

Scottie Wilbekin struggled during Florida's Final Four loss to UConn on Saturday. Read the story on page 13.



# 'Guys that were really willing to bleed for one another'

## Gators reflect on loss, teamwork

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Alligator Staff Writer

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ARLINGTON, Texas — This Gators team had all the pieces to win the program's first national title since 2007. It had the depth, ex-

perience, chemistry and talent to make that goal a reality.

But UConn stood in the way of chasing that dream.

And thanks to its poorest offensive out-

ing of the season, Florida was sent packing from AT&T Stadium one game sooner than it desired.

A promising season and a historic 30-game winning streak came to a screeching halt Saturday in the NCAA Tournament semifinals as the No. 1 seed Gators (36-3) fell 63-53 to the No. 7 seed Huskies, who will square off

against eighth-seeded Kentucky in tonight's national title game at 9:10.

After losing again to UConn (31-8), the last team to beat them before their historic streak, the Gators were in disbelief.

During postgame interviews in a quiet locker room, a red-eyed Casey Prather held

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## Advantage Towing owner arrested for scooter theft

► THE THEFT WAS IN 2013.

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Gainesville Police arrested the owner of a local towing company Friday afternoon after he helped cover up a scooter theft committed a year ago at Canopy Apartments.

Officers arrested 48-year-old Stanley Hubert Forron, the owner of Advantage Towing, on charges of grand theft and tampering with evidence, said GPD towing and vehicle-for-hire coordinator Officer Jeff McAdams.

In March 2013, Bonnaly Beth Lachut, 67, stole two scooters from the parking lot of the apartment complex, located at 4400 SW 20th Ave., McAdams said. When the owners reported the scooters stolen, Lachut reached out to Forron for help.

Forron sent employees to her house to pick up the scooters and drive them back to the complex. They then unloaded the scooters and posed them as if they were parked illegally, McAdams said.

After taking pictures of the scooters, the employees reloaded them in the truck and took them to the tow yard, where they contacted law enforcement to report they were abandoned.

"In our opinion, this was a deliberate attempt to avoid being detected," McAdams said.

Officers booked Forron into the Alachua County Jail at about 2 p.m. Friday. He was released about three hours later after meeting a \$20,000 bond.



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Members of the UF men's basketball team step off the plane moments after returning to Gainesville on Sunday afternoon. Florida lost to the University of Connecticut 63-53 on Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

## LOCAL

# Best Coast to give East Coast a chance at UF

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California indie rock band Best Coast will show the East Coast some love with a free Gainesville performance Friday.

Known for their beachy, upbeat songs, the duo will be performing at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom as part of Reitz Union Board Entertainment's first Big Orange Festival.

RUB president Jessica Watson, a 22-year-old UF public relations senior, said the band — which will be paid

\$25,000 — is a perfect fit for the festival.

The event will also feature carnival games, art vendors and a performance by Jake and Amir from CollegeHumor.

"(Best Coast's) vibe really fits in well with what we're trying to do — big and vibrant," Watson said.

Wristbands will be distributed to students with a Gator 1 Card on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reitz Union's northwest walkway and Friday at 2 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom registration desk.

Students can pick up two guest wrist-

bands per ID at the information desk at 5 p.m. Friday.

Claire Fuller, a 20-year-old UF public relations sophomore, said she's been a Best Coast fan since high school.

"RUB does a good job bringing bands that our age group is into," she said.

RUB Bands Committee co-director Abigail Gruspe, a 20-year-old UF nutrition junior, said her committee's been hoping to bring Best Coast for a while.

"They're super summery and upbeat," she said. "I think it will be a good last hurrah before summer."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Public Health Week

UF's College of Public Health and Health Professions will be hosting National Public Health Week beginning today. The theme is Public Health: Start Here. The week will kick off at 12:40 p.m. with a surprise event. Other events throughout the week include a Zumbathon, morning yoga, cooking demonstrations and more in the HPNP complex courtyard. For more information, visit [phw.phhp.ufl.edu](http://phw.phhp.ufl.edu).

## UPTA's Carnival for Kids

The Undergraduate Physical Therapy Association would like to invite UF families to its kids carnival. The carnival will be Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. on 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](mailto:ufupta@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Celebrate Passover with UF Hillel

Not going home for Seder? UF Hillel has got you covered. Passover begins April 14, and UF Hillel will be organizing Seders for the first two nights of the holiday. There are many options to satisfy all our students' needs. If you are interested in attending a large campus Seder, participating in a themed Seder or hosting a smaller one with friends, please register for Passover at [ufhillel.org](http://ufhillel.org). All food served will be Kosher for Passover. Seders at Hillel are subsidized for students and cost \$15. No student will be turned away due to financial hardship. If you need financial assistance, please email [rabbiswedroe@ufhillel.org](mailto:rabbiswedroe@ufhillel.org) or call 352-372-2900.

## Lavender Graduation

LGBT Affairs is hosting its annual Lavender Graduation 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

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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 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 fabulous Vixen commemorative T-shirts. Reservations are not necessary but strongly encouraged. You can register online using PayPal here: [touchstoneval.com/vixen-clinic.html](http://touchstoneval.com/vixen-clinic.html).

## Earth Day Fest needs groups, volunteers

Earth Day Fest will be April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The event will include solar and sustainable living demonstrations, organic gardening and beekeeping displays, a kids' corner with games, egg coloring and more. Volunteers are needed. Groups interested in attending can send an email to [earthdaygainesville2014@gmail.com](mailto:earthdaygainesville2014@gmail.com).

## Midnight Fun Run 2014

Join us for the eighth annual Midnight Fun Run, a 5K run or 1-mile walk around Lake Alice. The event is on the last day of Spring classes, April 23, at 11:59 p.m. Registration is open on RSConnect at [rsconnect.recsports.ufl.edu](http://rsconnect.recsports.ufl.edu). The first 150 registrants will receive a RecSports flashing LED light wand. The registration cost for Gator 1 Card holders (including students and staff) is \$12, which includes the event T-shirt and breakfast after the event. Gator 1 Card holders can register guests for \$20. Participants can register on site (cash and checks only) for \$10, which includes breakfast

but does not include the event T-shirt. For more information, visit [recSports.ufl.edu](http://recSports.ufl.edu).

## Hippodrome Cinema offers additional student discounts

The Hippodrome State Theatre's Cinema is now offering additional student and senior pricing for all of its regularly scheduled shows. Admission for students with a valid ID is \$5.50. In the past, the Hippodrome has offered \$5.50 pricing for students and seniors on only Sundays and Wednesdays. The cinema is located inside the Hippodrome at 25 SE Second Place. For a complete listing of films, visit [thehipp.org](http://thehipp.org).

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April 7, 1972

Murphree Area announced it would be open to both sexes in the Fall. About 242 females would move into the area, half being freshmen. The change prompted an increase in security measures, including iron gates at all area entrances and limited access hours.

April 10, 1990

Student Government Chief of Staff and Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee member Larry Medvinsky was accused of conflict of interest. The two positions he held were part of SG's executive and legislative branches respectively. But according to Student Body statutes, a member cannot serve on two branches of SG at the same time if one position is elected and one has the same power as a cabinet director.

— CARA CHIARAMONTE



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**Fierce and Fabulous**

Drag queen Kiki St. James performs in the Hippodrome State Theatre basement on April 8, 2010, as part of Pride Awareness Month.

**LIFESTYLE**

**Research: Earning way through college not possible, UF expert disagrees**

**KATHY PIERRE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Working to pay for college is impossible at the current minimum wage, according to research by a Michigan State University Ph.D. student, but a UF visiting professor disagrees.

*"Your wages and expenses shouldn't be super crazy as a college student."*

**Susel Ramos**

UF international studies sophomore

Randal Olson, a third-year computer science Ph.D. student, wrote a blog post arguing that college students nationwide will not be able to work their way through school at the current minimum wage.

However, Colin Knapp, a visiting economics professor at UF, disagrees with the notion. He said college students don't usually have to pay for their entire tuition without help.

"I don't think the norm is to work your way through college," he said.

The availability of federal student aid, loans, grants and

scholarships has made Olson's point inapplicable for a majority of UF students, he said.

UF students were awarded about \$550 million in aid, including loans, in the 2011-2012 school year, according to the UF Factbook.

In the March post, Olson highlighted the disparity between the rise in minimum wage and tuition, which he called unfair.

Knapp disagreed and said it would not make sense for the minimum wage to rise at the same rate tuition rises.

Susel Ramos, a 19-year-old UF international studies sophomore, agreed. She works at Gator Corner Dining Center and said she has enough financial aid to cover her tuition and most of her necessary expenses.

"Your wages and expenses shouldn't be super crazy as a college student," Ramos said. "Of course everyone would like some more money, but I don't think it's bad the way it is."

Even though the tuition rate and the minimum wage are disproportionate, Knapp said it's not necessarily a problem.

"If you want an education that's higher quality than 30 years ago, you have to pay more than you did then," he said.

**'Captain America' sets April record with \$96.2M in box offices nationally**

► 'THOR' AND 'IRON MAN' REVENUES ROSE, TOO.

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES — Disney and Marvel could be one of the finest teams around.

Continuing the success of their superhero franchise, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" has set a record as the biggest domestic April release ever. The Disney sequel debuted with \$96.2 million, topping the previous record-holder, 2011's "Fast Five," which opened with \$86.2 million.

"The Winter Soldier," which stars Chris Evans as the shield-wielding superhero and Scarlett Johansson (whose sci-fi film "Under the Skin"

also debuted this weekend with \$140,000) as Black Widow, commanded 32 international markets last weekend.

Expanding to Russia, Australia and China in its second week, the Marvel comic adaptation, boasting a budget of more than \$170 million, earned \$107.1 million internationally this weekend, bringing its overall worldwide haul to more than \$303 million.

Also a touchstone for Imax, "The Winter Soldier" received \$9.6 million of its U.S. haul on 346 screens showing the film in the enhanced resolution format. Internationally, it showed on 278 Imax screens, bringing in \$6.5 million, \$4 million of which was delivered from China.

"Captain America: The First

Avenger," which had a budget of around \$140 million, debuted in July 2011 with \$65 million. Overall, it earned \$371 million worldwide.

Why the shift to an April release rather than remaining a summer launch?

"We looked at the possibility of creating separation from the other summer tentpoles," said Dave Hollis, head of worldwide theatrical distribution for Disney.

"The Avengers effect," as Hollis calls it, set the stage for the continuation of Marvel's massive box office presence, which includes the "Iron Man" and "Thor" franchises. With the release of the films' sequels, both have seen earning jumps of more than 35 percent.

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## LOCAL Springs event promotes conservation

**ERIN MEISENZAHLE-PEACE**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Water resources in Florida are similar to a college student's bank account — overdrawn.

This was the message the Florida Springs Institute gave as part of its Give Springs a Break event this weekend at Ginie Springs in High Springs.

"We have overtapped our resources everywhere," said FSI founder Bob Knight, who spoke to the more than 60 college students Saturday.

The FSI hosted Give Springs a Break to encourage students to get involved in water conservation efforts in Florida. The students camped Friday and Saturday nights, getting to know each other while swimming, hiking and tubing.

UF students have been coming to Ginie Springs for years, said Allison Lewis, president of the UF chapter of American Water Re-

sources Association.

The weekend-long event was a chance to expose students to the beauty of the water, said Lewis, a 24-year-old UF environmental engineering graduate student.

*"Our groundwater is no longer clean, and it's no longer abundant."*

**Debra Segal**

*Florida Springs Institute volunteer*

"This is our spring," she said. "When you appreciate it, you're going to want to take care of it."

There are more than 1,000 natural springs in Florida, most of which follow major rivers. The Floridan aquifer system lies below the ground and spans every area of North Central Florida, pumping water into the springs and into our faucets.

"Our groundwater is no longer clean, and it's no longer abundant," said institute volunteer Debra Se-

gal, adding that the scarcity is due to two main problems: overpumping and pollution.

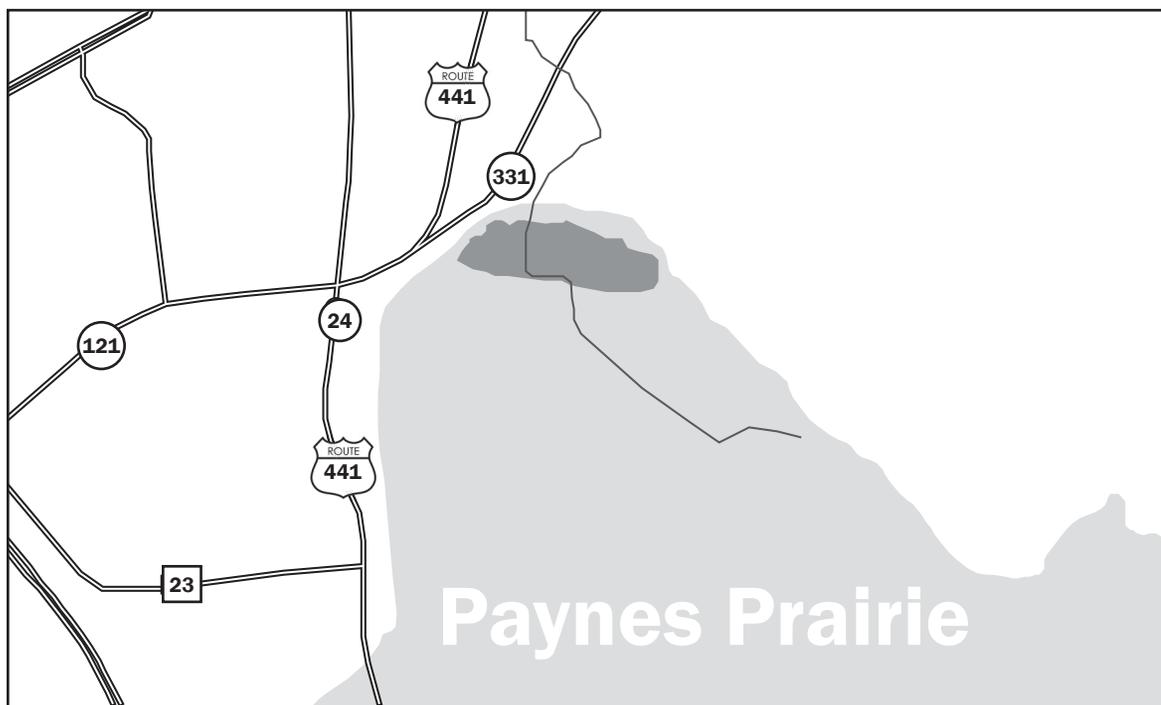
Segal said wastewater treatments, agriculture and cattle operations — in addition to individual water overuse — have polluted Florida's water with nitrate-nitrogen.

One solution is a restoration wetland planned for 2015 that will use natural treatment methods to improve water quality in Alachua Sink and the Floridan Aquifer, Segal said.

Called Paynes Prairie Sheetflow project, the 125-acre wetland will look like a gator head from an aerial view and will include hiking trails and lookouts.

But it's only a small step, Lewis said. The community, especially college students, must continue to make sustainable change.

"We are the future decision makers," she said. "It's so important for us to come together."



Rebecca Kravetz / Alligator Staff

## Feline fans flock to London's first cat cafe

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LONDON — Would you like some kitten with your coffee?

Feline company is exactly what one of London's newest cafes is offering — and stressed-out city-dwellers are lapping it up.

"People do want to have pets, and in tiny flats, you can't," said cafe owner Lauren Pears, who opened Lady Dinah's Cat Emporium last month in an area east of the city's financial district.

"There's not many places in London you can just curl up with a book and chill out with a cat or two on your lap," she said Friday. "I think that's what our success is down to."

Cat cafes first took off 10 years ago in Japanese cities, where many people live alone in cramped high-rise apartment blocks that don't allow pets. Making feline friends became popular therapy for lonely or anxious workers.

"I can see how this would be good for someone lacking company," said customer Sara Lewis, as she stroked a cat sitting on her lap. "It's the best idea ever."

The cozy English tea room, named after Alice's cat in "Alice in Wonderland," charges customers 5 pounds (\$8.29) for two hours of kitty company. Coffee and afternoon tea — sandwiches, cakes and scones — are on the menu at an additional cost.

Lady Dinah's opened

March 1 and is fully booked until the end of June.

Pears raised more than 109,000 pounds (\$181,000) through a crowdfunding campaign to get the cafe up and running. Despite more than a year of planning permission delays and figuring out how to maintain health and safety standards, she says the hard work has been worth it.

*"I can see how this would be good for someone lacking company. It's the best idea ever."*

**Sara Lewis**  
customer

The 11 resident kitties were donated by people leaving the country who could no longer look after them. Kitty welfare is paramount: The cats get regular breaks away from people, and staff have been trained by animal behaviorists to care for them.

Lisa Vann brought her 8-year-old daughter, who has learning difficulties, to Lady Dinah's for a playdate. "She's delighted to be here," she said.

The animal cafe craze shows no signs of slowing, with establishments now open in London, Vienna and Paris. A dog cafe, House of Hounds, is scheduled to open in London later this year.

And American animal-lovers won't be missing out for much longer. Two cat cafes are due to open in the San Francisco Bay area by the end of 2014.

## CAMPUS

# UF agricultural college announces Elaine Turner as new dean

**SARA WILDER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Elaine Turner will start Friday in her permanent position as UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' new dean.

Turner, the college's interim dean since January, has been at UF for 18 years and has served as associate dean since 2006. Her term

as dean will officially begin on Friday.

Turner said her focus will be on providing faculty with opportunities to improve their teaching as well as improving the student learning experience in and out the classroom.

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is the third-largest college at UF, and Turner said she plans to keep it that way by continuing a reputation on campus of quality

programs, advising and professors.

Turner said she doesn't want to lose a close connection with students in her new position.

She said she plans to discuss various means of communication with her students.

"There are some things to explore," Turner said, "and there are a lot of potential ways I can keep those connections going."

James Barringer, a 21-year-old UF agricultural education and communications junior, said Turner is a perfect choice for dean. He said he hopes Turner will bring an increase of professional opportunities.

"She is a great individual and fits in the position well," Barringer said. "She has great initiatives and is dedicated to the mission of CALS and agriculture."

## RecSports' Midnight Fun Run sees increased number of sign-ups

► THE RUN STARTS AT 11:59 P.M. ON APRIL 23.

**KATHERINE ARELLANO**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A near record-breaking number of Gators are lacing up their shoes for RecSports' eighth annual Mid-

night Fun Run.

As of press time, 1,144 runners have signed up for the 5K. This is close to last year's 1,200 participants, said Andy Howard, assistant director of marketing and communications for UF RecSports.

He said the goal is to register 1,500 runners and walkers.

The Fun Run, which is the largest 5K held on campus, will begin at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of class, April 23. Participants will have the option to run a 5K, which is about 3.1 miles, or walk 1 mile around Lake Alice.

Registration opened Tuesday at 10 a.m. on RScconnect, and more than 800 people had signed up for

the event within 24 hours, Howard said.

He said there is no cap on the number of participants in the race. "The goal is to not limit it and encourage as many students as possible to engage in this healthy programming," Howard said.

Participants may register up to the day of the event for \$12 if

they have a Gator 1 Card, but only those who register by April 15th will be guaranteed a T-shirt.

"Shirts are kind of a part of 5K culture," Howard said. "It's a bragging right."

Sherin Varikatt, a 20-year-old UF pharmacy freshman, said she is looking forward to completing her first 5K and getting the shirt.

# UF seniors give Eastside High student a makeover for prom

## They hope to do it again

**CHRISTINE ALVAREZ**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Kenya Tolbert closed her eyes as layers of Maybelline mascara were applied to her eyelashes. She was almost ready for prom.

Tolbert, an 18-year-old senior at Eastside High School, almost missed out on the experience due to financial hardship.

Help came in the form of two fairy godmothers, seniors at UF, who decided to give back to the community and help a senior in high school get a prom makeover.

Gabrielle Burch, a 22-year-old family, youth and community sciences major, came up with the idea and asked her friend Brooke Cantrell, a 22-year-old agricultural operations management major, to help make it happen.

"I know as a senior in my high-school days, it was just so complicated to get the ticket, the car, your hair done, your makeup, what you're going to wear," Burch said. "It was just so much."

Burch mentors students at Eastside High and said the expo-

sure helped her understand the barriers they face at the school, including the hefty price tags associated with prom.

"We've always been involved in the Gainesville community," Cantrell said. "We know that Eastside High has a lot of kids that go there who can't afford to attend prom."

Burch talked to Pamela Minniefield, a teacher at Eastside High School, and asked for her help with advertising the makeover opportunity.

They gave out fliers and opened an online application.

"I just told her it sounds like a great idea," Minniefield said. "So what I did was help her get it advertised, and it went from there."

Tolbert was the winner.

Burch and Cantrell used their own resources to make the transformation possible. They bought the hair supplies and used their previous experience to do her hair themselves.

They asked a friend who works for MAC cosmetics to do the makeup, and she did it for free.

"This is something that we just

stepped up to the plate and just decided to do it," Cantrell said.

The makeover began at 4 p.m. on Friday at Tolbert's house.

As her entire family waited in the living room to see the finished product, Tolbert came down the stairs wearing a flowing coral

gown. She greeted her date — her boyfriend of more than two years.

She took pictures with her family, thanked the women and rode off to the prom, where she was nominated for prom queen.

Although she didn't win, Burch

said Tolbert won in her eyes.

Minniefield, the Eastside teacher, said Burch and Cantrell's project was thoughtful and caring.

"It seems like they helped somebody, so I'm glad," she said. "I hope that they continue to do this."



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Kenya Tolbert gets her make-up done by 21-year-old advertising junior Stephany Jones. Tolbert won a complete makeover for her senior prom at Eastside High School.

## Lawsuit: Bondi's office deleted emails

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

TALLAHASSEE — A Tallahassee attorney embroiled in an ongoing land dispute with the state contends in a new court filing that Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's office deleted or withheld emails he was seeking.

Steven Andrews, who has been a persistent critic of Gov. Rick Scott, is involved in a lawsuit over attempts by the state to acquire land near the Governor's Mansion. This week he filed documents alleging that Bondi's office failed to promptly turn over 61 emails sent or received by senior staff.

Andrews and his legal team contend that in 19 instances, the emails were deleted altogether.

Andrews declined to comment on the latest filing, but in it he states Bondi's office "willfully and in bad faith failed to produce or timely produce public records."

Whitney Ray, a spokesman for Bondi, would only say the allegations "are completely without merit."

Ray pointed to a March 20 court filing by Bondi's of-

fice saying her employees "went to great length" to fulfill numerous requests from Andrews despite what they termed his "lack of clarity as to the records sought and lack of cooperation in framing search parameters."

Andrews says he has turned up internal information that shows Bondi's employees manually decide whether to keep copies of emails. He has an early 2012 email in which an information technology employee warned that the archiving system used by Bondi's office could allow individual employees to delete or fail to archive emails.

Florida has a broad public records law that requires emails and other documents to be made public, with exemptions for documents that cover items such as open criminal investigations.

In November, Andrews filed three separate lawsuits against Scott, Bondi and the Department of State asking for a court to force the officials to hand over the records and to pay his attorney fees. His latest filing came in response to Bondi's push to have the case thrown out.

## LOCAL

# Camp seeks donations Final Four-style

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Four was the lucky number this spring for Gators basketball, and with the help of the Gainesville community, it could be the lucky number for the city's Summer Heatwave program as well.

In light of the Gators advance to the Final Four, the city is asking for a donation for its Summer Heatwave program, said Steven Phillips, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs for the City of Gainesville. In the spirit of the Final Four, the city suggests increments of four: \$4, \$40 or \$400.

The department is teaming up with Gainesville Police to continue the summer program that allows teens to participate in different activities such as pool days, fitness classes and a basketball tournament, he said.

"An update was given to the commission about the program being very successful, so (the commissioners are) trying to have us expand it," Phillips said.

To raise money, the city is using Citizinvestor, a website similar to Kickstarter that allows people to donate online and requires the campaign to meet its fund goal of \$20,720 to receive the money.

Both departments were collectively allocated \$10,000 from the City Commission. Through the cam-

paign, organizers are hoping to double the funding and thus, double participation.

Steve Bradford, youth services sergeant for GPD, said the state attorney's office has noticed a drop in juvenile crime rates in Gainesville during June, July and August when the program is in session.

*"An update was given to the commission about the program being very successful, so (the commissioners are) trying to have us expand it."*

**Steven Phillips**

City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs director

"It definitely has great benefits compared to the cost," Bradford said. "The kids have something positive to do."

Ludovica Weaver, a marketing technician for the City of Gainesville, said registration is free for teens who want to participate.

"It's a really wonderful opportunity for teenagers to have a place to find other young people and to connect and to do fun things together in a safe and enriching environment," Weaver said.

## UF hosts trauma comic conference

### ► THE EVERGLADES AND MARVEL WERE TOPICS.

**ARIANA FIGUEROA**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Professors, scholars and speakers from across the country traveled to UF over the weekend to attend a workshop centered around the theme of trauma in comics and graphic novels.

The various speakers explained how traumatic events affect the writ-

ers and illustrators of comic books.

Guest speaker Donna Axel displayed how the comic book "Asterix and the Black Gold" was used to bring awareness to an environmentally traumatic oil spill.

Axel said Albert Uderzo, the writer and illustrator, uses comics to bring environmental awareness.

Chris Wilhelm, an assistant history professor at the College of Coastal Georgia, brought Marvel superhero comics to the table. He said Swamp Thing and Man-Thing are comics highlighting ecological trauma in

the Everglades.

"In the 20th century, swamp was seen as negatively and reflected harsh realities of the world," Wilhelm said.

Sol Canal was among several students attending the conference for extra class credit.

Canal, a 20-year-old UF English junior, said she enjoyed it.

"I liked it," she said. "I didn't know about it, but it was really interesting and different, and I liked how Swamp Thing was relative to Florida."

## Editorial

### In all kinds of weather:

### Thank you, Gators

So, we lost.

We're devastated, of course, but the truth is that the loss doesn't directly impact our day-to-day lives. Today, we're thrown back into the swirl of classes, looming finals and impending graduation dates. It's more of the same, but something is different.

Actually, it's us.

We're different.

We've remembered what it's like to be Gators, to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, to join with thousands of our friends for a common cause.

Often, the Gator Nation seems like an abstract concept only used for those "Go write the great American novel" commercials. But after these past few weeks, we finally understand.

The Gator Nation is at Mother's, where we sprayed drinks over the crowd and screamed along to "Another One Bites the Dust" after the Dayton game. It's on our laptops, where we watched games on mute during lecture and bit our nails as the shot clock ticked. It's in the high-fives we gave complete strangers wearing orange and blue at gas stations off I-75.

This year's Gators were more than distant figureheads. Perhaps more than with football, the basketball players seemed accessible. They were in our classes, riding our buses and eating at the tables next to us in Gator Corner Dining Center.

All season, they were genuinely excited about their success, and that made us excited too. We read — and retweeted — their messages after each game. We saw them at 101 Cantina, wearing cut-down nets around their necks. We posed for Instagram selfies with them.

And so we rooted for them.

Patric Young, Will Yeguete, Casey Prather, Scottie Wilbekin — we say their names like we know them because in a way, we do. They're Gators, and so are we.

On Saturday, Young was the last to leave the court because he was hugging each UConn player. If the purpose of sports is to connect people, then this year's Gators men's basketball team rocked it.

We won together, and we lost together.

Athletics may not have a hand in our daily routines, but they play an important role in uniting the university. For the first time in a long time, we felt like a team — all of us, Billy Donovan, Bernie Machen and the guy eating wings next to us at the bar. Although exams loomed and work persisted, basketball reminded us what a privilege it is to be a Florida Gator.

So, men's basketball team: Thank you for what you did.

But more importantly, thank you for what you did to us.

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Have you been skydiving?

**Friday's question:** Would you buy a 13-foot stuffed Gator that wears Tim Tebow jerseys?

**40% YES**  
**60% NO**  
104 TOTAL VOTES

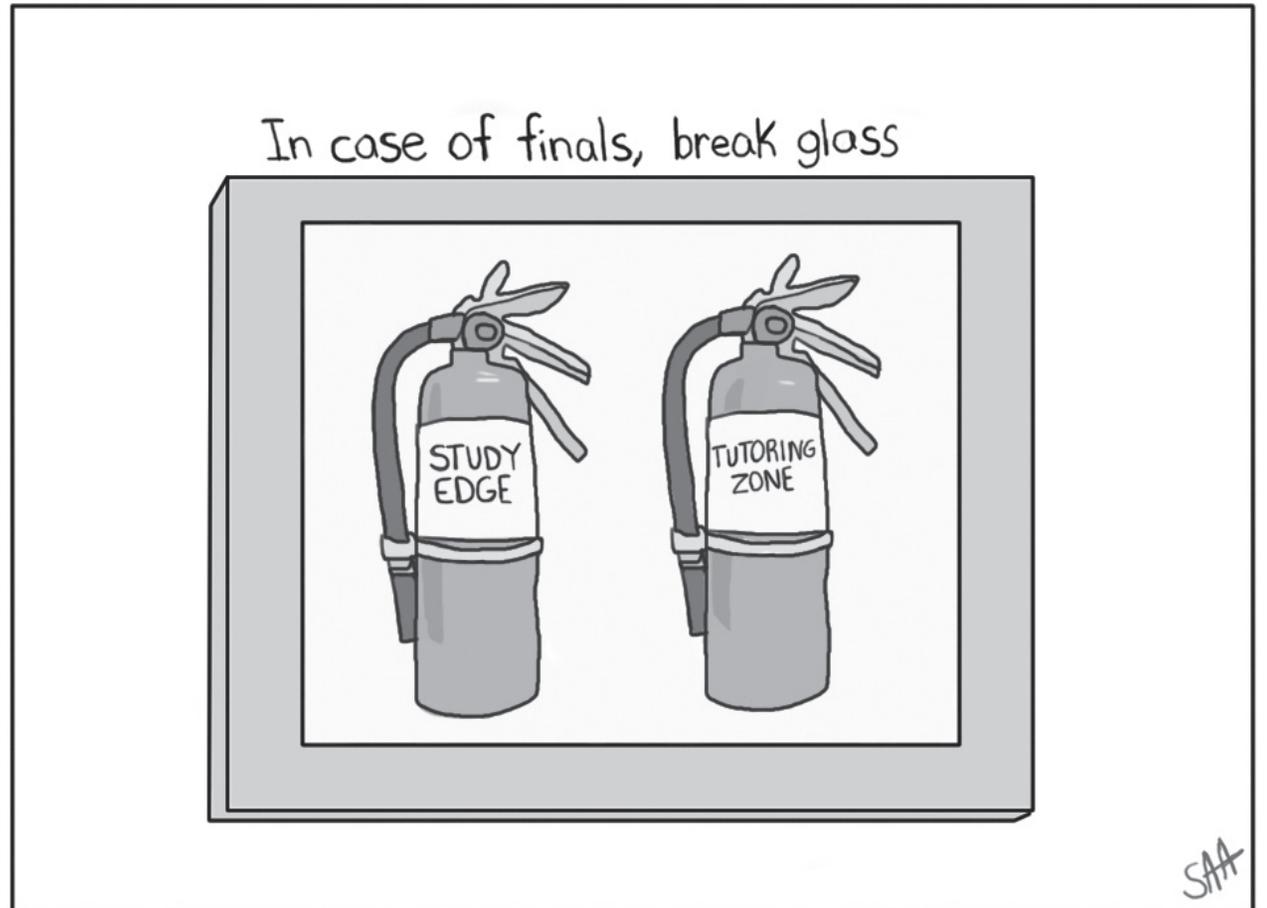
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## Column

### Rush's vampiring ways are not the issue

A lot of hoopla was made last week over the revelation that congressional candidate — and UF graduate — Jake Rush participated in various role-playing games, typically starring as a vampire. The story quickly went national, as various political blogs and news outlets wanted to discover more on the vampire who wants to role play as a congressman.

Given all the crap we see out of Washington, D.C., why should we care that Rush moonlights as a vampire?

Sure, it's a bit strange, but is that because role playing is truly awkward, or is it a lifestyle we just don't understand?

It's easy to be critical of Rush and his lifestyle, but we're quickly moving into an era when our entire lives have been digitally catalogued, and almost all of us have posted something questionable on various social media sites, message boards or other websites.

Do you believe that completely disqualifies you from running for office?

Congress is a seething cesspool of inaction, bickering and political maneuvering that would not seem out of place in an episode of "House of Cards." If a vampire wants to serve the citizens of Florida's 3rd Congressional District, so be it.

A sizable group of Republican legislators — and Rush could be no different for all we know — have made it their job to neuter the Obama administration, preventing the president from accomplishing much of his agenda over the past three years.

When you refuse to work with the sitting president, effectively holding the country hostage, that's not role-playing. That's reality.

Don't consider that Rush would head into Washington and help bridge the gap between the Republicans in the House and President Barack Obama. That's not the case; the man is running as a conservative Republican.



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However, there are far more serious things occurring in D.C. than us worrying about someone's lifestyle, bizarre as it may be.

Last fall, members of Congress took this country to the brink of financial calamity by threatening to allow the U.S. to

default on its debts.

Fortunately, at the 11th hour, Congress agreed on a solution that kept the country from jumping off a cliff.

To me, that's far more frightening than Rush spending his fall pretending he's a character from an Anne Rice novel. By comparison, it seems quite tame.

Whether it's Rush or someone who dresses as Mr. Spock pretending he's onboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Gainesville and the rest of the U.S. deserve members of Congress who put their constituents and the best interest of the country ahead of political games and the circus act that plagues our legislative body.

We can make jokes about someone's lifestyle, but if they're truly committed to representing the citizens of their district, why shouldn't we give them a fair shake?

Heck, Louisiana Sen. David Vitter was caught with a prostitute while he was wearing a diaper. Now, he's poised to be Louisiana's next governor.

Obviously, enough in that state believe Vitter has their best interests in mind despite his odd lifestyle choices.

Maybe it's time for us to reconsider Rush on the issues, not his vampiring ways.

And if Rush isn't the right guy, I think I just saw Mr. Spock walking down University Avenue. Maybe he's the right choice for Gainesville.

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

## Guest column

# Marijuana rips lives, families apart

**D**ENVER — In what will go down in history as the biggest national overdose since America died of alcohol poisoning once Prohibition was lifted, the entire state of Colorado has overdosed on marijuana.

"It was an awful sight to see," Marrie Jones said in between tears. "I walked in on my son, facedown on the couch. There was a water pipe on the table. His hand was in the Cheetos bag, and cartoons were still playing on the television."

Low-functioning alcoholic and Drug Enforcement Administration agent Michael Jimms works to prevent accidents like this nationwide.

"Marijuana is one of the most dangerous drugs out there," he slurred while extinguishing his ninth cigarette in a glass of bourbon. "These criminals go out there and do their drugs, act all violent and whatnot."

Agent Jimms then finished his tenth cigarette and his bourbon, went home, beat his wife and yelled at his son for being a "damn, no good (hiccup) junkie."

Mitchell Johnson was a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University studying political science but was found guilty of possession, and he has since been sentenced to spend 20 years in the Bay State Correctional Center.

"They found my cannabis in my car while I was helping my charity that helps endangered pandas with cancer from inner-city areas to go to college," said the man who would've been the 53rd president of the U.S. had he not gotten in trouble for having plants in his glove box. "I mean, it's bad in here. My cellmate is a former DEA agent who got arrested

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for getting drunk and beating the sh\*t out of his family. He's only got seven years, though. I deserve the bigger sentence; my crime affected so many more people."

Johnson is positive that living in the same quarters as people who killed other people will be beneficial to his development as a man and won't cause him to leave prison as a hardened thug with serious and unevaluated psychological issues.

Despite the bodies piled up in the streets, some people are still fighting for its legalization.

"I have really bad glaucoma," glaucoma-less Mary Jameis said, "and anxiety, too. I get super nervous when my friends and I watch 'Cosmos' and 'Animal Planet' every Sunday night. But I'll tell you what the real crime is," she said before rambling about how 9/11 was an inside job.

Student Matthew Jackson luckily was hospitalized before the violent effects of a marijuana overdose could take a toll on him. Jackson's father discovered him in his room giggling at photos of cats doing "people things" on the Internet while listening to a politically insightful, post-modern reggae band you've probably never heard of. He smelled the marijuana, saw his son's red eyes and immediately called an ambulance.

Dr. Afro Mann was the first to see Jackson once he reached proper medical authorities.

"He was gonna go to class," said Mann, "but then he got high."

He added, "La da da da da da da da da da".

*Zachary Smith is a satirist and UF philosophy freshman.*

## UWire

# Catcalling combatted through posters

**C**atcalling and verbal harassment is unfortunately something that happens all too often. In the media, it's typical to see a woman be shouted at by construction workers while she's walking down the street of a highly populated urban area, but this is not always the case.

Verbal harassment can happen basically anywhere, whether you're walking to school, out with friends downtown, or even at your favorite coffee shop.

However, one artist in Brooklyn is taking a stand for women everywhere and has made an amazing and, to some, enlightening series of art that expresses

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UWire

exactly how women feel about verbal harassment. Tatyana Fazlalizadeh has dedicated her time and efforts to creating posters of women who want to speak out against gender-based verbal harassment.

Each portrait is of a different woman and has a caption geared toward men who think catcalling is an acceptable type of social interaction. Ranging from "Stop Telling Women to Smile" and

"My Name is Not Baby," to "Women Do Not Owe You Their Time or Conversation," these simple posters are short, sweet and to the point: Women don't like being yelled at by strangers.

Women shouldn't have to pretend they didn't hear a derogatory comment, and men shouldn't feel compelled to yell at female strangers. More action is needed so that society stops allowing for catcalling to be minimized. However, with activism in art and a new generation of feminists, hopefully, that change is in the near future.

*Madeline Gallegos is a writer for The Collegian. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.*



## Column

# We need to pop the virginity stigma

**L**ast October, a 19-year-old made headlines when he announced he would lose his virginity on stage in front of a crowd as part of a performance art piece.

Clayton Pettet, the teenager in question, said he would have anal sex for a project called "Art School Stole My Virginity." The performance happened this past week and raised questions of what constitutes a first sexual experience.



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According to Pettet, our society holds a lot of value to the idea of virginity, and the project was his way of "losing the stigma around virginity," according to an article by the Daily Star.

He brings up an interesting point: Our society does reinforce the idea that losing one's virginity is the end-all and be-all as the ultimate rite of passage into adulthood. Even just by using the term "losing your virginity," it implies that having sex for the first time inherently takes something away and changes something about you.

As great as sex is, though, it's not magic. You don't automatically change into something else just because you have had sex one time.

And what exactly constitutes losing your virginity, anyway?

According to one article by The Atlantic that discussed myths about virginity, another issue is that people are misinformed when it comes to what should happen your first time.

Have you heard the popular phrase "pop your cherry"? It supports the idea that people with vaginas should bleed the first time they have intercourse because the penetrative act breaks their hymen.

That's not true — you're not supposed to bleed! Bleeding happens when there is not proper lubrication during sexual activity, but by reinforcing this idea, we turn sex into a scary and possibly traumatic event.

And what about gay couples? Do lesbians never actually lose their virginity because they do not have penetrative penis-in-vagina sex?

The concept of virginity is incredibly heteronormative because of this. Traditionally, a home run is having penetrative intercourse that involves a penis and a vagina. But that leaves out all sorts of other options, including digital sex, oral sex, anal sex or even masturbation.

Society cannot dictate what sex is — only the person having it can do that. If you think sex is you plus a dildo, that works. Or if you think virginity is just a social construct and does not even exist, well, more power to you on that end as well.

All these myths and inaccuracies about virginity create a problem. They make first-time sex a stressful and daunting experience rather than the fun and liberating adventure it should be.

The taboo of losing one's virginity makes it harder for people to ask questions, leading to unsafe sexual practices. We are unable to have conversations about sex because there is still such a stigma attached to it.

By spreading myths like this, we turn sex into a bigger thing than it really is. As long as the act is consensual, it does not matter when you first have sex or in what manner or with whom you do it.

You are not "losing" anything by doing so, but having sex will also not make you more mature or turn you into something you are not.

What will having sex for the first time do? Well, you'll join the ranks with millions of other people across the world who have had sex, which just goes to show you — sex is normal.

It shouldn't be a stressful experience, and we as a society need to lose the stigma behind losing your virginity.

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# UF skydivers jump, fall to ground with inflatable gator

## The club hosts a 'boogie' every year

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Anyone who looked up at the sky above Kay Larkin Field in Palatka, Fla., on Saturday would have seen about eight UF students riding their school's mascot.

The "gator jump," a stunt that involved several members of the UF Falling Gators Skydiving Club clinging to an inflatable alligator while skydiving, wasn't the only highlight of the UF Falling Gators' 16th Annual Collegiate Boogie.

The event, hosted by Skydive

Palatka and the Falling Gators, took place from 9 a.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Sunday. It included food, more than \$1,000 of raffle prizes and an adrenaline rush for the about 75 registered guests and other regular visitors.

Throughout the weekend, students, alumni and skydivers from around the country gathered at Palatka Municipal Airport for its spring boogie, a term used by skydivers to describe large get-togethers. These events begin as days full of jumping from planes to partying through the night —

and waking up at sunrise to do it all again.

Matt Englehart, 27, recently moved from California to Jacksonville and said he had been waiting for an opportunity to try out his closest drop zone. As a veteran boogie-bouncer, he said Skydive Palatka didn't disappoint. Along with more than a dozen other registered guests, Englehart set up a tent alongside RVs and a spacious firepit, where jumpers later mingled and bumped beers around a bonfire.

The boogie brought in skydiv-

ers from Georgia, Alabama, Colorado, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's skydiving club and different regions of Florida, but it attracted first-timers as well.

Skydive Palatka owner Art Shaffer said boogies are a great way to bring the skydiving community together, but introducing people to tandem jumping is a rewarding perk too. He estimated about one in 20 people will come back to get certified to jump alone after jumping at Palatka. He said the thrill hasn't worn off in the 29 years he's been in the sport.

"As soon as the parachute opened, I knew I would be doing this for a long time," he said about

his first jump.

Shanna Ferris, one of Shaffer's tandem students and a UF art senior, said she was planning to visit the drop zone that weekend with a couple other friends. The event kept her occupied as she waited for the morning's gray clouds to clear.

She said she enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, and the staff made her feel comfortable before her jump. During her five-hour visit, she socialized with the club, snacked on sandwiches and doughnuts and had an experience she would be eager to try again.

"I'm a convert now," the 21-year-old said.

## Gainesville Fashion Week sees growth, social media high

► IT INVOLVES A TEAM OF ABOUT 50 PEOPLE.

**TEODORA YORDANOVA**

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Now in its seventh season, Gainesville Fashion Week has grown each year in participation and social media presence.

About 550 people attended the art, music and fashion showcase on Friday and Saturday evening at the University Air Center's Mustang Hangar.

Since GFW officially launched in 2009, the event has expanded, having gained nearly 5,300 likes on Facebook, about 900 followers on Twitter and roughly 800 followers on Instagram.

Social media director Niko Pifferetti said the team primarily relies on outlets like those for increasing word-of-mouth publicity in addition to its local networking events.

"GFW has always been good at having innovative marketing techniques," he said.

Pifferetti, a 24-year-old UF public relations and English senior, said the event has cultivated a meaningful and growing online presence through the multiple platforms it uses to reach its audience.

"We're very well integrated," he said. "We have a team of seven social media interns, and there's pretty much one on every platform at any given time making sure that we have consistent stream of content."

The management team has

grown as well, Pifferetti said. In its first year, fewer than a dozen people organized the event. Now, the team has expanded to almost 50 directors and interns.

Although the event was held at the same location last year, venues from previous years were limited to smaller locations in downtown Gainesville.

"Turnout has been increasing every year," Pifferetti said. "This venue really feels much more like a gallery, and I feel like you can approach the art and appreciate it."

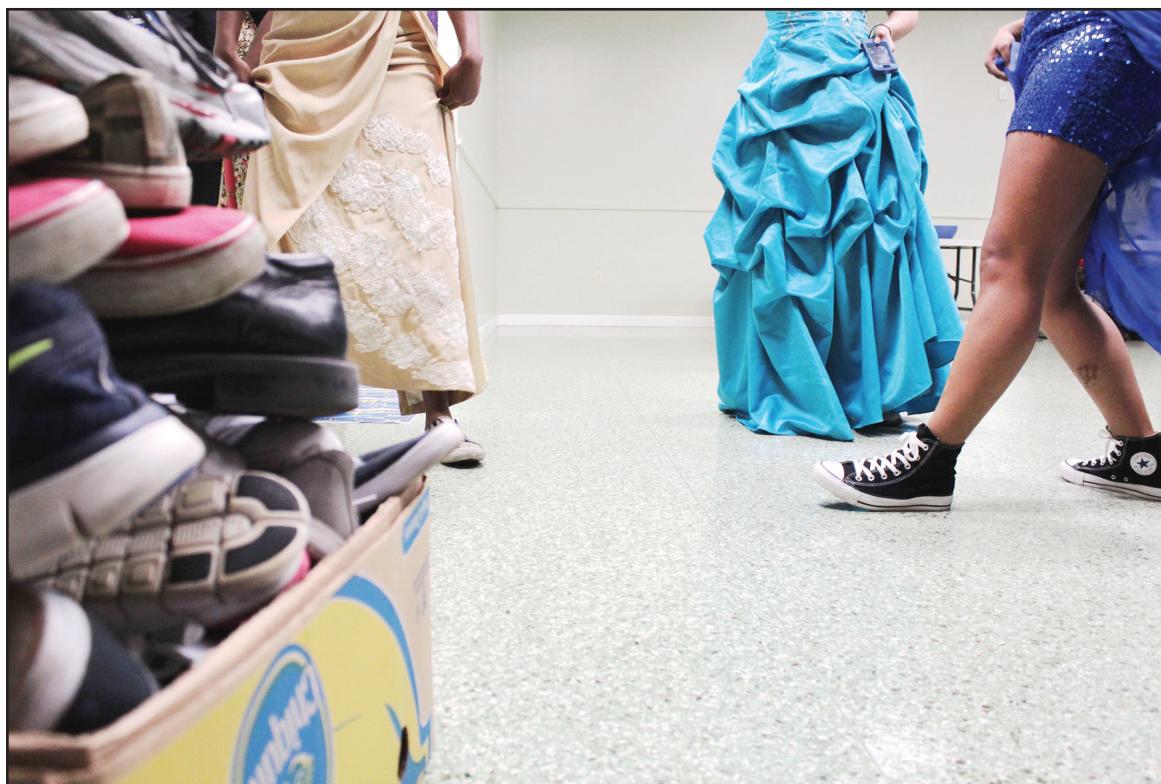
Director-at-large Ching-Ya Ni said although turnover and sponsorship levels may vary each season, the fashion week has been improving every year.

"Every year I want to bring something new to the table," Ni said. "I feel like this is our best venue here because we're able to create a really spacious and classy ambiance where it's beyond going to another nightclub in downtown."

Over the years, the event has come to establish itself as a platform that showcases artistic talent and serves as an accessible resource for local artists, she said.

In the four years Ni has been a part of the GFW team, she said the growth of the event has inspired her to continue pursuing her own passions in fashion and art.

"I've gone through a lot with Gainesville Fashion Week, and it's definitely become my second home," Ni said.



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### Classy Kicks

The members of the UF Lambda Rho chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority wear sneakers to a formal dance on Saturday in the Broward Hall basement. The group collected \$1,000 and about 100 pairs of sneakers for Soles4Souls and St. Francis House.

## STATE

# Engineers take small but promising step in restoring Everglades

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Engineers say initial success on a tiny urban section of the massive Everglades restoration plan could provide important lessons for the larger project.

The Miami Herald reported Sunday a mini project at the Miami Deering Estate shows what could happen if the more than \$10.5 billion Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan is ever fully funded.

The 2-year-old project is a drop in the bucket, part of the larger Biscayne Bay wetland restoration.

It falls within the broader restoration plan. Its cost is about \$4 million.

Engineer Jorge Jaramillo said the pace of change is impressive and shows what could be accomplished on a broader scale.

In recent months, lowland sedges, sawgrass and other native plants have returned.

Springs are bubbling. The trick has been pumping enough water through with submerged electrical pumps.

The Everglades restoration plan is an attempt to rebuild Florida's diverse, natural ecosystem, in which flocks of birds once soared and panthers roamed.

But the Everglades also serve a practical purpose, too.

The so-called River of Grass acts as a natural water filter and provides water for millions of Americans.

Environmentalists are happy with the mini project's progress so far.

But they are also frustrated the restoration is happening in such small fits and starts.

They want to see fast-tracked bundled projects completed.

Both chambers of Congress approved bills to help pay for restoration in Central Florida, but they have yet to reconcile the proposals.

## RESEARCH

# Street drug ketamine could be used to treat depression

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A well-known street drug is now being considered for the potential treatment for depression.

Ketamine, also known as Special K, is being studied by medical professionals who are discovering some of the drug's possibilities, according to a study in the *Journal of Psychopharmacology*.

Although researchers haven't found definitive results, they're hopeful that ketamine can one day be used to help those with mood disorders.

A news release about the study cites ketamine's "rapid antidepressant effect" on some patients.

Ketamine is used as an anesthetic in both veterinary and human medicine, said Richard Holbert, assistant professor of psychiatry and co-director of the Brain Stimulation Center at UF Health Shands Hospital.

People with depression typically have an overactive brain receptor — a molecular device for controlling cognitive and memory function — and ketamine can act as an antagonist to that.

In theory, ketamine can be used to slow

down the receptor the same way it does when it is being used to sedate someone before surgery, Holbert said.

Ketamine is also used as a party drug and can cause hallucinations and out-of-body experiences, he said.



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A recent study has examined that ketamine, also known as Special K, can possibly help in the treatment of depression. It has also been shown to have more immediate effects on those with more serious types of depression.

Dosage will greatly affect the experience that someone has with the drug. The research team has given more than 400 infusions to 45 patients, according to the news release about the study.

"There have been a lot of question marks about why people are using an illicit drug to treat depression," Holbert said.

The drug doesn't offer promising long-term treatment, but it can help with immediate symptoms such as suicidal thoughts, he said.

Erin Rectanus, a 20-year old UF psychology junior, said she isn't opposed to this type of treatment as long as it's a last resort for recovery.

"If all other forms of treatment have been proven unsuccessful then I would be OK with using or recommending this drug even though it is a street drug," she said.

However, Holbert said there is always a risk for addiction.

"When you use anything for a long period of time, there's absolutely a chance you can get addicted," he said.

Still, he thinks it's a possibility that more research can lead to more positive results.

"I'm hopeful but always skeptical," he said. "We still know so little."

## Pugh Hall's UF-designed air control system cuts emissions

► IT CUT THE UTILITY BILL BY 40 PERCENT.

AMY LUNAK

Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF-developed system installed in Pugh Hall last year has proved to be a breath of fresh air for sustainability on campus.

Recent data shows that the air conditioning regulation system, activated in April 2013, cut the building's utility bill by 40 percent.

Prabir Barooah, a UF associate mechanical and aerospace engineering professor, worked with a research team for four years to develop the system.

Barooah said they developed wireless sensors that measure temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide concentration and room occupancy and transmit that data to a computer server.

"The software looks at, in real time, what's happening in the room, and based on whether the room is occupied or not, based on whether it's too hot, based on all that information, it decides what to do about the air flow rate and the heating and cooling in the room," Barooah said.

He said the team is now working with the Physical Plant Division to install the system in two more buildings on campus. Barooah said the system could be especially useful in older buildings.

"There are all these existing buildings that are inefficient, and we can retrofit this technology on them, and that'll save energy," he said.

He said sensors cost about \$200 each. A building like Pugh Hall would need about 70 sensors.

Jonathan Brooks, a UF mechanical engineering Ph.D. student who worked on the team, said 75 percent of all energy use comes from buildings.

"The entire industry is kind of in its infancy, so this is right on the edge of figuring out how to make it commercialized and profitable," Brooks said.

Matthew Williams, the director of UF's Office of Sustainability, said sensors could be valuable in reducing utility costs and greenhouse gas emissions on campus.

"That project in particular is really interesting because it shows how we could be using the expertise here on campus to solve campus needs," he said.

## STATE

## Florida blueberry bushes and business blooming

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA — The humble blueberry is enjoying a bonanza in Florida.

In the last decade, the area harvested with blueberries in Florida has tripled, the Tampa Bay Times reported Saturday.

This year's crop is expected to reach about 25 million pounds. That's small-time compared with the top producer, Chile, which exports about 174 million pounds, mostly to the U.S.

But it's not that far off the U.S. blueberry leader, Michigan, which produced about 87 million pounds in 2012.

Farmers say experts at the UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences are behind the growth. Their Plant Innovation Program developed about 98 percent of the southern highbush berries now grown in the state.

Grower Alto Straughn said the

UF version of the fruit "are better, bigger, tastier and with a better yield."

There's something else about blueberries that makes growers happy. Machine-picking them is easier than crops like strawberries, a benefit at a time when immigration reform is at a standstill, and farmers complain they can't find enough harvesters in the U.S.

Blueberries generated nearly \$70 million in cash receipts in 2011, up from \$39 million in 2007.

Fresh blueberries can be found in grocery stores all yearlong these days, but Florida is grabbing the market share from around March to June, coming in at the end of the South American harvest but before things warm up enough along the Atlantic seaboard and Pacific northwest.

Farmers say they hope to expand their season even more in the coming years.

## UF wakeboarding club hosts competition to raise funds

### *It raised more than \$2,000*

FIELD PALMER

Alligator Contributing Writer

The south shore of Lake Wauburg was crowded with enthusiastic UF students and alumni Saturday for Wakefest, the Gator Wakeboard Club's biggest fundraiser.

During the course of the day, about 500 people lined the docks and waterfront to watch UF students and alumni compete in

six divisions.

"Today is just a huge party at Lake Wauburg," said Jon Kistemaker, the club's president.

Riders had the opportunity to perform about 10 tricks in the two trips each participant was granted around the lake, the 21-year-old UF biology senior said. Competitors were judged based on height, style

and difficulty of the tricks.

The fundraiser was a success, Kistemaker said. The club managed to raise more than \$2,000 after expenses. That is short of the club's goal of \$3,200, but he said the difference should be made up with upcoming events.

About \$2,000 of the club's funding comes from RecSports, said Jon Broska, assistant director of competitive sports at UF.

The club predicted it still needed to raise

\$3,200 if it wished to continue operating.

However, Broska said that the money the club needed was just a reflection of predicted deficits. The money might be available by Summer.

"We didn't want to wait until Summer to tell the wakeboard club," he said.

Broska said he wanted to dispel any notion that the club was facing dissolution.

"Sorry, you can't be a club anymore" — that was not a conversation with the wakeboard club at all," he said.

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6 Big fusses	4 ___-Salem, N.C.	31 Persian Gulf ship	50 Previously owned
11 Gallery display	5 Fr. holy man	32 Pretty close	53 Drug cop
14 Taxpayer's worry	6 1994 Denis Leary film about a crook who acts as an arbiter	33 Checker, e.g.	54 Dating from
15 Real estate offering	7 Gut-punch reactions	38 Provide critical comments for	55 High hairstyle
16 Sinking ship signal	8 Batman and Robin, e.g.	39 Curious George creators Margret and H.A.	56 Happy
17 Takeout option	9 Italian tenor standard	40 Actress Russo	58 Emerald Isle
19 Wash. neighbor	10 Spiritual Arizona resort	43 Video file format	59 Normandy battleground
20 Personal IDs	11 "Keep dreaming"	46 Boise resident	60 One-horse carriage
21 Ambulance destinations, for short	12 Came by horse	48 Trash bin	63 Dixie general
22 Comfy shoe	13 Old Russian royal		64 St. Pete's state
24 Biblical pronoun	18 Flower starter		
26 Bic products	23 Nick and Nora's dog		
27 Subject for a meteorologist	25 Former Congressional gp. concerned with Communist infiltration		
33 Ross of the Supremes	26 Univ. teacher		
34 "___ won't be afraid": "Stand By Me" lyric	27 "The ___ Kid": '50s TV Western		
35 French lady friend	28 Former Calif. NFLer		
36 Jerusalem's land: Abbr.	29 ___ a kind: unique		
37 Look after			
41 Chicken ___ king			
42 Swindle			
44 Prefix with classical			
45 Bernese Alps peak			
47 Bill Gates or Paul Allen, vis-à-vis Microsoft			
51 Those, to Tomás			
52 On an ocean liner, say			
53 All for ___: to no avail			
56 Co. that merged into Verizon			
57 Gas company with toy trucks			
61 Egyptian snake			
62 Summoned up			
65 Curtain support			
66 Shed ___: cry			
67 Muhammad Ali's boxing daughter			
68 Exec. moneyman, and a hint to 17-, 27-, 37-, 47- and 62-Across			
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## Wilbekin struggles in Final Four matchup against Connecticut

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Scottie Wilbekin had every reason to perform well Saturday against UConn.

The senior point guard was competing in his first and last Final Four, playing against a familiar foe and – as the proverbial cherry on top – celebrating his 21st birthday on the most important day of basketball in his

life.

So when Wilbekin had arguably his worst game of the season Saturday night, Gators fans were left scratching their heads all the way back to Gainesville.

Coach Billy Donovan said the reason why his team's MVP was limited to just four points on 2-of-9 shooting was because he could not penetrate the Huskies' defense in the paint.

Because Wilbekin could not drive to the basket as he had all season, he not only couldn't be a factor scoring-wise for the Gators, but he also could not dish the ball back out to the perimeter to give his teammates open looks. The 6-foot-2 Gainesville native had just one assist compared to three turnovers.

"The difference in the game was Scottie Wilbekin couldn't live in the lane like he had all year long for us," Donovan said. "Every time we needed a big shot or a big play, whether against Arkansas or UCLA, he was in the lane."

Only one of Wilbekin's two baskets came in the paint, and neither came in the second half when Florida desperately needed a spark to overcome UConn's 12-point advantage, which was the Gators' largest deficit of the season.

Although he said cramps bothered him at the start of the second half, Wilbekin said once he exited the game and iced his legs, the cramps went away and were no longer an issue.

However, UConn guards Ryan Boatright and Shabazz Napier were problems Wilbekin couldn't fix with a few minutes on the bench. After allowing Wilbekin to score on his first two shot attempts, Boatright and Napier buckled down defensively, holding the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year to a 0-of-7 shooting performance – including 0 of 3 from three-point range.

"He had a really, really hard time getting in the lane around Boatright," Donovan said. "He had a hard time getting around Napier, which inevitably made our offense very, very difficult."



AP Photo

Scottie Wilbekin, left, drives past Connecticut guard Ryan Boatright during the first half of Florida's 63-52 loss to UConn on Saturday in Arlington, Texas. Wilbekin scored four points while recording one assist to three turnovers against the Huskies.

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### GYMNASTICS

## UF makes nationals despite falls

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Florida may have fallen — but not too far.

Despite falls from top competitors Mackenzie Caquatto, Bridget Sloan and Kytra Hunter, Florida claimed the 2014 University Park Regional title to advance to the NCAA Championship.

"When Bridget and Mackenzie fell – it is so uncharacteristic for both of them," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "I think that is the first time Macko has fallen in two years. And Bridget is a 9.95 almost every time she gets up there."

Both Sloan and Caquatto suffered falls

on beam. Sloan ended up with a 9.225 and Caquatto a 9.300, resulting in a 48.575 team score on beam that claimed the bottom spot in the meet and Florida's 2014 record book.

"I would say our competition was off," Faehn said. "It was not what we are capable of."

The Gators then had some down time with about a 20-minute bye before they competed on floor. Normally one of its top events, Florida posted a 49.375 on floor, its second lowest event score of the night.

UF's saving grace was vault, where it posted a meet-best 49.550 to cap off its time in University Park, Penn.

"We rebounded really well on vault and

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### LANDON PUNCHES

## UF's growth defines streak

ARLINGTON, Texas — Now that the Gators' season is officially over, let's put their 30-game winning streak in perspective.

It is the 10th-longest winning streak in college basketball history, the longest of Billy Donovan's coaching career and the longest in program history. Most teams struggle to win 30 games in a season, let



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alone 30 straight.

But it's more than the number 30 itself that makes this streak so special. It goes much deeper than that.

Following No. 1 overall seed UF's disappointing 63-53 defeat to 7-seed UConn in the NCAA Tournament

semifinals on Saturday, Billy Donovan expressed that sentiment. The 18-year

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Arman Hall had a breakout performance at the Florida Relays. Read the story online at [alligatorSports.org](http://alligatorSports.org).

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### Golf team to begin tournament

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# Young shows maturity, fight in Final Four matchup despite loss

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*"I love being in school right now. I like getting my education. I'm learning more from coach (Billy Donovan) and he's got a lot to offer me. He's going to help develop me so when I go to the NBA, I'll already be ready and teams won't have to worry about developing me anymore."*

Patric Young made that statement on March 11, 2011. A year later, he made the same decision. A year after that, the message still didn't change.

But Young did.

He grew from the bench player who averaged just 3.4 points and 3.8 rebounds per game to the face of the program who finished the year averaging 11 points and 6.2 boards.

He grew from being the mentee of Vernon Macklin to becoming a mentor himself by passing down his knowledge of the game onto freshman-phenom Chris Walker.

Most importantly to Donovan, Young grew enough during his four years at Florida to recognize his own identity both on and off the court.

With his unique physique and intense work ethic, the Jacksonville native flirted with the possibility of becoming a first-round selection in the NBA draft after his freshman campaign. But after struggling during his next two years to separate himself from the pack of other future-NBA frontcourt players like Anthony Davis and Nerlens Noel, Young decided to stay in Gainesville to fine tune his game and also potentially reach the Final Four, which he finally did Saturday.

And despite falling short of the national championship – the ultimate pinnacle of success – Florida did not lose to UConn for lack of ef-

fort from Young.

The senior center recorded a season- and team-high 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting while grabbing five rebounds. But much of Young's impact was seen beyond the statsheet.

As he has done all season, Young battled for loose balls, hustled for all of his 32 minutes of action and never lost hope.

"I think I was just trying to get the guys just to stay in the moment and just keep pushing on from the past because we have been a team that's come from behind a lot, especially late in the season," Young said. "I

thought that if we just picked it up a little bit more, just forgot about how we were shooting and just locked in and focused, we could have it come again."

Even in the midst of the Huskies' 11-of-12 shooting performance down the stretch that sealed their victory over the Gators, Young put all his energy into a dunk with 4:09 left in the game that kept the basket shaking for about 10 seconds.

The 160-foot video board at AT&T Stadium showed a jumper by UConn's Niels Giffey when Young cut Florida's deficit down to six with

his slam-dunk. Most of the record-breaking crowd of 79,444 didn't have a chance to react to the play.

And neither did Young, who simply ran back to other side of the court to prepare on defense.

There was no flash, just gravitas. There was no selfishness, just team focus.

"I think for the first time in my life, I was a part of a group of guys that were really willing to bleed for one another," Young said. "Guys that were really willing to just do whatever it took to go outside of themselves, to commit to the greater

goal."

As Young sat next to two of his three senior teammates during the postgame press conference, his last words to the public while still wearing his No. 4 jersey weren't about himself or his upcoming journey to the NBA. Instead – like the past four years – Young was focused on nothing but the Florida Gators.

"One thing I can take from this team is just when you can truly love a group of guys or people like this, you bring out the best out of them and you bring out the best out of yourself," Young said.



AP Photo

Patric Young (4) goes after a loose ball during the second half of during Florida's 63-53 loss to Connecticut in the NCAA Final Four tournament on Saturday in Arlington, Texas. The senior center scored a team-high 19 points in the Gators' loss to the Huskies. Young considered entering the NBA draft after his freshman year, but decided to stay at UF to learn from coach Billy Donovan.

## Florida drops road series

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Bobby Poyner, usually reliable, found himself in the middle of Kentucky's offensive outburst in Florida's series finale in Lexington, Ky.

### UF Baseball

The junior left-hander, UF's third pitcher on Sunday, allowed five earned runs in the sixth inning en route to a 9-8 loss at Cliff Hagan Stadium. No. 13 Florida (20-12, 7-5 Southeastern Conference) dropped the finale against No. 22 Kentucky (22-10, 6-6 SEC) to its second-straight SEC road series loss.

Poyner gave up a three-run home run to Max Kuhn before hitting A.J. Reed for his last batter. Right-hander Shaun Anderson then replaced Poyner, surrendering a triple and a single as part of the seven-run inning that had become the theme of the weekend for both teams.

In Game 2 on Saturday, Florida held off a Kentucky rally after jumping out to a nine-run lead before winning 11-10. Florida plated five runs in the eighth on

Sunday in a rally that would ultimately fall short.

"It's a tough stretch of the season, but we're going to build off these five runs in the eighth. It's disappointing with our pitching this weekend. We didn't quite stay away from the big inning," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan told the IMG Gator Sports Network. "I think that's the theme of the weekend. We couldn't stay away from the big inning."

Left-hander Kirby Sneed tossed 2.2 innings of two-run ball on Sunday. His lone mistake came on a first-pitch fastball over the middle that Reed hit into left center for his third home run of the weekend. The solo shot tied the game at two after UF scored two runs in the top half on a Richie Martin double.

A throwing error by Kentucky shortstop Matt Reida ruined a double-play chance and extended the inning. He booted a ground ball in the sixth that would've been the second out of the inning.

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## SOFTBALL

# Rogers shuts out Auburn

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After winning its first two games against Auburn on Friday and Saturday, Florida knew it needed a strong outing to clinch its first series sweep of the season on Sunday.



Rogers

And behind an eight-inning shutout by senior Hannah Rogers, the No. 6 Gators (34-8, 8-7 Southeastern Conference) notched a 1-0 win over the No. 19 Tigers (31-9-1, 6-6 SEC) at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

"I'm excited," junior Lauren Haeger said. "We haven't swept all season. It's been a while since we won a series, so it's always nice to win." With the game scoreless in the bottom of the eighth, Florida came to bat with the top of the lineup due up. After Kelsey Stewart grounded out to first base, sophomore Kirsti Merritt hit a double to center field. Haeger then scored Merritt with a go-ahead single to center field.

"If (Merritt) doesn't get on base, I don't even have a chance," Haeger said. "She hit a

hard ball up the middle and hustled to second to make that a double. ... I just wanted to get a base hit; I can't get too picky."

In her fifth shutout of the season, Rogers (16-6) limited Auburn to just four hits while retiring 14 straight batters to end the game.

"The biggest thing that I really looked forward to was Hannah Rogers throwing a shutout," coach Tim Walton said. "Not only a regular shutout, but going the extra inning variety. She really pitched well."

While Rogers only struck out three of the 26 batters she faced, stout defense provided the senior right-hander some insurance.

Junior shortstop Katie Medina, who started all three games of the series after not being in the starting lineup for 15 straight games, was part of two double plays in the first two innings for the Gators. With two outs and the bases loaded in the third frame, Medina grabbed a groundball from Auburn center fielder Morgan Estell and threw it to catcher Aubree Munro who tagged left fielder Tiffany Howard out at home to take Florida out of a bind.

"She's been working hard," Rogers said of Medina. "Obviously she hasn't been playing as much, but when she does play, she works hard."

## UF held to lowest assist total of season against UConn

**WILBEKIN**, from page 13

"I would say this, there's not many guards that we have played against that have kept Scottie Wilbekin out of the lane. These guys kept him out of the lane."

The Huskies not only kept the pressure on Wilbekin the entire game, but they also forced the rest of the Gators to make errant shots and passes as well.

Florida's three assists were not just a season low. It was also the fewest in a Final Four game since assists became an official stat in 1983-1984.

And two of its three assists came on the first two baskets of the game. For the final 38:43, the Huskies held the Gators to just one assist while forcing 11 turnovers.

"That's crazy," Wilbekin said. "That's not usually what we do. All credit goes to them and their guards and the way they were denying and putting pressure on us. We weren't taking care of the ball."

Despite Wilbekin's poor performance in his last collegiate contest, Donovan doesn't want Saturday's game to be a defining moment of the senior's career. In his four years at Florida, Wilbekin has battled through off-the-court issues to help his team reach the Elite Eight four seasons in a row, which culminated in the senior's first Final Four appearance Saturday night.

"We would not be in this situation if it was not for Scottie Wilbekin," Donovan said during the post-game press conference. "You just never want to see a guy in his senior year do all things that he's done, you just wish he could have played and performed a little bit better for us. But if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be sitting up here right now."

## Uncertainty plagued Gators at season's start

**COLUMN**, from page 13

Florida coach, who masterfully transformed a Gators team riddled by injuries and suspensions at the beginning of the year into a Final Four squad by late March, delivered a telling answer to a reporter's question.

"Every coach sits up here and is so proud of my guys, I'm so proud of my guys," Donovan said. "Me being proud of them is from a totally different perspective, because for me personally, I saw how dysfunctional we were in September. Didn't even know what we would look like."

The Gators looked like an unconstructed jigsaw puzzle in the preseason and first month of the regular season.

Senior point guard Scottie Wilbekin remained suspended after months in Donovan's doghouse, and it was a giant question mark whether he would play this season. Many thought Wilbekin might transfer, and the Gainesville native contemplated it briefly.

Versatile forward Dorian Finney-Smith and center Darnontre Harris also served suspensions for violating team rules. Donovan dismissed Harris from UF in December, but the South Carolina transfer would soon rejoin the team during practices.

Regardless, it left UF down a big man.

Before the start of the regular season, Michael Frazier II battled mononucleosis, and Will Yeguete was still not at 100 percent coming off arthroscopic debridement on his right knee in May. Rutgers transfer Eli Carter (broken leg) and Dillon Graham (bone spurs in hips) had their seasons shut down.

Freshman point guard Kasey Hill suffered a high-ankle sprain not even two weeks into the regular season and missed four games. Wilbekin returned after a five-game suspension on Nov. 25 only to suffer a sprained ankle a week later against the Huskies.

Every day, it was a new setback. Donovan's group could not catch a break.

Due to its shifting parts, Florida lacked sound defense to kick off the year. After UF surrendered 69 points to North Florida of all teams in its season opener on Nov. 8, Donovan ripped his shorthanded unit.

"We are light years away from even being remotely a good defensive team and light years away from even being a ranked team," he said after the game with a crisp tone.

But after the UConn loss, things began working in the Gators' favor. Wilbekin was back in the mix. Hill returned and provided sufficient relief as a backup for Wilbekin. Senior forward Casey Prather continued to build on his breakout year. Patric Young began to harness his physical attributes as UF's starting center.

In February, a once academically ineligible Chris Walker finally made his debut after serving a 12-game suspension handed by the NCAA for receiving impermissible benefits from agents. The freshman forward soon found his role, providing athleticism and another body for UF off the bench.

The Gators were clicking. Over a few months, a team of just parts gradually became a well-oiled machine.

During its historic streak, Florida grinded out quality wins against Kansas, Memphis,

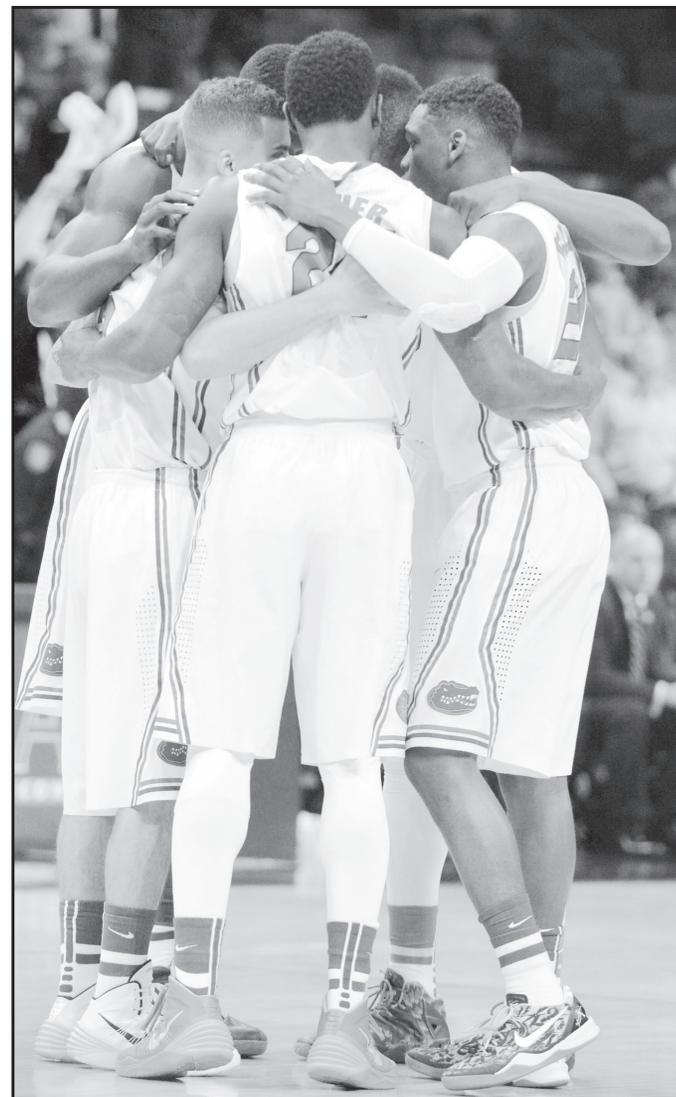
Kentucky and Tennessee — the latter two three times each. Donovan's group cut down the nets on three separate occasions, the final time in celebration of his program's first trip to the Final Four since 2007.

There's no way the Gators would have achieved these milestones if it weren't for how well they overcame adversity —

a popular but relevant cliché.

"Everyone's just grown so much," Young said. "You just have to look and that and remember that."

Anyone who looks at a record book 10 years from now might not realize that, but a simple number cannot measure how remarkable 2013-14 was for Florida.



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Florida's starters huddle prior to the start of Florida's win over Dayton on March 29 in FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn.

## Johnson wins all-around with strong showing on bars, floor



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Senior Alaina Johnson performs on the uneven bars during UF's 198.125-197.625 win against LSU on Feb. 21.

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that was the fight I was looking for," Faehn said.

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Penn State claimed the second spot on the podium and the final ticket to nationals with a 196.725 total. Florida's 197.050 mark was the second lowest the team has posted all year.

"Today's performance was a little uncharacteristic, but at the same time these competitions are what make us stronger, are what make us think and work harder in the gym," Sloan said in a post-game press conference. "Obviously we didn't want to happen quite like this, but in the end you have to look back on it and take it

and learn from it."

A fall from Hunter on bars scored her a 9.275, which in turn took her out of the all-around competition. Sloan's beam fall had the same effect on her all-around (39.050), allowing Alaina Johnson to claim her second all-around win of the year with a score of 39.550.

For a meet that Faehn called Florida's roughest competition yet, the Gators managed to win each event on top of UF's third consecutive regional title.

Sloan won vault with a 9.950 and tied with Caquatto (9.95) for the top spot on bars. Johnson's 9.850 on beam tied her for a title win with three other gymnasts, and Hunter's floor routine delivered a 9.950 and event title win.

"It's definitely my favorite routine of all three years," Hunt-

er said, "and so I think with me loving the routine and being able to sell the dance and the tumbling putting it all together definitely helped me get a good score."

*"We rebounded really well on vault and that was the fight I was looking for. I thought we had a few uncharacteristic mistakes on different routines from different people — almost fluky."*

Rhonda Faehn  
UF Coach

Florida will now prepare to defend the program's first national championship in Birmingham, Ala., on April 18-19.

"The athletes are resilient," Faehn said. "They'll be anxious to get back in the gym."

# Young, Prather scored 34 of Florida's points in Final Four loss

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back tears, battling to keep his composure and answer each question. Michael Frazier II, who was contained to just one three-pointer for the Gators' only make from downtown all night, looked dejected as a hoard of reporters held recorders to his face. Other Florida players sat away from reporters, staring at the ground with towels hanging over their heads, thinking about what could have been.

"I really wanted our guys to get a fire in their eyes and just realize like, 'This is going to be the rest of our lives,'" said senior center Patric Young, who finished with a team-high 19 points. "Let's just go out there and leave it all out on the court. Whatever happens, let's just go out there and fight and be the best that we can be."

"But I just feel like we were a step too slow [Saturday]. I just didn't see it in our guys' eyes today. I was just trying so hard to get us connected from that standpoint, but it just wasn't there."

After relinquishing a 12-point lead in the first half, the Gators could not bounce back. They had a season-low 22 points at halftime and saw Shabazz Napier, DeAndre Daniels and the Huskies exploit their defense for a 10-point advantage about seven minutes into the second half.

"We knew they were going to come back and make a run," Prather said. "They're a good team. That's what good teams do."

Young took over down the stretch and flourished in the interior, helping UF cut its deficit to

43-40 with 8:03 left. The senior center scored 16 of Florida's final 22 points.

But he could not do it all alone.

Excluding Young and Prather, who added 15 points, the Gators shot only 6 of 26 from the field against Connecticut. A squad that prides itself on being connected, Florida recorded only three assists against 11 turnovers.

Scottie Wilbekin, who entered the game averaging 16.8 points during UF's first four games of the Big Dance, battled cramps Saturday and scored just four points on 2-of-9 shooting.

"On offense, we just couldn't really get anything going," the senior point guard said.

"They were being really aggressive and we couldn't really get into our offense. We weren't moving the ball as well."

Despite a bitter and abrupt close to the year, the Gators have not lost perspective of how magical this season was for them.

After battling through injuries and suspensions during the first month of the year, Florida eventually gelled and ran through its Southeastern Conference slate undefeated, clinching both the regular-season and tournament titles. Its senior class of Prather, Wilbekin, Young and Will Yeguete that exited the Elite Eight in three previous seasons finally got over the hump, reaching the program's first Final Four since it won back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007 during the glory days of Joakim Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer.

"I think for the first time in my life, I was a part of a group of guys that were really willing to bleed for

one another," Young said, "Guys that were really willing to just do whatever it took to go outside of themselves, to commit to the greater goal."

Once the pain of losing against the Huskies subsides, the Gators will relish a 2013-14 campaign filled

with records and accomplishments — one that Donovan can call one of the most successful of his 18-year tenure at UF.

"Their body of work on the court people will evaluate or judge themselves," Donovan said. "But for me personally, where they were as in-

dividuals and where they were as a team to where they came from in terms of becoming a team, I mean, it was one of the most special experiences I've had being around a group of guys away from the court maybe since I've been in coaching."



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Casey Prather shoots as Connecticut forward Phillip Nolan (0) and Florida's Patric Young (4) look on during the first half UF's 63-53 loss to UConn on Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

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