades of deep blue, brown and olive.

Though Italy may be lauded for its impressive cuisine, it was definitely the couture that left the fashion crowd supremely satiated and ready for round four of the fashion weeks, which started in Paris on Tuesday.



AP Photo

Models strut the runway wearing creations for Gucci women's autumn/winter 2014-15 collection as part of Milan Fashion Week, unveiled in Italy on Feb. 19.



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## Trophy Hunting: Oscar edition

You've been following the award shows all season. Read our Oscar predictions on page 10.

## Spring Break in Gainesville

No plans for the week? Read how to spend your vacation on page 9.

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## American

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# Spring Break in Gainesville

For people staying in Gainesville for Spring Break, the weeklong hiatus from classes can be just as interesting as that of the vacationers heading out of town.

You may not be forgetting your day at one of Florida's beaches or stumbling off and on cruise ships in the Caribbean, but you could be exploring the ins and outs of the Gainesville area your regular schedule may not allow you to visit.



**A** **Swamp Head Brewery**  
3140 SW 42nd Way, Gainesville

Spring Break is known as a week of drinking for college kids, so you can continue that tradition at the Swamp Head Brewery.

"We function like a small bar," said Brandon Nappy, an employee at the brewery.

Swamp Head has five year-round beers in its tasting room, and, don't worry, you can take some home, too. After you've gotten tired of drinking (if that's possible), you can visit some of the area's unique nature resorts.

**B** **Devil's Den Springs**  
5390 NE 180th Ave., Williston

You can scuba dive (if you're certified) or snorkel in the Devil's Den Spring. The underground spring is filled with fossils and rock formations, and the park where the spring is located is open for camping and lodging.

You cannot go underground to visit the spring unless you're going scuba diving or snorkeling, according to the spring's website.

Scarlette Lesma, a 21-year-old UF biomedical engineering junior, said she loved the time she went to Devil's Den.

"It's absolutely beautiful," Lesma said. "Besides the spring, there's an area to barbecue and enjoy the day."

**C** **Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park**  
4732 Millhopper Road, Gainesville

Another place Lesma recommended people see in Gainesville is the Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park, a large sinkhole turned state park.

There's a nature trail that leads to the bottom of the sinkhole, where you can see waterfalls spilling into springs.

"It's definitely a sight to see," Lesma said.

— Patrick Glynn

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## awards

## Trophy Hunting: super-sized Academy Awards predictions

ALYSSA HOLCOMB

Avenue Writer

The past year in cinema is seen by many as one of the tightest races in Oscar history, and with the variety of powerful performances up for Hollywood's biggest honors, this movie-goer agrees in full. Lupita, Matthew, Chiwetel, Alfonso — so many names, so little trophies to distribute. To close out the 2014 award season (and subsequent Trophy Hunting coverage this semester), I'm tackling six of the biggest categories in Tinseltown's most coveted ceremony and casting my votes for the year's biggest frontrunners. Note: I am not all-seeing. I may not get this right. If I do, then I will celebrate accordingly. If I don't, I will probably still celebrate accordingly. It is the Oscars, after all...

**Best Picture***Frontrunner:* "American Hustle"*Underdog:* "12 Years A Slave"

These two films have been neck-and-neck all awards season. Each film has strong casts with equally strong directors, as well as enough critic and audience praise. Honestly, it could go

either way, but the slight edge goes to "American Hustle" winning the Golden Globe over "12 Years A Slave."

**Best Actor in a Leading Role***Frontrunner:* Matthew McConaughey in "Dallas Buyers Club"*Underdog:* Chiwetel Ejiofor in "12 Years A Slave"

I can attest that both of these actors deserve all the accolades they can get. Both have grit and gusto in their roles: one as a medication hustler diagnosed with AIDS and another as a former free man kidnapped and forced back into slavery. Yet, in another close race, I think McConaughey's almost sweep of awards season thus far will not fail him on Oscar night.

**Best Actress in a Leading Role***Frontrunner:* Cate Blanchett in "Blue Jasmine"*Underdog:* Sandra Bullock in "Gravity"

Although this category isn't as close as the others, there are still five powerhouse leading ladies up for the statue. Blanchett has won nearly all of the awards in this category all season long, and I don't think that Oscar night will be an exception to the trend. Bullock gave a wonderful performance in her space-thriller, but it may not have

enough gravitational force to pull it away from Blanchett.

**Best Actor in a Supporting Role***Frontrunner:* Jared Leto in "Dallas Buyers Club"*Underdog:* Barkhad Abdi in "Captain Phillips"

Out of all of the categories, this is the only one that, to me, has a clear winner. Jared Leto has become a sort of darling of this awards season with both critic and audience appraisal of his performance as the complex but endlessly lively Rayon. Everything about Leto's portrayal has the quintessential makings of a star performance — the overall transformation (including major weight loss and lots of feminine ensemble pieces), the chemistry with McConaughey — everything. Don't get me wrong, Abdi's Somali captor in "Phillips" is a huge breakout role, but Leto's certainly in for the win.

**Best Actress in a Supporting Role***Frontrunner:* Jennifer Lawrence in "American Hustle"*Underdog:* Lupita Nyong'o in "12 Years A Slave"**Best Original Song***Frontrunner:* "Let it Go" - "Frozen"*Underdog:* "Ordinary Love" - U2

This one is a little tougher. Between "Frozen"'s anthemic ballad "Let It Go" and Pharrell William's bouncy, buoyant "Happy" from "Despicable Me 2," it could go either way. Throw in a little competition from, oh, I don't know, U2, and this one could be a serious toss-up. Hopefully the performances of each of the songs (as well as "The Moon Song" from "Her") will foreshadow a winner.

**Best Original Screenplay**

This is an easy one. If Spike Jonze doesn't win for the funny, tender "Her," then all hope is lost. That may sound a little melodramatic, but in a year where this film didn't get nearly enough nominations for what it deserved in terms of performances (hello, Joaquin Phoenix, I still love you), this one should be a given.

Catch the Oscars on Sunday at 7 p.m. on ABC. And fear not — "Trophy Hunting" will be back next season with all the scoop on awards season. Send your thoughts in Twitter form @AlligatorAvenue.

## Your J. Cole pre-concert playlist

MEGHAN PRYCE

Avenue Writer

If you don't know who J. Cole and Chance The Rapper are, then it's time to do some homework. The artists will perform at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center tonight, and the worst thing you could do is go to a concert where you don't know at least one song.

What's the fun of attending if you can't sing (proudly and out of tune) with the artist and your friends? You could be that person who awkwardly bobs to the beat. But trust me, you'll look so much cooler if you know the words to the songs and can really get into the music.

Here's a list of songs to check out before the concert:

**"Crooked Smile" by J. Cole featuring TLC**

You have most likely heard this song on the radio, but take the time to listen again prior to the concert and really understand the lyrics. This song is about embracing your imperfections. It's one of today's few rap songs with an actual message, which is to love who you are.

**"Forbidden Fruit" by J. Cole featuring Kendrick Lamar**

Those of you who attended last year's concert during Black History Month will get another taste of Kendrick Lamar in this song. It reflects the theme of the album "Born Sinner." In several songs on the album, you'll notice references to Adam and Eve, heaven, hell, church and God.

**"She Knows" by J. Cole featuring Amber Coffman and Cults**

This song is so darn catchy. Seriously. By the time the song ends, you'll be belt-

ing out "she knows" over and over and over again.

**"Work Out" by J. Cole**

This is one of Cole's more upbeat songs from his debut album. Honestly, this would be a great song to play when having sex. It's not exactly baby-making music, but we all know what Cole is really thinking when he says, "I wanna see you work out for me."

**"Favorite Song" by Chance The Rapper featuring Childish Gambino**

If the beat to this song sounds vaguely familiar even though you never heard this song before, you're not going crazy. The beat is a sample from Betty Wright's "Clean Up Woman," giving the track an old-school sound. This feel-good track is perfect for when you ace that exam you spent all night studying for.

**"Cocoa Butter Kisses" by Chance The Rapper featuring Vic Mensa and Twista**

This laid-back song is perfect when you're just relaxing in your room. At first listen, you may think this is just another rap song talking about smoking and drugs. The song is really about the rapper thinking back to the kisses he would get from his mother before he started smoking.

And class is dismissed. If you take a listen to the songs on this list, you'll definitely be ready to show off your rapping skills at the concert tonight.

I also recommend listening to Chance The Rapper's most recent mixtape and Cole's latest album for tonight's show.



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

## Fresh Picked

Watch It:  
"Spring Breakers"

Sure, it's a throwback, but what better way to celebrate Spring Break than with James Franco in cornrows? For those of you who don't know, "Spring Breakers" is about best friends who vacation in Florida and get mixed in with the wrong crowd. With so many one-liners and drunken nudity, "Spring Breakers" will eventually reach cult classic status.

Click It:  
Mercury, the two-legged kitten

Having a crummy day? We suggest you watch some footage of Mercury, the adorable kitty who unfortunately lost his two front legs in a weed-wacker accident. If Mercury can make it through the day, you can push through your three-hour biology block. Like an adorable feline T-Rex, you can't watch this cat without letting out an "awww." Grumpy Cat might have some cuteness competition. He's not thrilled about it.

See It:  
Tennessee Queer

After spending some time in New York City, out-and-proud Jason Potts returns to his southern hometown where nothing has changed for LGBT teens. Wanting to help, Jason is put in charge of the first gay pride parade in his Tennessee town. But a scheming conservative city councilman and minister have different plans. It sounds like an updated version of "Footloose," which has definitely sparked our interest. Called a quirky comedy, "Tennessee Queer" will be at the Hippodrome Cinema from Sunday to March 8. Filmmaker Mark Goshorn Jones will be in Gainesville on Monday and Tuesday for a Q-and-A session at the theater.

Hear It:  
Lee Boys

Blending R&B and gospel with a little bit of hip-hop, rock and country, The Lee Boys will be playing at The JAM on Friday. The band has made the rounds to several music festivals, including Bonnaroo, but you might recognize them from their performance on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. The show starts at 8 p.m.

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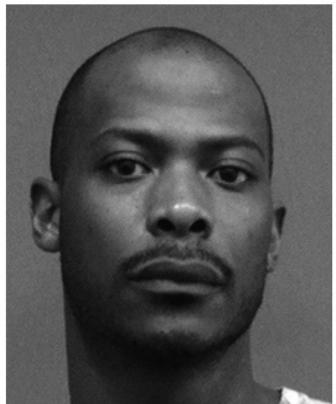
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## RECRUITING

### Gators sign 2015 tight end recruit

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Florida's 2015 class has rapidly expanded in the last week.

On Wednesday, Camrin Knight, a tight end and outside linebacker from Tallahassee Lincoln High, announced via Twitter that he was committing to Florida.



Knight

Knight is the fifth commitment of the 2015 class, which has picked up three verbal commitments in the last six days. Wide receiver Deondre Farrier, a Lake Nona native, committed on Friday, and wide receiver Tristan Payton, from Jacksonville First Academy, announced his verbal commitment on Monday.

As a junior at Lincoln, Knight averaged 16 yards per catch and scored three touchdowns.

Florida is in desperate need of playmakers at tight end and wide receiver. To address that need, the Gators signed three wide receivers and two tight ends in their 2014 class.

Florida's tight ends made a minimal impact in UF's 4-8 season.

Clay Burton recorded his only reception of 2013 in the last game of the season against FSU, and his backup, Tevin Westbrook, had only three catches for 30 yards.

Sophomore Kent Taylor transferred to Kansas following the 2013 season, and Colin Thompson, a four-star recruit from the 2011 class, has seen the field only three times in his career due to injuries.

## Hard work paying off for Hunter on vault

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It may be the quickest event in a gymnastics meet, but vault is far from simple.

Florida's Kytra Hunter has found her place in vault history with her recent performances.

In the past two weeks, Hunter has scored back-to-back 10s on vault. Hunter is one of two gymnasts in the country who have scored a 10 on vault this season.

"Kytra, you know she's just full of natural power and talent," coach Rhonda Faehn said.

*"This year, I just feel a lot more relaxed. I've definitely been working on the little things like the stuck landings."*

**Kytra Hunter**  
UF gymnast

"She is one of, if not the best, I think, vaulter in the country."

Hunter's two 10s on vault are the sixth and seventh 10s on vault in program history.

The junior said she is comfortable with her routine, though she is the only Gator on the roster competing it.

Hunter has owned a Yurchenko layout with a one-and-a-half twist during her entire college career, but UF is not the first place she debuted her vault.

The past two years, the highest score Hunter has achieved with her vault routine was a 9.975 on multiple occasions.

"I've been so close to getting the 10, I'm just glad that I finally got it on vault, especially," Hunter said.

"This year, I just feel a lot more relaxed. I've definitely been working on the little things like the stuck landings."



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Kytra Hunter performs a vault routine during Florida's 197.525-196.025 win against Arkansas on Feb. 14 in the O'Connell Center.

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## Florida kicks off three-team home tournament tonight Gators face Illini, Eagles

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Although Florida might not face a better starting rotation than it did against Miami, it held its own in its first road series this season — even though the team dropped the series.

The No. 23 Gators (5-3) threw eight freshmen and saw five more get action at the plate against the Hurricanes' deep pitching staff, led by left-handers Chris Diaz,

Bryan Radziewski and Andrew Suarez. Florida avoided the sweep, driving in four first-inning runs off Suarez en route to a 6-4 victory in the finale. Florida hosts Illinois (2-4) and Florida Gulf Coast (5-3) in a round-robin tournament at McKethan Stadium starting Thursday. Each team will play each other twice.

"In losing two games to a rival on the road with so many young players, it's a good

win. It's a really quality win," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said following the finale.

### UF Baseball

to improve on obviously."

Florida outhit Miami 27-23 over the weekend. Three UM home runs on Friday and a three-run home run by UM freshman Zack Collins were big difference-makers in UF's two losses. For the Gators, seeing more of their freshmen on the field at Alex Rodriguez Park

is something to build off of.

Third baseman John Sternagel went 2 for 4 in his first career start on Sunday. Left-hander Kirby Snead retired all four batters he faced on Friday and Sunday.

Left-hander A.J. Puk earned the win after throwing 1.1 innings.

Center fielder Buddy Reed saved bases all weekend, roaming the expansive outfield grass. Pete Alonso started at designated hitter and first base while from the fourth spot throughout the entire weekend.

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UF track and field starts competition at the SEC Championships today. Read the story on page 16.

### Tweetable

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Morgan Frazier  
UF gymnast

### Poll Results

Will the Florida men's basketball team win the remainder of its Southeastern Conference games?

**72% YES**  
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68 total votes

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Freshman clinches Florida's indoor win over Florida State

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Despite a slow start, Florida bounced back to defeat Florida State in a 4-2 victory on Wednesday at the Perry Indoor Tennis Facility in its first home match in almost a month.

Maxx Lipman defeated FSU's Michael Rinaldi 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 to clinch the match for his team.

"I'm really proud of both Mike Alford and Maxx Lipman for how they played down the stretch," coach Bryan Shelton said in a release.

"They played well. It was a good match and a match that will help us as we head into our [Southeastern Conference] season."

Due to the rain, the match had to be played indoors.

Despite the forecast, the Gators adjusted.

"We were playing indoors, so we knew it was going to be tough," Shelton said. "FSU is a really good team and they came in with a lot of fight, and I was proud of how our guys competed from start to finish."

*"I'm really proud of both Mike Alford and Maxx Lipman for how they played down the stretch."*

**Bryan Shelton**  
UF coach

On the doubles court, Elliot Orkin and Gordon Watson defeated Marco Nunez and Grayson Goldin 8-5. Stephane Piro and Mike Alford defeated No. 23 Dominic Cotrone and Blake Davis 8-6 to

clinch the doubles point for the Gators.

In singles, Spencer Newman and Diego Hidalgo were the only Florida players to lose their matches.

Watson defeated Blake Davis (FSU) 6-2, 7-6 (3), while Florent Diep defeated Marco Nunez 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

To close out singles and clinch the match, Lipman fought in a highly contested match against Goldin and came out on top.

Shelton knew it would be a tough day for the Gators, maybe tougher than he expected.

With not much time to spare, Florida (5-4) will take a trip to College Station, Texas, where it will face Texas A&M on Friday at 6 p.m.



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Maxx Lipman swings at the ball during Florida's 4-2 win against TCU on Jan. 26 at the Ring Tennis Complex.

# Gushue leading team in power hitting

BASE, from page 15

**Mattson proving versatile:** Through eight games, Braden Mattson has played catcher, first base, third base and right field. The transfer from San Jacinto community college and Texas Christian has made O'Sullivan's job easier.

Case in point: Mattson started Friday and Saturday at first base against Miami.

Mattson moved to right field due to a double switch in the eighth inning of Game 2. He made his first start this season at catcher on Sunday.

His versatility and hot bat seemingly assures him an everyday spot.

At .429, he tops the Gators in batting average and ranks third with nine hits.

He can also give Taylor Gushue a day off behind the plate and face left-handers at the plate when needed.

**Gators searching for hitters:** Gushue, the Gators' premier middle-of-the-order hitter, leads UF with one home run and nine RBIs. He erupted in Miami, going 6 for 12 while mainly hitting right-handed.

Florida had trouble finding consistent offense throughout its order last year, especially with runners in scoring position.

Gushue finished first on the team with 33 RBIs in 2013. What's the secret?

"It's all about the mentality you have at the plate. Not putting too much pressure on yourself in pressure situations," Gushue said two weeks before the season. "Last year, there were a lot of pressure situations.

"This year I think it'll be less (pressure situations), because we have more bats in the lineup. We have guys that can get it done from top to bottom."

**Weekend schedule:** First pitch for Thursday's game against Florida Gulf Coast, Friday's game against Illinois and Saturday's game against FGCU will be 7 p.m. The finale against Illinois on Sunday will begin at 1 p.m.



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Taylor Gushue bats during Florida's 4-0 win against Maryland on Feb. 14 at McKethan Stadium. Gushue leads Florida with one home run and nine RBIs through the Gators' first eight games.

# Increased difficulty makes routine stand out

GYM, from page 14

Hunter's routine includes a run, 25-foot hurdle line into a roundoff, followed by a back handspring onto the horse.

Once she blocks off the horse, she completes her challenging one-and-a-half twist onto the mat.

She estimates all of this takes her about 20 seconds to complete.

"For vault, definitely just been working on blocking it a lot higher and twisting a lot quicker so I can see the floor when I land," Hunter said. "The spotting is a lot different than the full because I'm doing the extra half."

The rest of the Gators in the Florida lineup — excluding Morgan Frazier — also perform a Yurchenko layout with a full twist for their vaults. Frazier performs a Yurchenko layout with a half twist, but the sophomore has not competed in any event so far this season.

Frazier exhibited her vault once during her freshman campaign and scored a 9.475.

Faehn believes the increased difficulty of Hunter's routine sets her apart from not just her teammates, but from most other NCAA gymnasts as well.

"She's doing a Yurchenko

one and a half," Faehn said. "There's maybe only a handful of gymnasts doing that collegiately simply because it's more difficult and the risk involved because it's a blind landing."

Because of the increased visibility issue, Hunter focuses on the floor throughout her entire vault routine.

"What's so different about my vault from everyone else's is I definitely spot the floor the whole time," Hunter said.

In vault, deductions are taken for technical errors in how the gymnast approaches the horse and after in the flight from the horse to the point of landing.

More deductions come from the second category because that is where the gymnasts are doing their flips and turns before attempting to stick a landing — another place where they could possibly see a deduction.

Hunter feels her toughest challenge competing vault is spotting the floor when she's twisting off the horse and into her dismount.

"When I run, I don't think about it but once I hurdle into my round off all I think," Hunter said.

"All I say to myself is, 'Reach back, block and twist.' Those are like the only three key words I give to myself."

**TRACK AND FIELD**

# Well-rounded Gators starting SEC Championships today

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Creating a track and field program that is competitive in multiple events has been Mike Holloway's goal since he arrived at Florida.

As UF's coach for the past 12 years, Holloway had to re-direct the image of the team after it was deemed a sprint program.

"I like to think that I learn from my mistakes," Holloway said. "When we were basically a sprint team, we were successful, were top two in the country a lot, and we were second and third in the SEC a lot.

"But as a staff, we realized that we were going to be one of the best teams in the country or the best team in the league."

Holloway said the team then had to be more diverse, and his staff went out to recruit top athletes in every event.

His staff understood what it took to win in this league: You can't do it in just one event or area.

Then, they gathered the diversity that would give them five national championships and scored equally on the field and track events.

With the 2014 Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships starting today, Holloway can direct his team again to a SEC Indoor title, which he has not won since the 2012 women's team claimed the title.

The Columbus, Ohio, native, who is a UF alum, has also thrived on making the women's program as elite as the men's team.

Holloway has preached to his female athletes that they have the talent to be as competitive as any team in the nation,

but turning that talent into titles is what counts.

"The big thing with the women's team is that they are starting to realize their potential," Holloway said.

"Potential is a funny word, because for me, it means we just haven't done anything yet."

Holloway said it's time for the women's side to take the next step and bring a trophy back to Gainesville.

The crucial parts of the season pertaining to Holloway are the SEC and NCAA championships.

With Florida always being in the discussion as a top team to win the conference and nationals, Holloway also recognizes there is solid competition in the SEC that can pose a threat.

Top-ranked and defending indoor men's champions Arkansas and third-ranked host Texas A&M will test Florida.

Although those teams seem to be rival competition, sophomore sprinter Arman Hall said whether in the regular season or going into SECs, his team never takes it easy.

When the second-ranked Gators take to the track once again in College Station, Texas, Hall said anyone who is on the track when Florida is competing would be a rival, not just one team.

"Our competition never takes it easy on us," Hall said.

"We know we're not the most liked team in NCAA, period. So everywhere we have to stay mentally ready, knowing that they're going to come out here to try to beat our bond, try to embarrass us on a national level.

"So we got to make sure we do the same thing to them."



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Mike Holloway looks on during the Southeastern Conference Cross Country Championships on Nov. 1, 2013, at the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

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