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LOCAL

Students lobby at Rally in Tally

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TALLAHASSEE — The people who stared down at the fourth floor lobby of the Capitol building Wednesday may not have immediately understood what was happening.

With questioning eyes, bystanders watched as more than 150 pairs of leather dress shoes and shiny high heels shuffled quietly into the lobby.

But when the clock struck 1 p.m., and some of the crowds' gray-black business attire was covered by red T-shirts with bold, white lettering, it was clear — these were Florida college students, and this was Rally in Tally.

The annual event was hosted by the Florida Student Association, an organization comprised of all the state university Student Body presidents, attracted students from UF, Florida State University, the University of North Florida and other Florida schools to Tallahassee to lobby for student initiatives.

About 30 UF students joined the charge

Wednesday.

UF's External Affairs office organized a charter bus that was available and free for UF students interested in attending the rally. Most of the attendees represented the Student Senate and the Freshman Leadership Council.

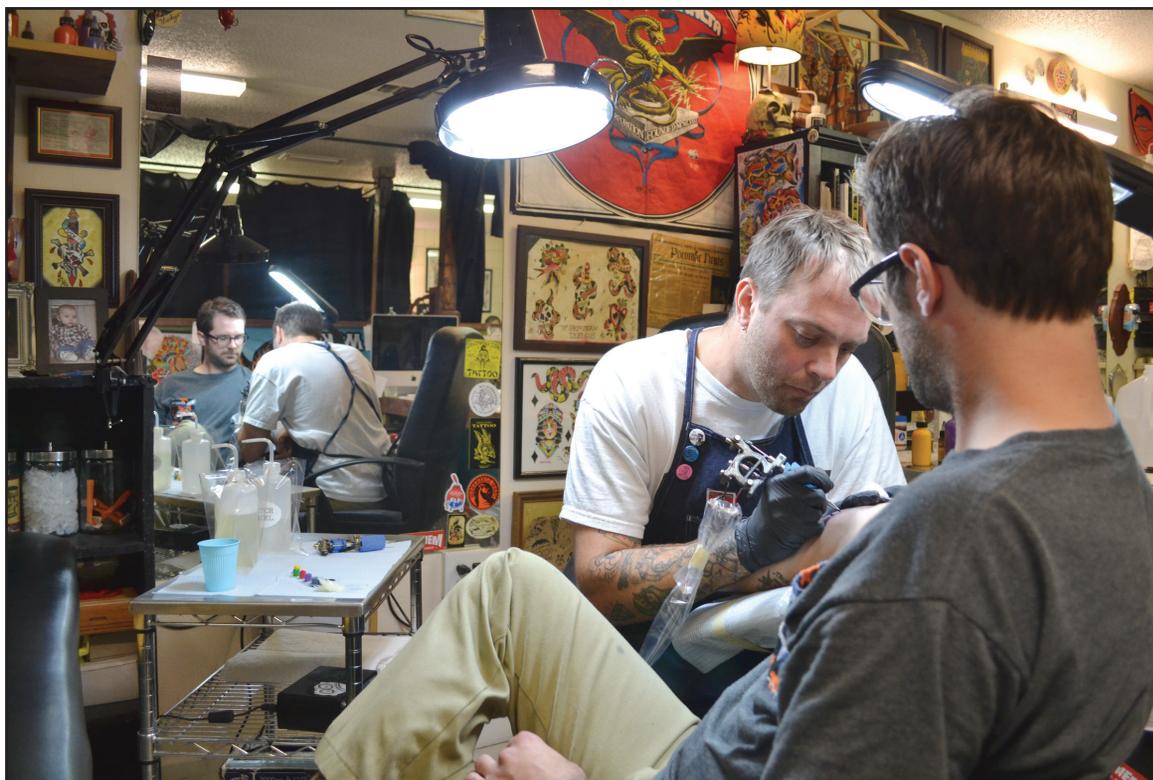
Jessica Sullivan, a 19-year-old UF public relations freshman, said participating in the rally is one of the best opportunities students have for their voices to be heard by state legislators.

"It's one thing picking up a phone or writing a letter or sending an email," she said. "It's another thing when they see student leaders face to face who are representing their school and fighting for what we need to make our institutions better."

Some of the issues UF students lobbied for included supporting in-state tuition for undocumented students and providing funding for the renovation of Newell Hall on campus.

Davis Bean, a 21-year-old political science junior and UF student senator, said he rallied for and supported all

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Think Ink

Mike Salay, 39, owner of Anthem Tattoo Parlor, tattoos Rich Mal, 29, the shop's tattoo apprentice. The parlor is relocating April 15 to 230 NW Second Ave. Read the story on page 4.

Solar charging coming to UF campus

► THE STATIONS WILL BE OUTDOORS NEAR BENCHES.

AUTUMN GARDNER

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The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers wants to make students' days a little sunnier.

The society is planning to install three solar charging stations on campus in late April, said Pablo Corredor, the group's vice president of technology affairs.

"We want to make it aestheti-

cally pleasing," Corredor said. "We want to put it right in your face."



Corredor

The solar charging stations will have USB ports and water-resistant outlets, and they will be placed near benches around campus.

The charging stations will have a 100-watt panel capable of charging one and a half laptops

at all times. The panels will also come equipped with battery systems that will store power and keep the panels functional even in inclement weather, he said.

The design of the charging stations also calls for an LCD screen that will show the charge of the battery, how much energy the station has accumulated during the day and how much energy the station has accumulated during its lifetime.

The panels last between 20 and

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Part-time students now eligible for \$105 football ticket lottery

Gators to play seven home games

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The football lottery is now open to part-time students.

Starting April 14, undergraduate students enrolled in six credit hours can participate in the lottery. The graduate student requirement will remain the same at six credit hours.

Travis Leyndyke, the director of ticket operations, wrote in an email that the change was because part-time students wanted to participate in the lottery.

"This will not only benefit the students who are now eligible to purchase tickets," he said, "but it will help make The Swamp game day atmosphere special and one of the best in the country."

"Students should be able to enter the lottery if they're only taking six credits."

Holly Davis

UF health education and behavior junior

Before the change, undergraduate students were required to be enrolled in 12 credits to participate.

With one extra game this Fall, lottery ticket prices have risen since last year. Students this

year will have to pay \$105 for seven home games compared to the \$90 for six games in 2013. Each game typically costs \$15.

Lottery announcements will be made on Aug. 1.

Holly Davis, a 20-year-old UF health education and behavior junior, said the six-hour credit change will allow more students to attend games.

"Students should be able to enter the lottery if they're only taking six credits," she said. "They're still a part of the Gator Nation."

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UF scores 10 in win against UCF

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fair Food Program

Judge Laura Safer Espinoza, the director of Fair Food Standards Council, Matthew Wooten and Victor Yengle will discuss The Fair Food Program: Comprehensive, Verifiable, and Sustainable Change for U.S. Farmworkers and the Agricultural Industry today at noon in the Levin College of Law, Room AC 209, and again at 6 p.m. at La Casita, 1504 W. University Ave.

Gay Movie Night

A showing of "Bashment" will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. Gay Movie Night is a free service of the Pride Community Center. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of snacks.

Fisher House 5K

The Gainesville Fisher House Foundation is excited to announce the upcoming seventh Fallen Heroes 5K. The course winds around UF's beautiful campus and Lake Alice. All are encouraged to walk, run or roll. The 5K starts at 9 a.m. Saturday in the UF Commuter Lot. Runners can register online at Active.com by searching "Fallen Heroes 5K" or the morning of the race in the Commuter Lot beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Paynes Prairie Fire Fest

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park will host Fire Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at its visitor center in Micanopy. The event is free with park admission, which is \$4 per individual and \$6 per vehicle. Activities will include hands-on demos, a scavenger hunt and fire equipment demonstrations. Visitors will also receive Fire Fest passports to be stamped as they explore various fire stations throughout the park and learn about the importance of prescribed fire to Florida's ecosystems.

Arabic Ball

The Arabic Cultural Association will be hosting its seventh annual Arabic Ball at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Jolie, 6 W. University Ave. Come enjoy a classy, unforgettable night with a delicious, full-course Arabic dinner, live Arabic music, a belly dancer and more. We are asking for a donation of \$15 for UF students and \$20 for non-UF students. Attire is semi-formal. For questions or more information, email arabicculturalassociation@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/acauf.

Three Minute Thesis Competition Final

The UF Graduate School is holding its first Three Minute Thesis Competition Final on April 3 at 2 p.m. in the Reitz Union Auditorium. The competition challenges Ph.D. students to present their research to a nontechnical audience in

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three minutes or less. The top 10 finalists will compete for a chance to win cash prizes. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please visit: bit.ly/1pf5CjD.

First Friday event

Join Pledge 5 Foundation on April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. during its First Friday event on Bo Diddley Community Plaza. Enjoy free samples of food and dessert from some of Gainesville's finest restaurants. In addition, in honor of Earth Day on April 22, there will be a seedling giveaway and Florida Foresters will talk about planting and caring for seedlings. Visit First Friday Gainesville on Facebook for more details.

Edible Book Contest

All UF students, faculty and staff are invited to create an "edible book" and enter it in the George A. Smathers Libraries' contest April 9 from 11 a.m. to noon on the walkway in front of Library West. Winners will be announced at 12:15 p.m. and do not have to be present to win. Categories: People's Choice (voted by the public), Best Children's Book, Best Non-Cake Entry, Best Non-Fiction Book and Best Pun. More information: uflib.ufl.edu/readfest/ediblebook.html.

UPTA's Carnival for Kids

The Undergraduate Physical Therapy Association would like to invite UF families to its kids carnival. The carnival will be held April 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Hume Field. Admission is \$5 per family. All proceeds will be donated to muscular dystrophy research and related causes. There will be a Scooby-Doo bounce house, giant bubble stations, arts and crafts, face painting, prizes, raffles and more. Please contact UPTA at ufupta@gmail.com with any questions.

Lavender Graduation

LGBT Affairs is hosting its annual Lavender Graduation on April 18 at 7 p.m. The ceremony acknowledges the achievements and contributions of LGBT and ally students at UF. The event is to recognize these students' leadership and community service experiences that have made a difference in improving the campus climate regarding LGBT issues. If you are graduating, please notify LGBT Affairs to be recognized and receive a Lavender Graduation certificate as well as a rainbow tassel.

LGBT Affairs is also looking for candidates for Spring 2014 Community Impact Awards and Rainbow Alliance Awards for Student LGBT Service and Research.

Velo Vixen MTB Skills Clinic

The second annual Velo Vixen MTB Skills Clinic will be held on April 19 at 9 a.m. at San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park. Lunch will be provided by Harvest Thyme Cafe, and all participants will receive a fabulous Vixen commemorative T-shirt. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. You can register online using Paypal here: touchstoneval.com/vixenclinic.html.

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 Larkin@ufl.edu or Nick Chrono at NChrono@ufl.edu. Also, sign the petition on Change.org.

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Student holds toiletry drive for domestic violence victims

► SHE'S HOPING TO RAISE MORE THAN \$150.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF student is making the world a more beautiful place with her women's toiletry drive.

Shanelle Benjamin, a 20-year-old UF public relations junior, is holding her first on-campus toiletry drive, called Beauty's Escape, benefiting women of domestic vio-

lence and homeless women in the Gainesville community. The drive started Tuesday and runs until April 4, although it may be extended, she said.

"You never know when you'll be on the other side," she said. "Now that you have the opportunity to help someone, you should take advantage of that."

Benjamin, the community affairs assistant director of UF's Black Student Union, is collecting beauty items such as feminine products, moisturizers, body sprays and hair

products at the BSU office on the third floor of the Reitz Union and the Reitz Union Information Desk.

She said she's expecting to raise more than \$150 and collect more than 100 items. Donations will be delivered to St. Francis House, Peaceful Paths and other charitable organizations.

Benjamin said she started doing toiletry drives after she ran into a woman in need of supplies at St. Francis House, a homeless shelter and soup kitchen.

"Although I only had three or

four pads, I saw her face light up," she said. "I made a difference that quick."

"Being able to take care of yourself gives you a sense of control."

Shanelle Benjamin
UF public relations junior

Benjamin said collecting beauty products for women helps boost their confidence, especially victims of domestic violence.

"Being able to take care of your-

self gives you a sense of control," she said.

Julie Karr, a communications specialist at HealthStreet, said one of the great things about student organizations like BSU is that they increase HealthStreet's capacity to collect items.

HealthStreet, a community engagement program that works to reduce disparities in health care and health research, has a toiletry pantry in its facility that is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays to collect items, she said.



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President Barack Obama speaks about how to expand economic opportunity for women and working families. The president joined in a roundtable with Valencia College students last week in Orlando.

LOCAL

Craft Beer Week starts

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This year's Hogtown Craft Beer Festival is letting the festivities brew a little longer than usual.

The Hogtown Brewers, a local home-brewing club, is kicking off the third-annual festival early with the first Gainesville Craft Beer Week, starting at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Students and residents can enjoy special prices on local beer with a weeklong pub crawl leading up to the festival on April 5.

Hogtown Brewers club organizer Mark Tumarkin wrote in an email although this is the pub crawl's first year, businesses were eager to get involved.

Eva Strickland, the manager of Big Lou's New York Style Pizzeria, said she's excited to participate.

"We have a really great variety of craft beers that a lot of people don't know about," she said. "The pub crawl is a great way to spread

the word."

The festival itself will be held April 5 at 1 p.m. at Kanapaha Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Drive. In addition to promoting craft beer, the Hogtown Brewers will also hold seminars and demonstrations.

"Part of our mission as a homebrew club is beer education," Tumarkin said. "People are learning that there's a lot more pleasure in drinking flavorful craft beers rather than the industrial 'fizzy yellow stuff.'"

Lisa Ruderman, a 22-year-old UF public relations senior who will be attending the Hogtown Craft Beer Festival for her second time this year, said she's looking forward to the wider range of craft beers.

Tumarkin said the festival will feature more than 65 breweries and more than 200 beers — almost double last year's offerings.

"I want to try all of them," Ruderman said. "But I want to remember them all, too."

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Local tattoo parlor to move to new, larger office space

► ANTHEM WILL HAVE AN ART GALLERY, TOO.

KELSEY MARTINEZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

A local tattoo shop promises the same atmosphere in its new, larger location opening in April.

Anthem Tattoo Parlor is moving to an 1,800-square-foot space at 230 NW Second Ave. on April 15. It will vacate its current Southwest Sixth Street location.

The Victorian-style home it's moving to will provide additional room for customers and employees and will also launch the opening of the Zorka Rose Art Gallery & Shoppe.

"This new building will have ample space for us and our customers," said Mike Salay, owner of the 8-year-old parlor. He said they've been considering an expansion for almost a year.

Salay said increased customer business and a larger staff have made the idea of relocating possible. The business now houses six tattoo artists, he said, exceeding the shop's four-person workspace.

Along with more space, he said he hopes Anthem's

patrons will benefit from the gallery, which will display vintage items and local art for sale. Its goal is to collaborate with Artwalk Gainesville artists and other creatives, he said.

"We want people to appreciate all forms of art, especially tattooing," Salay said.

The location may also be more convenient for attendees of the Fest, an annual punk rock music festival. Anthem participates every year offering special-edition tattoos to people who attend the event.

Co-owner Samantha Salay said Anthem's new space will help the parlor at this year's festival by offering more room to accommodate customers at a location closer to downtown.

Gainesville native Miranda Cullen was in the shop Wednesday night with a friend who was waiting to get a tattoo. Cullen, 20, said she thinks the move will generate more business.

"I think they deserve a bigger place because they are really cool tattoo artists," she said. "I think it will be really good for them."

Alligator staffer Matthew Martyr contributed to this report.

STATE

Tuition debt program not on Fla. radar

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Gators who fear a lifetime of paying off student loans can look to the Pacific Northwest for hope.

A bill proposed in the Washington House of Representatives would create a pay-it-forward program for paying college tuition.

If the bill passes, students would attend school tuition-free and then contribute a fixed percentage of their income — no more than 5 percent — to a common education fund upon receiving a job post-graduation.

In 2013, Oregon legislators passed a bill ordering a higher education commission to decide whether the program would work in their states.

But Florida legislators have yet to show interest in pursuing a similar program.

Brittany Davis, the Florida Board of Governors communications director, said one of the factors the board considers when allocating funds to universities is how accessible the schools are to students.

"The Board of Governors is following all tuition proposals with interest and believes the system must demonstrate the value it creates and move into an era of performance funding," she said.

But Larry Kenny, a UF economics professor, is skeptical of the success of a pay-it-forward program.

"The opportunity to avoid paying interest, which is just lost money that's not going to your education, would give students the chance to pursue a career they truly would be happier in."

Colby Royce
UF finance junior

"Yale had a program like this back in the '70s, and they shut it down," Kenny said. "Basically, you're allowing people to be a librarian at a low salary and saying that 4 percent of their income will pay off their loan over time, when sometimes, the proportion just isn't high enough."

But for students like Colby Royce who are worried about accumulating debt, the program sounds like a good idea.

The 21-year-old UF finance junior will have to take out loans for graduate school.

"The opportunity to avoid paying interest, which is just lost money that's not going to your education, would give students the chance to pursue a career they truly would be happier in," she said.

Stations will need minimal upkeep

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25 years, and the batteries last up to three years. The three systems will cost \$1,500 each and will be funded through UF's College of Engineering.

Corredor said only the society will be involved in maintaining the charging stations, and it predicts that the stations won't need much maintenance except for occasional cosmetic issues.

The first three stations, which will hopefully be installed in late April, will be pilots for the pro-

"I make sure to recycle and unplug my chargers when I'm not using them."

Katherine Nemecek
UF sport management sophomore

gram so the group can see how much the stations are being used.

Corredor said this is the largest project the organization has been involved in.

"Every year we want to carry out a couple of projects that are completely different from whatever it is we did last time," Corredor said.

Katherine Nemecek, a 19-year-

old UF sport management sophomore, said she would use the charging stations. She said being environmentally friendly is important to her.

"I make sure to recycle and unplug my chargers when I'm not using them," Nemecek said.

In the group's preliminary surveys, it found 70 percent of students bring their chargers to campus, a statistic Corredor said he finds encouraging because it shows students will use the solar chargers. He said his dream is to install these chargers at universities throughout Florida.

The group was recognized in both House and Senate sessions

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of the higher education issues.

"That's something that all students can get behind," he said. "A lot of the times you hear that younger generations aren't involved in things like this, so it's great to come here and see representatives from colleges all around Florida showing we are passionate about things we care about."

The students attended Senate and House of Representatives sessions and were publicly recognized by both.

Several Rally in Tally participants live-tweeted their experiences in and photos from the state capital using #RallyinTally.

UF students also listened to supporters from the Capitol speak about the initiatives they traveled nearly 150 miles to lobby for.

Sen. Jeanette Nuñez, chair of the higher education board and workforce subcommittee,

supported granting in-state tuition to undocumented students in a speech at the rally.

"There are students right now in Florida that have grown up here and have gone to our public schools, and yet when they reach ... their graduation day from high school, they find a closed door waiting for them," she said. "We're here because fighting for these students is fighting for a brighter, more educated state of Florida."

Ben Weiner, an 18-year-old UF political science and economics freshman, agreed that by actually going to meet with legislators, students can strongly impact the future of their schools.

"By us coming up here and speaking with different legislators, it puts a face to a bill in the House or Senate," he said. "I support the University of Florida, and in any way that we can improve it ... tuition equality, funding for campus, not only affects current students but future students as well."



Ryan Traher / Alligator

Florida Student Association chair Carlo Fassi speaks at Rally in Tally on Wednesday afternoon at the Florida Capitol. The annual event encourages lobbying for student initiatives.

A ca-awesome: UF singers talk potential reality show deal

It would feature campus

TAYLOR WIDOM
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Members of UF's No Southern Accent might soon take their talents to television.

The 16-person coed a cappella group is in talks with the associate producer of Animal Planet's "Ghostland Tennessee" and the founder of Smith Multimedia Entertainment LLC, Ben Smith, about starring in a reality show based on the 2012 hit comedy "Pitch Perfect."

C.J. Wittus, the president of No Southern Accent, said the similarities between the movie and the reality of a cappella life might surprise viewers.

"They want to present what is becoming a college norm to the public so they can see what it's actually like to be part of an a cappella group," said the 22-year-old UF criminology senior.

Smith declined to comment, but Wittus said he believes the show

would begin filming early next year, subject to UF approval. It would take place in Gainesville and follow group members through the auditioning process, tri-weekly practices, competitions and gigs, he said.

After one of the busiest and most exciting years the group has had, Wittus said being discovered by Smith Multimedia seemed like a reward. The group participated in producer auditions with "America's Got Talent," sang on a Royal Caribbean cruise and won ICCA, the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella.

Although Wittus said the group

is like a family, some members were not convinced the close-knit dynamic would protect it from the pressures of reality TV.

"It's really funny to watch, but generally that's not something I'd want to be a part of."

Spencer Jordan
family, youth and
community sciences sophomore

Spencer Jordan, a second-year No Southern Accent member, said reality shows tend to focus more on drama than what the show is actu-

ally about.

"It's really funny to watch, but generally that's not something I'd want to be a part of," the 20-year-old UF family, youth and community sciences sophomore said. "The camera can do some weird things to people."

However, the group met last week to address potential concerns about the show and decided it was worth the risk.

"I don't really know what kind of opportunity it is or what doors it opens for us, but it's definitely an experience," Jordan said, "and pretty once-in-a-lifetime."



William A. England / Alligator Staff

Talk The Line

Professor Christina Conlee speaks Wednesday in the Computer Science and Engineering Building about the meaning of the Nasca Lines, known as geoglyphs, or ground drawings.

CRIME

Police find about 300 doses of molly at house

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Gainesville Police arrested a local man Tuesday after detectives discovered about 40 grams of molly at his house.

Officers arrested 29-year-old Anil Rajdeo Ganaishlal on charges of trafficking in MDMA and possession of a controlled substance, according to an arrest report.

At about 4 p.m., detectives with the Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force carried out a search warrant for the house where Ganaishlal lives, located in the 2800 block of Southwest 101st Terrace.

Once inside, detectives found a Tupperware container with 24.3 grams of MDMA. Then, detectives

found a plastic bag with 13.85 grams of the same substance, according to the report.

Detectives took another plastic bag with five clear capsules that tested positive for molly.

They found a total of 39.65 grams throughout the house, according to the report. An average dose of MDMA is about .125 grams, which means Ganaishlal had the equivalent of about 317 doses.

During questioning, Ganaishlal said the drug items were his, according to the report.

Officers booked Ganaishlal into the Alachua County Jail at about 8:30 p.m., where he remained as of press time in lieu of a \$45,000 bond for MDMA charges and an \$8,000 bond for other marijuana charges.

STATE

Busch Gardens to open roller coaster thriller with a new twist

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA — Thrill ride developers at Busch Gardens acknowledge that the park's newest attraction might not be everyone's idea of a good time.

Falcon's Fury will open May 1. Riders will be seated upright and whisked to the top of a 335-foot tower. Then, the seat will pivot 90 degrees so the guests are looking straight down.

That's when the ride plunges in a six-second free fall.

Jeff Hornick, director of design and engineering at Busch Gardens,

said riders will reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour on the plunge.

"It's a different kind of thrill ride than a roller coaster," said Hornick. "It's really polarizing. You're either really going to want to ride it or not want to ride it at all."

Park officials say it's the tallest free-standing drop tower in North America and the only one in the world to feature forward tilting seats.

"Drop towers have been popular at theme parks for many years, but what you see with Falcon's Fury is the industry's relentless drive for innovation," said Jeremy

Schoolfield, editor-in-chief of Funworld Magazine. "Ride designers are always looking for new twists on classic attractions, and Fury's pivoting seats certainly fit that bill. Putting riders in a facedown position as they drop toward the ground is definitely a new take on this type of ride."

"The only thing you're going to hear is your heart beat."

Jeff Hornick
Busch Gardens director
of design and engineering

There are taller drop towers in the U.S., but they are integrated

with other rides or buildings. Lex Luthor: Drop of Doom at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California has a 400-foot drop and the Zumanjaro: Drop of Doom at Six Flags Great Escape in New Jersey will have a 415-foot drop when it's constructed later this year. Both of those are attached to other rides. A famous drop tower is the Big Shot, the ride atop the Stratosphere hotel and casino in Las Vegas that catapults riders 160 feet in the air.

Falcon's Fury stands alone, and Hornick said guests can see downtown Tampa and even St. Petersburg some 30 miles away once at

the top.

Guests must be 54 inches tall to ride. A circular gondola of 32 seats takes the riders to the top of the tower. Once there, a computer program determines how long the riders will stay at the peak before the gut-wrenching plunge.

Hornick said the wait time at the top will be randomized anywhere from one to five seconds.

"The only thing you're going to hear is your heart beat," he joked.

On the 60 mile-per-hour drop, the seats will be pulled back, to give riders a feeling of "ripping" a parachute cord, Hornick said.

Unattended backpack at tennis tournament causes scare

But police said it was harmless

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY BISCAJNE, Fla. — Police briefly stopped vehicle and foot traffic outside the Sony Open Tennis tournament Tuesday night because of an unattended backpack left near

the main gate. Authorities then found the bag did not present any safety risk.

Detective Roy Rutland of the Miami-Dade Police Department said personnel working at the tournament discovered the bag. Rutland said the department's bomb squad responded

"to mitigate the potential threat," and traffic was allowed to resume flowing.

Players on site at the time were made aware of the situation.

"There was a bomb threat and a lockdown, but that's all I know about it," women's No. 1 seed Serena Williams said shortly after the situation ended. "Scary."

The investigation was announced during a match between Williams and Angelique Ker-

ber, which proceeded as scheduled. Hundreds of people were trying to leave the facility after the match and were stopped at the gate before being allowed to exit the tennis center.

A men's match between Rafael Nadal and Fabio Fognini began shortly after police gave the all-clear.

Nadal and Fognini were warming up when police announced the situation had been resolved.

Editorial

Florida's Hollywood tax credit program needs work

Florida has been a popular destination for film producers for decades. From "Girl Happy," a 1965 film starring Elvis Presley shot in Fort Lauderdale, to "Miami Vice" and then "Burn Notice," our East Coast beaches are attractive options.

Proponents of the entertainment industry taking advantage of Florida's resources argue that Sunshine State exposure through film stimulates the economy and increases tourism. They've been pushing for Florida to expand its tax credit program and increase the number of incentives given to those who film in-state, the Tampa Bay Times reported. Since 2003, the entertainment industry incentive program has distributed \$296 million in tax credits to various projects.

Now, according to Integrity Florida, a research institute and watchdog agency, members of the film industry are pressuring the state for a \$1 billion package to subsidize the production of movies, TV shows, video games and other entertainment industry productions through 2020.

The arguments made by those in Hollywood are appealing. After all, who can argue with encouraging projects that pump "\$1.6 billion into Florida's economy and (create) more than 190,000 temporary jobs," as some officials have claimed?

However, there's more to the story.

None of the data is backed up by hard numbers. Florida Watchdog reported that the Office of Film and Entertainment, a five-person operation that oversees the subsidy program, hides itself from the public eye. Although the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's website offers "unprecedented access" to taxpayer-funded incentive contracts such as to the film industry, no information about the OFE is available.

This lack of transparency was called into question by the Integrity Florida report.

"The Office of Film and Entertainment ... does not always disclose online both the specific value of the tax credit awards along with the actual production company names of the recipients," the report's key research findings stated.

The report also called into question the program's lack of compliance with state statutes and its first-come, first-served practice of awarding incentive deals rather than discerning which projects would bring more revenue than others.

In moving forward, Integrity Florida didn't advocate rejecting the \$1 billion proposal — rather, it recommended revamping the entertainment industry incentive program. Obviously, legislators and business owners would prefer films choose Florida as a shooting location rather than Georgia or Alabama; thus, it's in the state's best interest to keep Florida attractive to producers.

Integrity Florida recommended more online disclosure, full compliance with Sunshine State Law's open-meeting regulations, increased fiscal responsibility for incentive deals and more objectivity and oversight when it comes to approving grants for certain projects.

It's in the state legislator's capacity to implement these changes. Before making a \$1 billion investment of taxpayer dollars, we hope they do so.

Reader response

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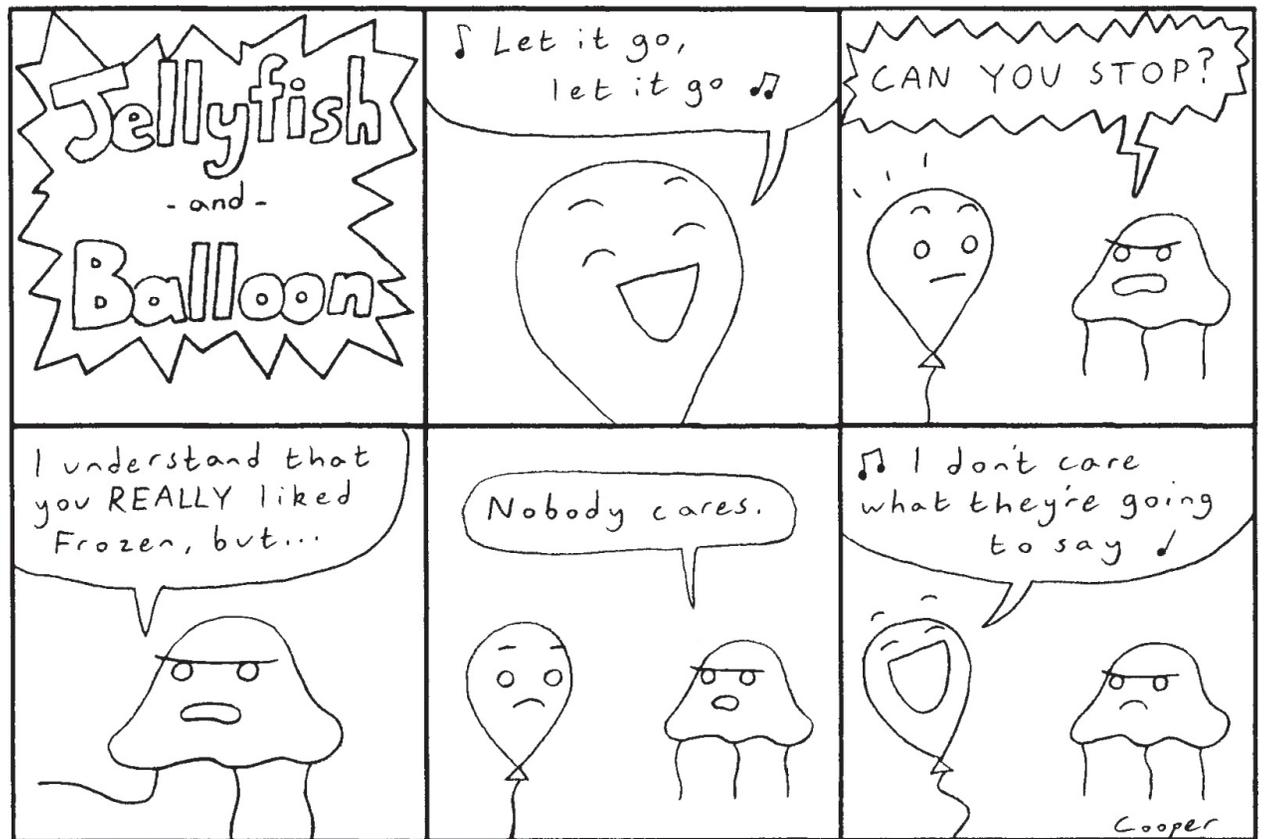
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Column

Taxpayers shouldn't fund religious ed

Like many other Gators, I was born and raised here in the Sunshine State. I've never lived anywhere else, so I am a product of the Florida school system.

Unlike some Gators, I had the misfortune of attending a private school until seventh grade. It wasn't all bad, but by about sixth grade, I knew I had to switch schools. The work was too easy. When I did transfer to a public school, not only was I stimulated by the better education I received, but I was also able to engage in a number of electives and extracurriculars unavailable at the private schools I attended.

It's also worth noting these schools were Christian. We had chapel on Wednesdays and an hour of Bible instruction daily. I was a devout Christian growing up, attended church three times a week and wanted to be a preacher. I loved the private schools I went to, but not as much as the public schools.

Private schools are good because they give parents choices in their children's education. But despite a reputation for giving students a superior education, studies show that isn't true. Many of them are also religious.

To give low-income families an opportunity to attend these supposedly superior private schools, 14 states use tax dollars to offer vouchers so children can attend. There is an issue here: Taxpayer dollars are going to fund religious instruction. If that isn't a breach of the separation of church and state, I don't know what is.

At one end of the spectrum, religious parents are afraid of teachers indoctrinating their children with theories of how the world formed that differ from their own. On the other end are taxpayers who don't follow Christian ideology and don't want to pay for an education they also feel indoctrinates youth with values contrary to their own. In the middle, a big mess.

There's a lot that needs fixing in America's schools. This isn't the way to do it.

According to Politico, numerous studies have found there is little educational benefit to attending private schools. Plus, private schools aren't held to the same



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standards as public schools. Instead of teaching evolution in an all-encompassing way, they teach children only how to refute it. One example offered is that genetic mutations result in a loss of genetic information, evidently meaning evolution is impossible. Yes, I was actually taught this at the school I

attended. No, it isn't true.

As a contrast, creation is not taught in public schools, and evolution is taught in an objective way. And even though evolution is taught, 60 percent of biology teachers tone down lessons on evolution to avoid controversy.

Some states even allow parents to pull their kids out of class when evolution is taught. But no one seems upset when children learn the Earth orbits the sun or that gravity exists.

Regardless, taxpayer funds don't belong in religious schools' coffers. The Friedman Foundation asked hundreds of families receiving tax-funded vouchers why they chose a private school. "Religious education," tied for first with "better education," according to Politico.

The religious right fears indoctrination from a public-school education. But think about this: If taxpayer dollars were used to send children to Muslim or Buddhist schools — well, the idea is so impossible it's hard to imagine.

We need the trickle of dollars to help bolster education, not hinder it. Giving money to religious schools takes it away from public schools. If Americans are serious about improving their economy and quality of life, they need to start taking education seriously and keep religion out of it.

Religion can be taught at home. Oftentimes, science can't.

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

rock 'n' roll

Tribute band will give Led Zeppelin a 'Whole Lotta Love'

CODY SMITH

Avenue Writer

Even though Led Zeppelin may never reunite, Gainesville residents will soon have the next best opportunity to hear the band's iconic songs live.

Get The Led Out, a Led Zeppelin cover band, will play at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Friday.

Appropriately dubbed "The American Zeppelin," the Philadelphia-based band recreates the music of Led Zeppelin by focusing on the studio overdubs that the original band never performed.

When Led Zeppelin performed live, the band was limited by its member count. Even though a recorded song may have included three guitars, the live performance of the same song would have incorporated only one guitar.

Get The Led Out meticulously adheres to the recorded music by employing multi-instrumentalists to showcase the recorded music of "The Mighty Zep."

The live performance chronicles the entirety of the original band's career, showcasing classic hits and deep cuts. Get The Led Out also includes an acoustic set, which features guest vocalist Diana DeSantis singing classic songs such as "Tangerine" and "Battle of Evermore."

The band started with singer Paul Sinclair and lead guitarist Paul Hammond playing Led Zeppelin and Aerosmith covers at a monthly gig in a club. As the word of mouth spread of their performances, more musicians wanted to get involved.

"The other musicians wanted to form a more traditional version of a Led Zeppelin tribute band, with the costumes and wigs and stuff, of which Paul Sinclair wanted no part of," Hammond said. "So Get The Led Out was formed with Paul Sinclair's concept of how he wanted to perform Led Zeppelin's music."

Sticking to the essence of the band's recorded music remains a key component of Get The Led Out.

Although Hammond may be influenced by musicians like Jeff Beck and Les Paul, he said the band does not attempt to reinterpret Led Zeppelin's music.

"Sometimes when I hear other acts out there performing Zeppelin's music and it's more of the live loosey-goosey type

of thing, it drives me to perform the recorded music of Led Zeppelin more accurately," Hammond said. "We're all driven to perfection with this band, so we're constantly separating the wheat from the chaff, only in a musical sense."

This is not the first time the band has played the Phillips Center, though. The band members made their way to Gainesville several years back and were made honorary

Gators, Hammond said.

"You can bet any time the Gators are playing I'm rooting for them to win," he said.

Tickets are available at the Phillips Center for \$10 for students with Gator 1 Cards. General admission tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m.



Courtesy to the Avenue

Get the Led Out singer Paul Sinclair takes to the stage to perform a Led Zeppelin cover. The tribute band will be playing at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The five people you'll find grocery shopping after midnight

Fill your cart; we won't judge

KELCEE GRIFFIS

Avenue Writer

College is a time when you won't be judged for not having your life in order, which means you repeatedly find yourself doing routine things like, oh you know, just grocery shopping at 2 a.m. Thankfully, Gainesville has several 24-hour joints where you can pick up those necessary items like frozen pizza and Eggo waffles (See: Sweetbay, Wal-Mart).

But it's a jungle out there, and a few character profiles seem to make repeat appearances. In true BuzzFeed fashion, here's your I-just-needed-bread-and-milk-

but-am-scared-of-that-sketchy-gas-station edition listicle of people you'll see grocery shopping after midnight:

1) The late-night snacker.

This one is a dead giveaway. They'll be in the ice cream aisle choosing a Ben and Jerry's pint wearing PJs and maybe Uggs with said pants carelessly stuffed in the tops. Who dresses to impress in this place anyway?

2) The vegan chef.

Dreadlocks and bandana optional. The first thing you'll notice is that his shopping basket is very colorful. It's filled with ingredients you can't pronounce and



wondering if he's going straight home to cook, and if so, why now?

3) The eat, sleep, rave, repeater.

This guy'll be buying beer. Just beer. Lots of it. The cheap stuff. He may or may not be surrounded with a posse of haggard-yet-happy looking wingmen who just wanna keep the party going.

4) The young professional who works weird hours.

You'll be able to pick these people out

that look so gourmet you wonder how he managed to find them in a run-of-the-mill chain grocery store like this. You spend the whole time waiting behind him at the register

of the crowd because they're always the best dressed. They may be toting a satchel or wearing an ID badge lanyard of some sort.

5) The flirty shelf stocker.

He's the one who takes the company policy of greeting every customer to the extreme and uses it as an excuse to strike up conversations with chicks buying cereal at 2 a.m. When he asks if you're finding everything OK, just say yes and move on, even if you're lost trying to find your off-brand cereal.

Maybe one day I'll have my life together enough to do normal things at normal hours. But until then, I guess I'll just make late-night grocery shopping a game and play bingo with this list.



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London Grammar debuts first album
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London Grammar delivers

CODY SMITH
Avenue Writer



"If You Wait," the debut album from British pop-indie collective London Grammar, stands to be one of the best debut albums of the past few years. The group combines the powerfully sultry vocals of singer Hannah Reid and nuanced production from Dan Rothman and Dominic "Dot" Major to create a truly unforgettable album.

London Grammar bares no expense in charging the listener with complex emotion. Much like artists such as The xx and Lana Del Rey, the group effectively weaves ethereal sound design with Reid's remarkable voice. Often simultaneously conveying hope, sadness and affection, Reid's vocals and lyrics grab the listener and refuse to let go.

Although Reid's vocals rest at the forefront of London Grammar, Rothman and Major's production perfectly supplement the lead

singer. With delicate guitar licks and fragile piano keys at their disposal, the pair of producers provides an essential cap to the group's

sound. Rothman and Major favor downtempo instrumentals but carefully add enough variety to abstain from boring the listener.

The tracks, while similar in nature, manage to stand apart by functioning as unique songs that also flow together to form a cohesive work. Stand-outs include the philosophical, yet catchy "Strong" and the creative interpretation of Kavinsky's "Nightcall."

London Grammar represents an exciting addition to the pop-indie genre. Its layering of emotionally charged vocals over ambient production sets a benchmark for the genre. "If You Wait" only marks the beginning of a very successful career for London Grammar.

+ GatorAid +

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+ "I've been talking to a guy for like two months, but he hasn't made it official. Should I stop or wait a little longer?"
— Anonymous

We're in college, the prime time of our lives thus far. There's no reason to rush anything right now unless it's through a boring study guide. I mean, it's only been two months. He might just be taking an "extended" amount of time to make sure you're the one he really wants to be with. That might sound cold, but would you rather him ask you out just to realize he actually despises half of the crap you do on a daily basis? And if you let him have the cookie before you two are exclusive, there's no reason for him to tie you down because he's already raced through the finish line with you. I say ride it out a little longer. At least you're getting some free meals out of it. He is buying you food, right?

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chit-chat

Conversation starters to help break the ice

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Meeting new people can be fun and interesting (Omegle, anyone?), but talking to strangers can also be intimidating and awkward.

According to a recent Tic Tac commercial, 67 percent of people could use an excuse to meet the person next to them.

The statistic was taken from a survey commissioned by the E-cigarette company NEO for National Fresh Breath Day, which reported that 67 percent of men and women ranked bad breath as the biggest dating turnoff.

Although offering a breath mint to a halitosis victim could be a useful icebreaker, a number of other conversation starters can fill an awkward silence.

1) Try a “Hey, did you hear about...?” approach. Asking people for their thoughts on current events shows you’re interested in what they have to say, and if the topic is interesting enough, an engaging conversation is sure to kick off.

2) Take a lesson from Regina George, the mean girl who had no problem starting a conversation, and compliment someone on his or her outfit, accessories or physical features (avoid cat-calls) — even if it is the “ugliest effing skirt” you’ve ever seen.

3) There’s always something interesting about a foreigner. If someone has an unusual or exotic accent, what’s the harm in



asking about it? A simple question like “Where are you from?” can lead to a string of others.

4) “How about that weather?” Luckily, Florida weather tends to be especially moody. When a freezing, foggy morning turns into a sunny afternoon hot enough to melt the lip balm in your pocket, complaining about the weather is so commonplace, it’s a fail-proof

icebreaker.

5) Comment on food. People love food, and Pinterest proves it. If someone is walking around with a new Starbucks drink or (fingers crossed) the ever-elusive Cronut, don’t hesitate to ask about it.

6) Showing your sense of humor is typically well-received. Even if you’re not the best comic in the world, comic relief is always appreciated and even a self-deprecating joke can help a conversation take off. Think hashtag speak like “FML” or “YOLO.”

7) For years, teachers have used the simplest icebreaker to date: “Tell us a little bit about yourself.” Introducing yourself with the old-fashioned “Hi, my name is...” is sometimes the best approach if you can’t find a way to break the silence.

And, just in case you’re interested in breaking the ice with a breath mint, this year National Fresh Breath Day falls on Aug. 6.

Which ‘Divergent’ faction do you belong in?

“Divergent” was released last week, and fans everywhere are focusing on factions. Factions, in the movie’s fictional dystopian Chicago setting, are groups of people based on personality, kind of like Hogwarts houses. There are five: the selfless Abnegation, the intelligent Erudite, the brave Dauntless, the peaceful Amity and the honest Candor. Where do you fit? The Avenue is here to help.

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- Playing pick-up games at Student Rec.
- Locked away in Lib West.
- Skydiving in Palatka.

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- Buy beer for all your honeys, and don’t even charge for a red cup.
- Grab Krishna Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas.
- Invest. Student loans don’t pay themselves off.
- Drugs.

There’s a sock on the door handle of your dorm room. You:

- Send your roomie a text explaining that you’re really tired.
- Slip an extra condom under the door. They should stay safe.
- Sit outside and wait. No judgment.
- Go to the library. They can’t be at it all night.
- Enter without knocking. Whatever.

You have an exam Friday. How are you preparing?

- Certainly not with Smokin’ Notes. I’m reading the textbook thoroughly.
- I lent my notes to a friend for the night.
- Making flash cards at Maude’s.
- All-nighter in Club West.
- Christmas tree it, and hope for the best.

Pick your poison:

- Cider.
- A glass of water. I’m the DD, after all.
- One Mother’s brew.
- Scotch.
- Shots. Shots. Shots. Shots.

Mostly A’s: Candor

Congrats! You are painfully honest. “Does this dress make me look fat?” Answer: “Yes.”

Mostly B’s: Abnegation

You will go above and beyond to put others before yourself. “Sure, you and all of your sorority sisters can cut me in line. It’s no big deal — really.”

Mostly C’s: Amity

Throw up your deuces, you’re all about peace and love. “Don’t worry. Be happy.”

Mostly D’s: Erudite

Look at you, smarty pants, you are clearly the teacher’s pet. “Let’s get rowdy at Club West.”

Mostly E’s: Dauntless

You are all about taking chances and seeking out the biggest thrills. “My middle name is Danger.”

What are you studying?

- Political science.
- Education.
- Sustainability.
- Engineering.
- Athletic training.

What bar do you frequent?

- The Bull.
- Grog.
- The Top.
- Half Corked.
- Gator City.

Your bus pulls up and is completely full. You:

- Wait for the next one.
- Bus? I was walking anyway.
- Ride my bike.
- Calculate the wait time for the next bus to loop around.
- Drive to campus and park illegally. Hopefully I don’t get a ticket.

What’s the craziest thing you’ve done on campus?

- Later Gator backflip!
- Scaled Century Tower.
- Staged a sit-in to communicate my beliefs to the administration.
- Told my professor he was wrong. Argument ensued. I won.
- Streaked across Turlington.

What emoji do you use most often?

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Songwriter talks balancing college, music

LAUREN CRAWFORD

Avenue Writer

Tess Druckenmiller is a self-proclaimed singer/songwriter who balances both college life and a career in music. This New York City native credits her environment for her start in the industry and multiple producers for her pop, folk and indie sound. With the recent re-release of her first album “Storyteller,” featuring her new single “Black & White,” she hopes listeners find the songs relatable and appreciate the album’s variety of genres. We caught up with the up-and-coming artist, and here’s what she had to say:



Druckenmiller

Q. What inspired your new single “Black & White”?

A. That one is about a boy — surprise! Well, I was writing it this summer and this was kind of one of those things where you finally just realize everyone has that person from when they’re a teenager and don’t really know what’s happening and they just get fixated on one person. And I think that was kind of my realization that that wasn’t actually what I wanted, and I was over it.

Q. What sets your music apart from what is out there right now?

A. It has a live aspect to it in the recording, there’s not really any electronic instruments and a lot of the performances are not literally live from shows but are mostly acoustic, not all, but (majority are) not electronic sounds. And then also a couple things, like “Black and White,” ... I did that only with my friends. Everyone was in college, so they all went to NYU. The producer is one of my good friends. Everyone is in school so it’s kind of fun for us doing it, as everyone is trying to be an artist. Even the producer has his own band. That was kind of interesting to really have something that was all produced by college kids who are still in school.

Q. How is it balancing school and pursuing a career in music?

A. I’m at Brown, in Rhode Island, studying computer science. It’s a lot. Obviously it depends on the semester ... freshman year and sophomore year there was a lot less work, so I was able to go home on weekends to do the recording, and there’s still time every once in a while to go home for a show. This fall, we did a show in Nashville, and I just left for that weekend and did work on the way there and on the way back.

Q. What does this album mean to you?

A. It means a lot to me obviously because I wrote it all, but it’s super nostalgic because there are recent ones where I’m like, “Oh, I wrote that last year,” but there’s ones from when I was 17 and they’re about my best friend when I was 17 or the boy I liked ... So it’s really nostalgic for me when I listen to it and it’s kind of just like ... a storybook for me of stuff that happened to me, which is funny to be able to look back. It’s like I don’t have a diary but if I did it would be this album.

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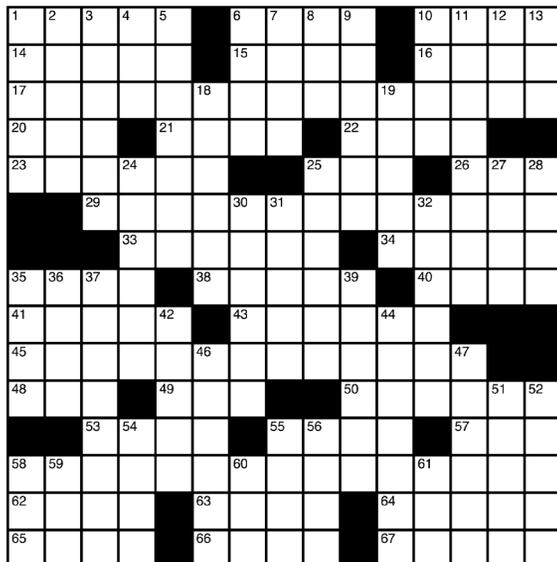
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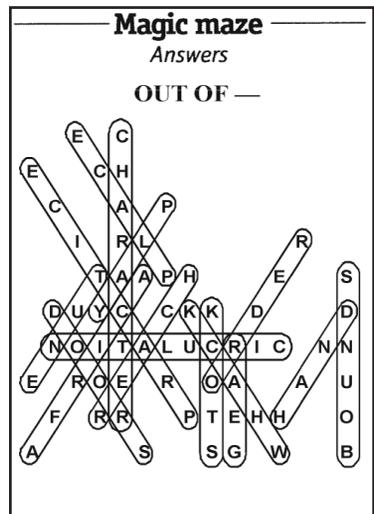
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UF hopes history repeats against UCLA Gators beat Bruins thrice

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During the heyday of the Florida Gators basketball program, coach Billy Donovan strung together 18 straight postseason wins — the most in the NCAA since John Wooden's UCLA squad conquered 28 in a row en route to seven consecutive championships back in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Unfortunately for UCLA, Wooden won't be coaching the No. 4 seeded Bruins (28-8) when they match

up against the No. 1 seeded Gators (34-2) in Memphis, Tenn., on Thursday night at 9:45.

Unfortunately for Florida, Ben Howland won't be on the visitor's bench either.

Howland faced off against Donovan three times — all in the NCAA Tournament — in his 10-year tenure. Florida came out victorious in all three games, the most notable of which secured the Gators' first national championship on April 3, 2006.

But now that the Bruins have a new coach, Steve Alford, and an entirely new lineup since they last played the Gators in 2011, Donovan said that he is ready to see a new UCLA team.

"I mean, it doesn't even necessarily need to be UCLA right now ... You have a totally different coach, you have a totally different style of play, you have a totally different philosophy and you have totally different players," Donovan said. "The name on the jersey happens to be the same one that we've maybe played three different times in the NCAA Tournament, but everything else is

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Alligator File Photo

Billy Donovan looks onto the court during Florida's 71-66 win against Auburn on Feb. 19 in the O'Connell Center. Donovan and the Gators will play the Bruins tonight at 9:45 p.m. in Memphis, Tenn.

SOFTBALL

Fuller, Schwarz power Florida past Central Florida

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Taylor Fuller plated only eight hits this season heading into No. 4 Florida's midweek matchup against UCF.

But of those eight hits, five were home runs.

The sophomore catcher continued that trend against the Knights on Wednesday, hitting a two-out grand slam to left field as UF (31-4, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) cruised past UCF (24-11, 3-0 American Athletic Conference) 10-6 in Orlando.

"I thought we did a good job with our at-bats," coach Tim Walton said in a release. "We also did a really good job of hitting both with two strikes and with two outs."

The Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, taking advantage of an underperforming Hannah Rogers. After UCF left fielder Linnea Goodman logged an infield single and third baseman Farrah Sullivan walked on four pitches, cleanup hitter Mariah Garcia hit a two-RBI double to a gap in left-center field.

Rogers struggled to play consistently against the Knights, walking a season-high five batters and giving up four hits and

three earned runs in just four innings.

Florida cut the lead in half in the top of the second when Taylor Schwarz hit a one-out home run off of UCF right-handed pitcher and former high school teammate Shelby Turnier.

After a quiet third inning from both teams, UF surged in the fourth frame, driving in seven runs before three outs were made.

Turnier walked Schwarz and Briana Little to start the inning. Freshman Justine McLean then reached base on a fielder's choice before junior right-hander Mackenzie Audas relieved Turnier in the circle.

The pitching change didn't help UCF, as leadoff hitter Kelsey Stewart cleared the bases with a two-RBI double before being tagged out trying to reach third base.

UF's next four batters reached base — Kirsti Merritt drew a walk, Stephanie Tofft hit an RBI double down the left-field line, Bailey Castro was walked and Chelsea Herndon reached first base on a passed ball despite striking out — to set up Fuller's grand slam.

Fuller and Schwarz have improved their power hitting

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Florida overcomes low expectations despite tourney loss

FLORIDA LOST TO PENN STATE IN ROUND OF 32.

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Like a game in the NCAA Tournament, this season was "do-or-die" for coach Amanda Butler.

Florida's women's basketball program was in a state of flux after a tumultuous offseason. Senior defensive leader and top scorer Jen-

nifer George graduated. Freshman standout Sydney Moss and Chandler Cooper transferred to different schools, and Vicky McIntyre left the program.

At the time, the Gators were one giant question mark.

Incoming freshman Ronni Williams and transfers Antoinette Bannister and Cassie Peoples, from UNC and Texas, respectively, rounded the team off at 10 players entering the 2013-14 season.

The Gators were picked to finish 10th in the Southeastern Conference a year after going

6-10 and finishing eighth in conference play.

Florida coined a "Perfect 10" motto, but the Gators were down to nine before they even stepped on the court.

UF Women's Basketball

to nine active players for their season debut, further sinking already low expectations.

The Gators muscled their way to a 5-3 record through its first month of play. A 10th-

place finish in the SEC definitely seemed reasonable, especially with Bannister sustaining a hand injury that left Florida with only eight players.

But December treated UF well.

Florida went undefeated to close out 2013 and opened up 2014 with an impressive nine-game stretch that featured an overtime thriller against Georgetown, two consecutive 100-point games, a 31-point performance from embattled sophomore Christin Mercer and

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Shannon Gilroy and the UF lacrosse team beat Stetson on Wednesday. Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.

Gymnasts earn All-American honors

UF gymnasts Bridget Sloan, Kytra Hunter, Alaina Johnson and Mackenzie Caquatto were named All-American by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches on Wednesday.

Wilbekin honored

UF point guard Scottie Wilbekin was named a third-team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches on Wednesday.

Schwarz opened up scoring for UF

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this season. The sophomores have already combined for 12 home runs on the season after hitting only 13 throughout all of 2013.

"With the two of them, it's always been about confidence and pitch selection," Walton said.

"They're both perfectly capable of hitting the ball out to all parts of the field, and they've done it in their careers."

Florida extended its lead to 10-3 heading into the bottom of the sixth,

and it looked as if UF had the game locked up, but miscues on defense and poor pitching kept UCF in the game.

Freshman Delanie Gourley, who needed only 15 pitches to finish off the Knights in the fifth inning, walked two straight batters with full counts to start the sixth frame.

UCF leadoff hitter Kahley Novak loaded the bases with an infield single, Goodman reached first base on a fielder's choice to score a run.

Sullivan reloaded the bases with an infield single, and Mariah Gar-

cia drove in two runs with a single down the right field line to bring the Knights within four runs.

But Gourley rebounded in the final inning, striking out two of her last three batters in order to pick up her second save of the season and keep the Gators undefeated in non-conference play.

"We came from behind," Walton said.

"So that was a huge moment for the offense to be able to be down and still scratch and claw their way back."



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Taylor Schwarz bats during Florida's 8-0 win against Indiana on Feb. 22 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. Schwarz hit a solo home run in UF's 10-6 win against UCF on Wednesday.

Gators clinched title against Bruins in '06

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really a lot different."

The differences start at the top between these two schools.

Rick Pitino mentored Donovan during their days at Providence, and the young point guard out of Long Island picked up on his coach's emphasis on defense. Today, KenPom.com ranks Florida as the second best team in the country in adjusted defense while Pitino's Louisville squad falls just shy at third best.

"I think it's really important," Donovan said of playing efficient defense. "And . . . certainly the last two years we've been exceptional at it, and it's always been a point of emphasis for us."

On the other hand, Alford fine-tuned his offensive knowledge while he played under Bob Knight at Indiana from 1983 to 1987. As a result, Alford's UCLA team ranks 12th in adjusted offense and 11th in turnover percentage, according to KenPom.com.

"I think Steve is a really, really good offensive mind," Donovan said. "I think he does a lot of really good, unique things with his team. I think he puts his guys in situations to be successful."

In 13 of the Bruins previous 14 games, Alford has led his offense to score at least 74 points during their 11-3 stretch. The last time Donovan's players surrendered at least 74 points came on Jan. 11 in the Gators'

overtime victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The last time Florida gave up 74 in regulation? A 77-75 neutral site win against Memphis on Dec. 17.

Whether the Gators continue their strong defensive stretch Thursday comes down to the play of Scottie Wilbekin — the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year — and Patric Young — SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

Both Wilbekin and Young excelled defensively during Florida's 61-45 thumping of Pitt in the Round of 32. But with two first-team All-Pac 12 players in Kyle Anderson and Jordan Adams on the docket for Donovan's squad, the Gators will have their hands full in their attempt to reach their fourth straight Elite Eight.

If things go how they did in 1987 when both Donovan and Alford were seniors at Providence and Indiana, respectively, then it will be Alford coming away with the last laugh.

Although each former point guard led his team to the Final Four, Alford and the Knight-coached Hoosiers advanced and eventually won the national title while Donovan and the Pitino-coached Friars fell just shy of the final game.

But like Donovan has said about contests in the past:

"There's nothing we can even take from those past games that you can sit there and say, 'Wow, there's a great carryover to getting prepared to play them here on Thursday.'"

Bonds, Svete's final game comes in losing effort against PSU

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an upset victory over then-No. 6 Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Florida ended its streak against then-No. 12 LSU in the wake of Mercer's suspension after she was arrested for conspiracy to commit a robbery, leaving its already depleted roster with only seven players.

Fortunately, Bannister came back shortly after Mercer's arrest, if only to serve the purpose of having another warm body in a Gators uniform.

Then came the unexpected addition of Pamela Begic, one of UF's soccer players, to increase the roster back to nine relatively healthy players.

Although she never saw the floor, Begic's height and prior basketball experience were what led Butler to put the midfielder on the roster — not to mention that active players were at a premium entering the home stretch of conference play.

A few alternating wins and losses later, the Gators found themselves fifth in the SEC at season's end after another upset victory over Kentucky — this time in Gainesville — and a signature victory in Vanderbilt.

After earning a bye to start the SEC Tournament, Florida went 1-1, beating Mississippi

State for the second time this season and losing to Kentucky after winning the first two matchups.

And after slogging through injuries and controversy seemingly all season, the Gators were redeemed when they received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament, for the first time since 2012 as an 11-seed.

Naturally, Florida was the underdog in its first game against six-seed Dayton, but it still overcame statistics and won the game.

The season ended two days later against host Penn State, but it ended later than everyone thought it would.

Seniors Jatterra Bonds and Lily Svete were crutches that kept the Gators from falling. Although they had their fair share of missteps, Svete and Bonds kept the team afloat, playing instrumental roles in many Florida victories — Bonds driving to the lane and Svete shooting her signature three-pointer.

"Coming from all the things that came up during our season, we had great leadership," redshirt junior Kayla Lewis said. "JT and Lily set the tone in practice during conditioning. They were always the first to do anything. They were ready to do whatever needed to be done for our program. We just followed behind them.

"When things looked bleak and dark, we never wavered because of our leadership."



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Lily Svete drives to the lane during Florida's 75-67 win against Alabama on Jan. 30 in the O'Connell Center. Svete's last game was Florida's 81-63 loss to Penn State on Tuesday.

Florida men's swimming team opens NCAA Championships

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The Gators men's swimming and diving team is No. 1 in the country, has the third most NCAA qualifications, top-10 times in 14 out of 18 events and is the favorite to walk away from Austin, Texas, with the NCAA Championships crown.

But what's on paper won't matter when the racing starts today at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas

Swimming Center as Texas hosts this year's national championship meet.

Florida is led by its group of seniors — Brad deBorde, Marcin Cieslak and redshirt senior Sebastien Rousseau — who have been the leaders of the nation's best team in and out of the pool. And in an atmosphere where experience under the big lights goes a long way, these Gators are well-equipped to perform.

"A lot of character on the team, and they handle adverse situations pretty well, so I feel real comfort-



Troy

able that we're going to see great efforts," coach Gregg Troy said. "How good it is, we won't know that until after the meet is over."

Cieslak's last trip to NCAAs was bittersweet.

Although he made the podium in all three of his events in 2013, it was three straight silvers for the 18-time All-American as Florida came in a disappointing sixth

place. Troy even jokes with him about last year's trio of runner-up finishes, Cieslak said. He wants this year to be different.

Coming off of his best swims this season in the 200-yard individual medley, 100- and 200-yard butterfly from the Southeastern Conference Championships last month, Cieslak enters NCAAs with top-8 national times for each of his three events.

But he isn't the only swimmer looking for his first individual NCAA title.

Neither deBorde nor Rousseau

have won individual gold in their four years of competing at the national meet.

Rousseau is sitting on the nation's second-fastest 200-yard fly time this season from SECs, and his 200- and 400-yard IM times place him sixth in the country.

DeBorde — UF's 50-yard freestyle record holder — posted the second-fastest time in his signature event at the conference meet, just 0.08 seconds off the national leader.

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