

Casey Turgeon led the Gators to their fourth straight win against the Seminoles on Tuesday. Read the story on page 13.



Runoff ends in slim win for Warren

She got 50.59 percent of vote

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By only 127 votes, Helen Warren beat Annie Orlando for a spot on the City Commission in Tuesday night's runoff election.

Warren and supporters took the celebration to Tall Paul's Brew House after results rolled in. She

thanked those involved in the campaign, then took a moment to praise the voters.

"All I need are the good and the smart voters," Warren told the crowd. "So we had 127 more of them on our side."

As results came in at the Supervisor of Elections Office, Orlando was initially leading with 56.2 percent. When early and absentee votes came

in, the tide shifted, and Warren held on to a small lead. The final returns showed Warren received 50.59 percent of the votes, and Orlando earned 49.41 percent.

In the city's runoff election held last year, Ed Braddy defeated Craig Lowe for mayor by 1,251 votes.

Once in office, Warren said her first order of business will be tackling the city budget.

"I want to build bridges with leaders in the community regardless

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Dancers get creative for the money — and kids

KELLY VOLLMER

Alligator Contributing Writer

From frosted tips to a zebra suit or a new tattoo, desperate Dance Marathon participants will do just about anything to earn money for a good cause.

Students involved in Dance Marathon at UF have promised to do wacky things for donations from friends, family or anyone willing to support them.

Participants have been busy employing these new fundraising tactics in anticipation of the event's 20th anniversary this weekend, when more than 800 students will stay awake and on their feet for 26.2 hours to symbolically raise awareness of children who live with serious illnesses 24/7. One of the ways dancers raise money is by getting pledges before the event.

"I said if I could reach \$1,000 in a certain time period, then I would wear a zebra costume around campus."

Maria Mandese
 morale captain

Maria Mandese, a morale captain for Dance Marathon, said fundraising isn't always easy.

"It can be scary asking your friends and family for money, especially when they know nothing about Dance Marathon," said the 20-year-old UF health science sophomore.

Volunteers created a Facebook page to give the students involved ideas on raising money. Examples include hosting a bowling night, a flash mob on Turlington Plaza and a family-oriented carnival.

However, these mainstream methods weren't enough for some participants.

Mandese used a tactic she called the incentive method. She cleaned a friend's room as an incentive for her to give a donation. Then she took the idea further.

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William A. England / Alligator Staff

Gator Chompin'

Students eat chicken wings Tuesday evening as part of the 5th Annual Chicken Wing Charity Thing. The event was hosted by the UF Interfraternity Council, and proceeds benefitted Children's Miracle Network.

Near-campus iPad theft prompts UF Alert, helicopter search

► IT WAS TAKEN ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE.

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Gainesville Police is looking for a man suspected of stealing another man's iPad on West University Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

A UF Alert sent out to students, staff and faculty at about 4 p.m. reported the following incident:

At about 3:15 p.m., the victim met a man at 1423 W. University Ave. to buy the victim's iPad. It is not confirmed if the victim is a UF student, GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said.

During the exchange, the man said he didn't have his wallet and fled with the victim's iPad.

The suspect is described as a tall, black male in his 20s with a medium build. He was wearing a black shirt, red pants and athletic shoes.

The victim did not say in which direction the man ran. He-

licopters on daily patrols at the time assisted in the search.

University Police offers various services to students to protect their possessions. Students can register their bikes and other valuables through the department. For computer safety, students can install Front Door Software, which allows users to remotely lock their laptops.

Gainesville Police advises anyone with information to call the department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL with a tip to 274637. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP.

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Business college falls in Bloomberg ranking

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Rwandan student reflects on genocide as he works toward UF Ph.D.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Rally for Palestine

Join Students for Justice in Palestine and CHISPAS in a demonstration that will illustrate the restriction of movement that both Palestinians via the apartheid wall in the West Bank and immigrants via the US/Mexico border face. We will be forming a human wall on Turlington Plaza from 11:15 to 11:50 a.m. today. Each person who is part of the wall will have posters hanging around them with information on various aspects of oppression in Israel/Palestine and oppression of the immigrant community in the U.S.

Organic Plant Sale

The Organic Sustainable Agriculture Club will be selling transplants today in front of Fifield Hall off Hull Road from 4 to 7 p.m. Plants being sold include herbs, peppers, cucumbers and sunflowers.

Minority Pre-Veterinary Students final meeting

The Minority Pre-Veterinary Students will have its final general body meeting of the semester today in Rinker Hall, Room 106, at 7:30 p.m. Minority Pre-Vet Students is a new student organization trying to encourage, retain and empower students pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. All are welcome.

Genocide awareness week

Stop by the Plaza of the Americas from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday to learn about modern genocide. For more information, please contact Rachael Cain at tzedek@ufhillel.org. Sponsored by Jewish Student Union, Student Government, the SG interfaith council and Hillel/Manoa.

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 with any questions.

Celebrate Passover with UF Hillel

Not going home for Seder? UF Hillel has 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. All food served

FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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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 or call 352-372-2900.

Tonight I'm Not Just Watching

STRIVE at GatorWell will present students with the opportunity to publicly display their commitment to being active bystanders against interpersonal violence Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas. The event will include free information, activities and promotional items.

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 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/vixenclinic.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.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Florida Museum

Explore the wonders of life on Earth with hands-on activities and a huge plant sale at the Florida Museum of Natural History! On April 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., participate in Earth Day activities in the adjacent UF Natural Area Teaching Laboratory and see diverse specimens from the museum's vast collections. The museum will also host a large plant sale with more than 120 species of difficult-to-find and butterfly-friendly plants April 19 through 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. where attendees can learn how to attract butterflies to their homes and which plants are proven winners. Accent, host, native and nectar plants are available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the museum's Butterfly Rainforest exhibit and other museum events like ButterflyFest. For more information, visit flmnh.ufl.edu/earthday or call 352-846-2000.

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New nature learning center opens in Austin Cary Forest

► IT'S 6 MILES FROM GAINESVILLE.

CHRISTIAN COOPER

Alligator Contributing Writer

The new Austin Cary Learning Center, dedicated Saturday, will provide space for weddings, club meetings and nature-related activities.

The center replaced the original, which was destroyed in a fire three years ago. The 7,800-square-foot building is located 6 miles northeast of Gainesville on Waldo

Road, overlooking Lake Mize and in the Austin Cary Forest.

Tim White, director of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, said the facility is used for everything from club meetings to weddings. He said UF's forestry students go to the center to experience nature.

"There are forested areas with great trails as well as Lake Mize, which is one of the deepest lakes in Florida," he said. "While here, they can also learn about the important role that forests play in our lives."

He said the new center is twice the size

and has more functionality than the old one. The center now has access to the Internet, breakout rooms and a kitchen.

"It feels like a home, and I am excited to share it with others."

Michelle Franklin

UF forest resources and conservation senior

The center's floor plan was based on surveys from people around the community, White said.

The \$2 million center was funded entirely by donations. White said donations came

from alumni, private companies and other sources. People gave anywhere from \$50 to \$150,000.

Michelle Franklin, a 26-year-old UF forest resources and conservation senior, has been working at the Austin Cary Forest for a year and watched the construction of the new facility. She wrote in an email that she and the other seniors are jealous of the students who get to use the new facility.

"It doesn't feel like a building when you step inside," Franklin said. "It feels like a home, and I am excited to share it with others."

Colleges observe alcohol screening day UF won't participate

AMY LUNAK

Alligator Contributing Writer

More than 600 colleges across the U.S. are participating in National Alcohol Screening Day this Thursday as part of National Alcohol Awareness Month, but UF is not among them.

The 17th annual screening day is promoted by Screening for Mental Health, a nonprofit organization that aims to provide mental health and substance abuse resources to those who need it. Although UF isn't participating this year, colleges that take part in the screening day offer free anonymous in-person and online assessments for students to help indicate alcohol problems, said Sue Thorn, Screening for Mental Health representative.

UF doesn't have plans to participate in the screening day this year, but it is a possibility for the future, said Julia Varnes, a health promotion specialist at GatorWell.

"We are constantly re-evaluating our efforts and making revisions to programming to ensure that we are meeting UF student needs," she said.

Thorn said it is important to get colleges involved with the

screening day because there are skewed perceptions among students about how much and how often their peers consume alcohol.

"Our goal ... is to link those in need with quality treatment resources on or off campus," she

said.

Samantha Rowland, a 21-year-old UF Chinese junior, said she thinks offering free alcohol screenings on UF's campus would be beneficial to the Student Body.

"It would help some people realize that they have a problem, and once they realize that, they can take steps to fix it," Rowland said.



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The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence sponsors alcohol awareness month to teach people about safe consumption.

Daughter of Nazis speaks at UF about Holocaust

► HILLEL HOSTED HER.

TAYLOR WIDOM

Alligator Contributing Writer

Liesel Appel's birth was dedicated to Adolf Hitler, but her life was not.

Appel was born in 1941 in Klingenberg, Germany, to Nazi criminals who made their dedication to the German leader official at a ceremony when she was 2 weeks old. At the age of 9, she decided she could not be one of them.

"I was taught such a deadly culture that it still blows my mind," she told a crowd of about 40 gathered at UF Hillel on Tuesday night.

"Everything about me must be offensive," the blue-eyed blonde said. "My accent ... the tone of my voice, the way I look."

A converted Jew, the 73-year-old has spent her lifetime searching for forgiveness —

especially from Jewish neighbors whose businesses were ransacked during the Holocaust as her parents watched in support.

Appel has told her story on radio and television, at educational seminars and countless Holocaust Memorial services across the world.

Hillel, located at 2020 W. University Ave., paid her \$200 for the speech as part of its genocide awareness week.

Campaign chairwoman Rachael Cain, a 20-year-old UF music junior, said Appel's story provides an alternative view to the traditional survivor's saga.

"In any given situation, a bigger problem is the population that stands by and watches it happen," she said.

Appel said the time to stand up for those in need is now.

"Courage does not have to be loud," she said. "It often is the quiet voice of reason."

One leader said he'd get an 'FTK' tattoo if he reached his goal

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said. "I guess a lot of people want to see me walk around as a zebra because I got quite a few donations (after that) and reached the goal."

DM morale overall director Joelle Waksman said she has heard of even more drastic incentives.

"A community events captain pledged to tattoo 'FTK' once he hit his fundraising goal," she said.

But Waksman said despite their oddities, these tactics have proven to be extremely successful. She recalled a student who posted a picture of himself with a "frosted tips" hairstyle.

"He promised to dye the tips of his hair blonde if he could reach his goal in a certain amount of time," she said. "Within a few hours, he hit his goal."

In 2013, DM at UF raised a record \$1.1 million. This year's fundraising total will be revealed at the event's closing ceremonies, and students are hoping to break the record once

"A community events captain pledged to tattoo 'FTK' once he hit his fundraising goal."

Joelle Waksman

morale overall director

more.

But for passionate participants like Mandese, this year's Dance Marathon will be memorable either way.

"Look out for the zebra at the end of this week," she said.

Orlando criticized Warren's campaign for name-calling tactics

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of political affiliation," she said.

Warren received advice and support on her campaign from outgoing City Commissioner Susan Bottcher.

Bottcher, who will step down from her seat in May after losing this year's election to Craig Carter, came Tuesday to support Warren on her win.

Bottcher said she is looking forward to sharing her experiences and insight with Warren.

"This is probably one of the best things to happen in a city election in a very long time," she said.

Orlando and her supporters gathered at The Warehouse Restaurant & Lounge after the release of the results, which they called an unexpected loss.

"I thought we had the momentum," Orlando said.

Despite the results, Orlando said she is proud of her campaign.

She criticized Warren and her supporters for name-calling.

"They went to the dirty tricks and the nasty campaigning to smear my reputation," Orlando said. "They were saying I was the Tea Party candidate, and I'm still a

Democrat whether they like it or not."

As for the Commission's future, Orlando said it's up in the air.

"I have very grave concerns with what's going to happen with GRU," she said.

Warren, who will take office in May, said she hopes to unify the city.

"We won. I'm saying we won," she told her supporters. "And I hope Gainesville will see what they won."

Two budget-related bills progress with first readings in Senate



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Sen. Davis Bean, chairman of the budget and appropriations committee, discusses the 2014-2015 Student Government-funded organizational budget during Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

► THEY'RE UP FOR APPROVAL NEXT WEEK.

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Tuesday night's Senate meeting was all about the money.

Senators voted to pass two bills with proposed budgets for second readings. The first bill allocated money for the Student Government-funded organizational budget, and the second allocated money for the SG-funded academic budget.

Sen. Davis Bean, chairman of the budget and appropriations committee, said a new element of the organizational budget could award additional funding to organizations that spent 90 percent of their previous budgets. Senators will push the measure to a vote next meeting.

Bean said 13 organizations will receive an additional \$500 while two others will receive \$250.

"With the money that was left over ... we took that money and decided to allocate it equally to these organizations that were fiscally responsible," Bean said.

Certain aspects of the budget

sparked controversy.

In pro-con debate, Sen. Michael Christ said he disagreed with both of the budget bills.

Christ said his main issues with the organizational budget bill were increased funding allocated for food and the monetary rewards for fiscally responsible groups.

"I don't think having a really good expenditure rate ... justifies giving more money," Christ said.

As for food, Christ said he doesn't want SG to "turn into a food-subsidization group."

Five senators spoke during the pro portion of the debate, and each put their support behind the budget as proposed.

Sen. Susan Webster said the responsible organizations deserve extra money.

"By giving these organizations who have great expenditure rates extra money, we are able to help those organizations put on more and better events," she said.

Sen. Austin Sherman said he supported the line items providing organizations with money for food.

"I think food is vital to student orgs ... to outreach," Sherman said.

CAMPUS

Business college falls in Bloomberg ranking despite investments

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With a \$75 million endowment and a new teaching hall, UF's Warrington College of Business Administration is making positive changes — but a new Bloomberg Business-week ranking says otherwise.

The ranking, which came out Friday, slated Warrington at 44 out of 132 undergraduate business colleges in the nation. The college dropped seven spots from its 2013 rank of 37. Bloomberg also graded the college's teaching at a C and its facilities at a B.

Horace Tucker, the associate director of the Heavener School of Business, wrote in an email that, because of the ranking's methodology, it's difficult to determine why the college dropped.

Bloomberg surveys students and employers, which count for 50 percent of the metrics used. That's information that the college is not aware of until it's published with the rankings. Also taken into consideration is academic quality, median salary and how many undergraduate students advance to top-graduate programs.

"This ebb and flow in the rankings hap-

"This ebb and flow in the rankings happens. We are confident that we are moving in the right direction."

Horace Tucker

Heavener School of Business associate director

pens," Tucker said. "We are confident that we are moving in the right direction."

This is the second time the college dropped seven spots. The first occurred in 2009, when

it moved from 46 to 53. The college bottomed out at 55 in 2010 and began climbing the ranks to 37 in 2013.

Although the college's upward trend has been interrupted, students like 20-year-old UF economics junior Alex Mazur aren't worried.

Mazur said colleges are becoming more competitive with ranking systems, and Warrington is going through a transitional period.

Regardless of ranking, Mazur said the college has given her tools to create a career.

"Warrington has definitely set me up for success in terms of entering the real world," she said.

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Editorial

Puff, puff, pass: Florida e-cig bill sparks debate

The debate about whether e-cigarettes should be sold to minors in Florida is, as one might guess, a love story between Big Tobacco and a lucrative market: teens with money to burn.

Pushing the obvious aside — that minors shouldn't have access to tobacco — fresh conflict arose this week when the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association opposed a bill that would ban the sale of e-cigarettes to Floridians younger than 18.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that the anti-smoking organizations originally weren't against the proposal but "became outraged when state lawmakers added language that would go farther, stripping local governments' ability to regulate the sale of e-cigarettes and tobacco products."

The chief operating officer of the American Lung Association of Florida blamed Big Tobacco for attempting to sneak its influence in the sale of e-cigarettes by pressuring lawmakers to change the proposed bill's language.

And it's not surprising: According to the Times, the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that between 2011 and 2012, the number of middle and high schoolers using e-cigarettes doubled. The use of e-cigarettes among kids today isn't some esoteric, made-up-by-TV-news trend like vodka eyeballing or drinking hand sanitizer. The reality is, more and more underage boys and girls are getting their hands on tobacco.

The language problem in the bill boils down to power. The original bill prohibiting the sale of e-cigs to kids younger than 18 didn't restrict the power of local governments to regulate sales. Last month, a provision was added to the House version originally proposed in October to strip governments' power when it came to regulating e-cigarette-related commerce.

Lawmakers who support the bill say it's part of an effort to standardize tobacco-regulation practices in Florida, but no one anticipated the blowback from health organizations.

The specific part of the updated language that worries anti-smoking organizations the most is its potential to "override existing municipal ordinances," the Times reported.

"Compounding their concern: the language applies to the sale of all tobacco products, not just electronic cigarettes," the Times reported. "While only a handful of local governments have ordinances restricting the sales or use of electronic cigarettes, dozens have ordinances regarding the sale of tobacco products."

The bottom line in this back-and-forth is less about concern over teens accessing tobacco and more about preserving the power of local governments in Florida. It's reasonable that the cancer, heart and lung associations would be concerned over the shift in authority from municipalities to the state when it comes to e-cigarette sale: The tobacco industry has "long had a powerful presence in Tallahassee," the Times reported.

Though lawmakers deny the tobacco industry's involvement with the language change, we're with the American cancer, heart and lung associations on this one.

Florida, keep e-cigs out of the hands of fedora-wearing, Kurt-Vonnegut-reading youths.

Reader response

Today's question: Have you tried e-cigarettes?

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31% NO
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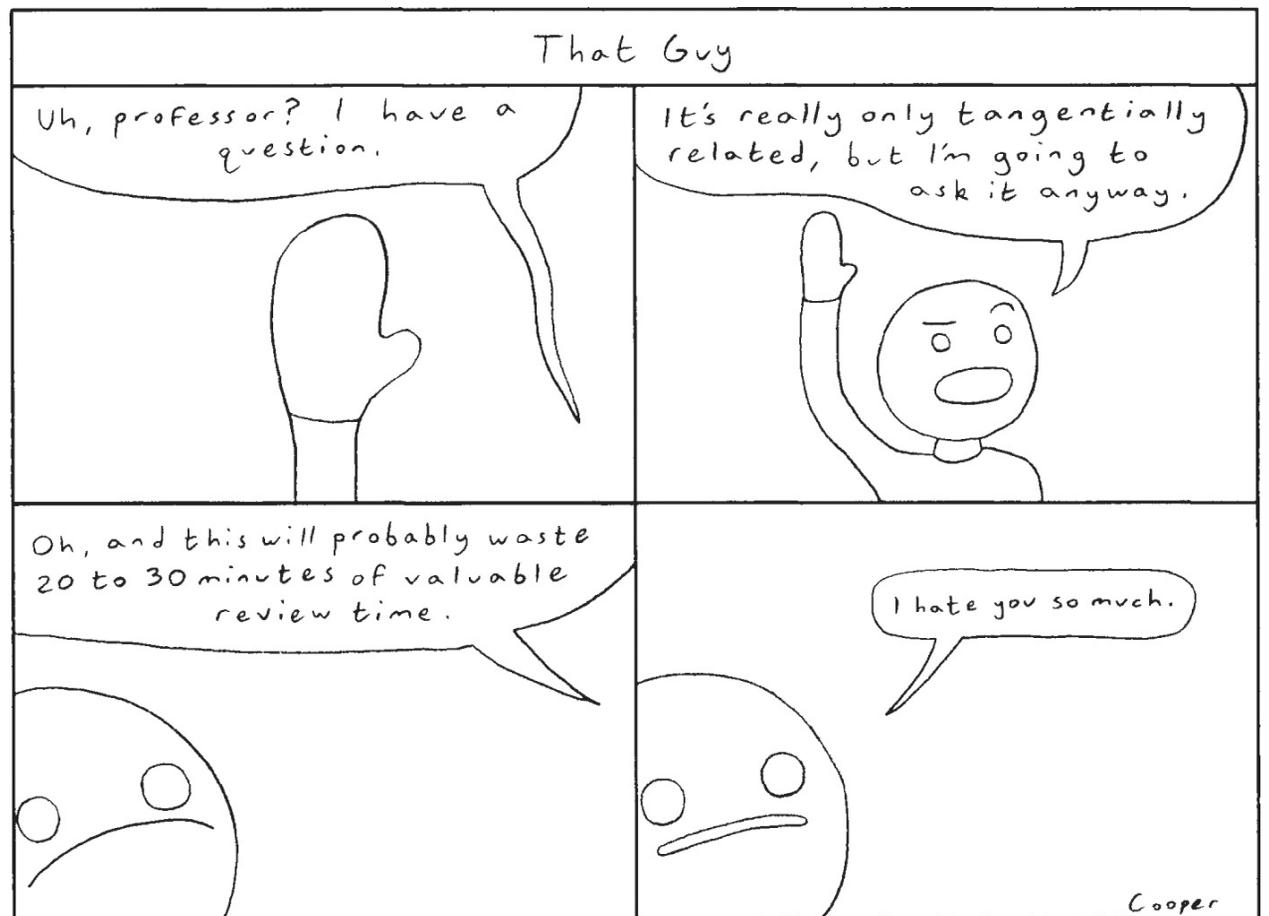
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Column

McCutcheon ruling hurts US democracy

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court hammered a new nail into the coffin of American democracy with its ruling in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*. In a 5-to-4 decision, the Supreme Court eliminated restrictions on the total amount of money individual donors can give to political parties and candidates in a given election cycle.

Before the ruling in *McCutcheon*, wealthy donors such as the Koch brothers and Sheldon Adelson had to conduct most of their political activity through super PACs. These organizations could spend unlimited amounts on political advertising, as long as they did not coordinate directly with any political candidate.

Now, as a result of the Supreme Court's decision, "elected politicians are able to request the contributions directly from the high-net-worth donor," according to a memo by corporate lobbying firm Covington & Burling quoted in *The New York Times*.

The Supreme Court ruled that these massive campaign contributions do not have the potential to facilitate political corruption or even the "appearance of corruption."

This opinion is further evidence that the conservative majority of the Supreme Court is completely out of touch with the interests and values of the American people.

A 2013 Gallup poll showed 79 percent of Americans in its sample supported restrictions on campaign contributions to House and Senate candidates. The same poll showed that 50 percent would support a publicly funded campaign finance system with private contributions completely eliminated.

These polls clearly indicate that the majority of the American people understand that unlimited campaign contributions by wealthy donors have a severe and corrosive effect on our political institutions and our democracy.

The *McCutcheon* ruling expands and institutionalizes the American campaign finance system of legalized bribery. Our elected officials and political parties are now for sale to the highest bidder.

The end result of the unraveling of these campaign finance restrictions is obvious: Elected officials and political candidates will direct their efforts toward serving their wealthy



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donors who will ultimately determine which candidates succeed and which fail. Although it is true that both Democrats and Republicans depend on wealthy donors to ensure their political survival, the GOP has expressed far greater enthusiasm for the opportunity to be bribed by these moneyed interests.

The Republican National Committee was listed as a plaintiff in the *McCutcheon* case, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., filed an amicus brief in the case encouraging the Supreme Court to eliminate the campaign finance restrictions.

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, one of the four liberal justices who dissented from the Supreme Court's ruling, explained the effect of money on politics in a clear and succinct way: "Where enough money calls the tune, the general public will not be heard."

Although the Supreme Court upheld the \$2,600 limit for a donation to an individual candidate and has yet to address the ban on direct contributions by corporations and unions, future cases could result in these restrictions being struck down as well.

Campaign finance should not be a liberal or a conservative issue. All Americans who care about having their voices heard should be outraged at the purchasing of our democracy by wealthy interests.

The policies enacted by the federal government should not be determined by the whims of billionaires or by multinational corporations. Laws should be passed based on their levels of public support and their benefits to the American people, not on massive amounts of campaign donations.

Until a constitutional amendment is passed to institute public financing of elections, our politicians will continue to ignore the needs and desires of the American people in favor of the interest of their wealthy donors.

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Column

News shows we are united by human experience

The recent, tragic developments in the Israel-Palestine conflict are always front-page news. The struggles of the European Union offer promising articles. And for some reason, the media seems to be getting a kick out of the fact that all



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undergraduates in North Korea must cut their hair like that of their supreme leader, Kim Jong Un. I guess that's what it takes to sell papers these days.

But when reading about international affairs, it is unbelievable to think about the present state of the human condition around the world. It is mind-numbing to realize how much war, unrest and poverty there is in our technologically advanced modern world. It pains me to ponder what the life a student my age in a war-torn part of the world — say, Syria, Somalia or Sudan — must be like.

The New York Times covered elections in Afghanistan thoroughly, and to no surprise, the country is still rocked with religious oppression and general strife. In an article, a quote from a young woman discussing the condition of women in her home country made an impression on me.

She said that in the recent past, "A woman wouldn't even show her face to her brother-in-law living in the same house for 25 years. ... People would joke that if someone kidnapped our ladies, we would have to find them from their voices."

Americans — myself included — take our country for granted. Our daily worries and gripes abjectly pale in comparison to what our fellow men and women in other countries have to endure every day. It is a humbling feeling to contemplate this, and it begs the question: Am I truly trying to make a difference in this world?

To be a bit cynical, we have a lot to

work with.

Think about this for a moment: Most of us at UF reading this newspaper were probably fortunate enough to win the birth lottery. We were born to the right parents in the right country. The lottery is something none of us can control. Its results are completely arbitrary. A reader of this article could have been born to parents in Mozambique instead of in Miami. If we were born of different circumstances, as this hypothetical suggests, how would we react to a world completely ignorant of our present situation? How would we handle living in the poorest of poor and most illiterate of places on Earth?

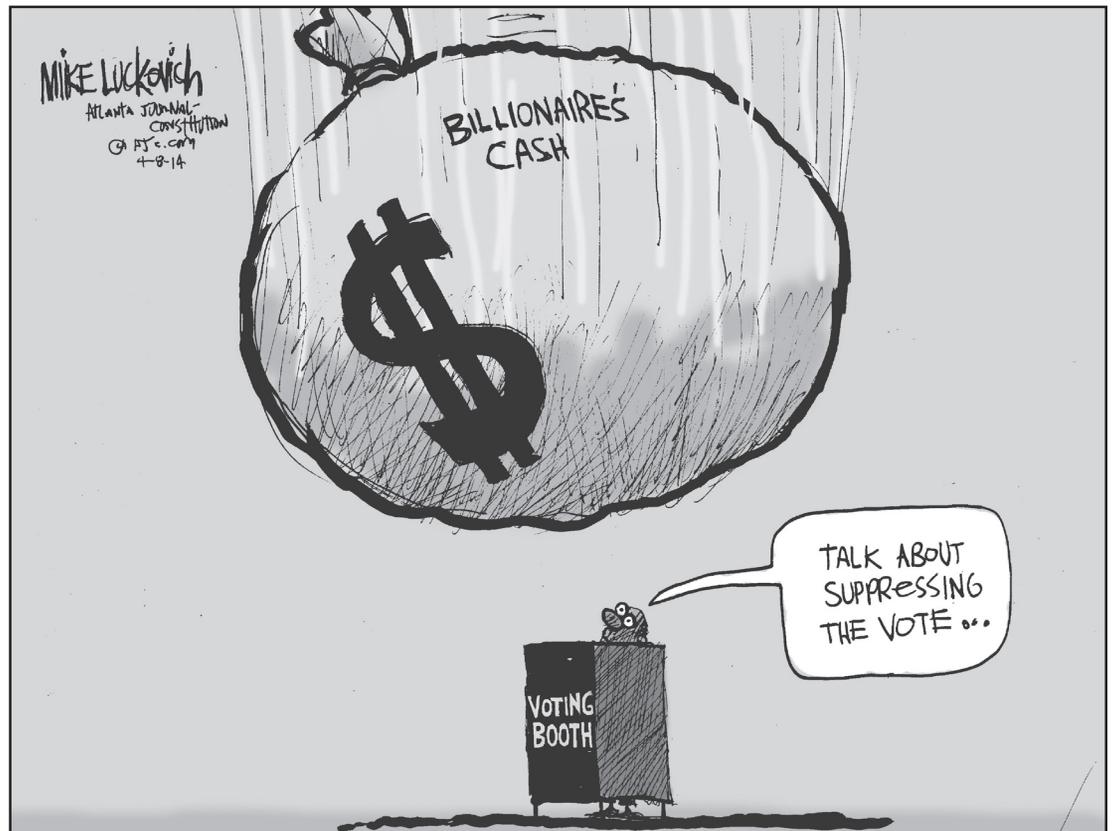
When you think about this, the world does not seem as big as it once did. Every person on this planet shares a common human experience though our human condition may be completely different.

As reasonable and compassionate human beings, we are supposed to be our brothers' keepers. I am not saying it is the responsibility of our country or government to intervene on other people's behalf or send scores of money in foreign aid to each distraught country. Instead, I am imploring us, as the future of the country and the world, to care about the condition of everyone on this planet.

We may be miles apart, but in this modern era, everyone is interwoven. One person's actions hundreds of miles away from our shores might have a lasting impact on us. As young people, we have the unique ability to change the world as we see fit. The question is whether we will actually do that.

And only we can make that decision.

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Rwandan student reflects on genocide, works toward Ph.D.

He's making a breast cancer biopsy needle

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Valens Nteziyaremye can't go home to the family awaiting his return.

In the two years he has spent apart from them, he has missed birthdays and weddings. He has created a life they may never see.

The soft-spoken 26-year-old can't afford to visit his family in Rwanda, so he's saving up.

Before arriving at UF, Valens was one of more than a thousand students who traveled to the U.S. as part of the Rwanda Presidential Scholars Program. In collaboration with the Rwandan government and U.S. universities, the program provides undergraduate scholarships to Rwanda's brightest students.

Through the program, Valens completed his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2012.

Before making the more than 16-hour trek to Arkansas with 25 other students, Valens underwent a rigorous selection process. Even with his high national examination scores, he still had to pass a round of interviews and prove his English skills.

His mother's belief in him led Valens to become one of the top students in Rwanda, he said.

"She told me, 'School will be your future,'" he said. "My parents didn't even have a high school degree. I said 'I'm going to get the education my parents didn't have the chance to get.'"

Valens lost his mother at age 12, after a time when war and genocide had changed Rwanda.

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the killing spree Valens and his siblings lived through.

During the chaos in 1994, Valens and his family fled to a refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

During his four years in the camp, Valens attended a makeshift school. Sitting atop rocks, he fol-

lowed along as the teacher used charcoal and cardboard for daily lessons.

Valens entered the camp at age 7 and left four years later to return to Rwanda, where 800,000 people died. With the help of his older brother, Valens watched over his four siblings, the youngest of whom had just turned 1.

At UF, Valens, a mechanical and aerospace engineering Ph.D. candidate, has not stopped supporting his siblings.

He uses any extra money to pay for his siblings' schooling in Rwanda.

"If I don't do it, I don't think anyone else will do it," he said.

The UF fellowship student is working on a National Science Foundation-funded project on breast cancer biopsy needles, making them more efficient and reducing the pain to the patient.

Caring for others comes naturally to Valens, said Hitomi Yamaguchi Greenslet, UF associate professor in the department of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Greenslet oversees Valens' work on the needle project and assigned him as a mentor for high school students.

"He has a lot of difficulties back home," she said. "He knows how to deal with his personal and professional life."

Valens' start at UF came with a loneliness he did not have in Arkansas. When he arrived in Gainesville, he no longer had a group of Rwandan friends he could relate to.

David Worthington Hahn, professor and chairman in the department of mechanical and aerospace engineering, said Valens' transition to UF was a bit difficult.

"He came here, and he was on his own," Hahn said. "He always impressed me with his smile and his outlook. Anyone who spends time with him can't help but like him."

It was during the first year that Valens experienced a night that

challenged his positive outlook on life.

Valens was driving back home after meeting with his academic adviser when he was pulled over. He said the officers could not understand him, and an argument ensued. Valens was then arrested but released shortly after with no charges.

"The guy — he chose to stop me because he thought I looked suspicious," he said. "It's not the first time it's happened, though."

When most UF students went home for Christmas break to spend time with their families, Valens spent his time working in the research lab. One night, as he was riding on his bike from work, Valens was stopped by a cop. He said the officer told him that he looked like a black man they were searching for.

"That's how it is," Valens said.

But Valens is too busy to worry about his past troubles. He often tries not to stray too far from his research lab. Valens said he believes he can overcome anything with hard work and prayer.

"There was time I thought about giving up everything I was doing," he said. "But I said, 'What am I going to do after I give up?' That's what keeps me going."

When he needs to talk, Valens' roommate is there to listen — except English is often not a part of their conversation. They speak their native language of Kinyarwanda instead.

Valens' roommate, Olivier Nsenigyumva, a 24-year-old UF Ph.D. candidate, arrived in Gainesville from Oklahoma Christian University in August. In Oklahoma, Olivier, like Valens, participated in the Rwanda Presidential Scholars Program. Before becoming roommates, Olivier and Valens attended the

same high school and were only acquaintances. It took travelling more than 7,500 miles from Rwanda to make them close friends.

Olivier said he can't believe how far the two of them have come.

"It's like a dream come true," he said.

Valens has two more years at UF before graduating with his Ph.D.

He said his dad doesn't understand what a Ph.D. is. He just wants his son to come home soon.

"My dad is always saying, 'When you are going to graduate?'" he said.

For now, Valens wants to start helping his home country.

He's launching an organization, called Nature of Life, with a friend back in Rwanda to reduce poverty one donation at a time.

"I've been given the chance to do what I'm doing, so I need to help," he said. "You have to go through some difficult times before you achieve something."



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Valens Nteziyaremye is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. He is now working in the lab on a breast cancer biopsy needle project that helps reduce pain.

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On Tuesday night, teams of super heroes, police officers and football players gobbled as many wings as their stomachs could handle in fewer than five minutes. Six teams of two took down

buckets of wings, leaving the tabletops and chairs in Splitz Bowling Center a sticky, orange mess.

The winning team ate 74 wings between members Kyle Myers and Scott Arvin in 10 minutes. Each team member had five minutes to stuff his face.

An eating team comprised of football players ate a total of 69 wings, coming in second place.

"My method is to grab as many flats as I can," said David Young,

previous UF offensive lineman. Flats are wings with two bones in them, he said.

Tuesday night's eating was for a good cause. It was the third annual Wing Bowl eating competition to raise funds for the Child Advocacy Group.

All proceeds will go toward the nonprofit's support and therapy services for abused children, said Sherry Kitchens, the group's CEO and founder.

"My method is to grab as many flats as I can."

David Young
previous UF offensive lineman

The competition was an interesting way to get the community involved, Kitchens said.

"Folks get super excited," she said.

Craig Wilburn, the creator of the Wing Bowl and broker for

Bosshardt Realty, came up with the event to raise awareness of the Child Advocacy Group. He said touring the group's center had an emotional impact on him.

"I went to visit the center, and I couldn't even finish the tour," Wilburn said. "I didn't even know this was going on in Gainesville."

He said he wants to get the word out for next year's event to raise even more money for the cause.

STATE

Florida legislators push for end to 'senseless' greyhound racing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — Some Florida legislators are making a push again this year to end a requirement that greyhound dog tracks have on-site races if they want to keep card games and other betting options.

Florida has 12 tracks that currently feature greyhound racing, but legislators and some animal activists contend that racing is harmful to the dogs.

"We need to free the greyhounds from



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this senseless activity of racing," said Sen. Eleanor Sobel, D-Hollywood.

But despite the support of some top lawmakers, the proposal stalled in a Senate committee on Tuesday. Instead, the panel passed a stripped-down bill sponsored by Sobel

that requires dog tracks around the state to report all injuries of racing greyhounds.

Most of Florida's current dog tracks make money off other types of gambling, including off-track betting, poker rooms and slot machines in South Florida. But state law requires the tracks to have a full schedule of races each year in order to keep their gambling permits.

Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Boca Raton, tried to get the Senate Gaming Committee to pass a provision that would end the racing requirement and allow tracks to decide if they wanted to keep scheduling races.

She said she dropped the effort after questions arose over whether the wording would allow currently shuttered tracks to reopen.

Other senators on the panel, however, said it was clear there weren't enough votes to pass the proposal in its current form.

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Gators trounce No. 1 Seminoles to sweep season series

UF has won last four games versus FSU

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida State students arrived two hours before the game to get a ticket. They sat throughout Dick Howser Stadium and filled the right-field bleachers to capacity.

By the eighth inning, the bleachers were deserted. No. 15 Florida (21-12, 7-5 Southeastern Conference) swept its season series against No. 1 Florida State (26-6, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) in an emphatic 8-0 shutout that sent the majority of a sold-out crowd of 6,514 heading to the exits early.

Florida defeated Florida State in all three games this season for the second time in coach Kevin O'Sullivan's seven-year tenure at UF. The first time was in 2012. Left-hander Danny Young, who earned the win with five innings of work, pushed his scoreless-innings streak to 15.

Freshman John Sternagel singled home Peter Alonso in the fifth inning for Florida's first run that ended the night for FSU starter Billy Strode. Casey Turgeon followed with a three-run home run off sidearm reliever Gage Smith that almost reached the circus tent beyond right field. The Gators got on the Seminoles early and wouldn't let up.

"It was unbelievable. I know Gage Smith has got some really good numbers. He just dropped the head on it and we went up four

to zero," catcher Taylor Gushue said. "That was the end of the story I feel like. That was definitely the turning point of the game."

Gushue had it partially right. Turgeon's home run was one of the key moments from Tuesday night.

There was Casey Smit leading off the game for FSU with a single past a diving Zack Powers at first base and advancing to second base on a pitch in the dirt by Young, setting up a sacrifice bunt. Smit froze on Justin Gonzalez's attempt and never reached third base. He didn't try scoring from third on a wild pitch from Young two at-bats later — he would've been safe.

"I was pretty relieved when I picked up the ball and saw he was still at second," Young said. "I'll be honest. I saw it and I was like, 'Alright I got away with one there.'"

Young pitched his 10th-straight appearance without surrendering a run and has tossed 11.2 shutout innings against Florida State this year.

Florida would have ran out of its four-run rally in the fifth had freshman Ryan Larson not bailed out Zack Powers, who was picked off at second by Florida State catcher Danny De La Calle. Powers pumped his fists in disgust as third-base coach Craig Bell lowered his head.

Larson, who was sacrifice bunting, ended up singling into right field, advancing Peter Alonso to second base.

After De La Calle picked Martin off at first base with one out two batters later, the UF coaches pulled the team together and asked them to stop playing so tight.

They listened, adding one run in the sixth on a wild pitch and three runs in the eighth on three

hits and two FSU errors.

Florida silenced the 12th-largest crowd in Florida State history. With continued success versus top-10 teams, it will be making more noise in the national spotlight. But it doesn't get any easier — Florida starts a road series against No. 2 South Carolina on Friday before finishing its eight-game road trip on Tuesday against Florida Gulf Coast.

"We knew this would be a tough part of the schedule," O'Sullivan said.

"To come up here and get the third win against Florida State, who has obviously got a great program, it's a great accomplishment for our team. This weekend will be another new challenge for us. Obviously, they're excited right now, but we've got another challenge ahead of us this weekend."



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Casey Turgeon shows bunt during Florida's 3-1 win against Florida State on March 18 at McKethan Stadium. Turgeon hit a three-run home run against the Seminoles in the Gators' 8-0 win on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL

Junior shortstop takes advantage of first starts in 15 games

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Kathlyn Medina wasn't in the starting lineup when UF dropped its first contest to FSU on April 2.

In fact, prior to Florida's series against Auburn, the junior shortstop had not started since UF's second game against Ole Miss on March 8 — a span of 15 games.

"One of the main reasons I took Katie out for a bit was just because I didn't feel like we were getting the shortstop leadership that she's capable of," coach Tim Walton said.

Kelsey Stewart replaced Medina at shortstop for those games, and freshman Chelsea



Walton

Herndon took Stewart's spot at second base.

But after being given the opportunity to start in the Gators' series against the Tigers, Medina did not disappoint.

"Seeing my name up there, I was more than excited to do what I can for the team," Medina said. "I'm just trying to do what I can to get the outs."

Medina hopes to keep her performance up when No. 6 Florida (34-8, 8-7 Southeastern Conference) plays No. 8 Florida State (38-4, 15-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) to-

night at 6 in Tallahassee.

With the Gators riding a three-game winning streak heading into its rematch with the Seminoles, Medina said the team is prepared for the game.

"I definitely think the momentum will help us out," Medina said. "I mean, we're not overlooking FSU. We definitely need to go out there and perform. They're a great team, so it's going to be a great game. We're just going in there with a good mentality and trying to get that win."

The Downey, Calif., native made key plays on defense throughout the series against Auburn this past weekend. She helped Florida sweep its first SEC series since it won three

straight against Ole Miss in March 2013 and showed Walton that she is capable of holding down the defense.

"This weekend was probably the best our infield's played all season long," Walton said. "Taking Katie out of the lineup [earlier in the season] wasn't necessarily what I wanted to do, but it had to be done at the time and the way she's responded and coming back, she's basically playing like her pants are on fire."

Medina made the play of the game during Florida's 1-0 extra inning win to cap off the series against Auburn on Sunday.

With two outs and runners on first and second, Tigers center fielder Morgan Estell

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J.D. Tomlinson and the UF men's golf team finished fourth at their latest tournament. *Read the story on page 14.*

Dagostino makes national team

Florida volleyball setter Mackenzie Dagostino was one of 36 players named to the U.S. Collegiate National Team program for this summer on Tuesday. She is one of four Gators in the program.

Basketball finishes third

After losing to national champion UConn in the Final Four on Saturday, Florida men's basketball ranked third in the final coaches poll.

MEN'S GOLF

Gators finish Mississippi tournament with best place since fall

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After a 13th-place finish at the Chris Schenkel Invitational on March 14-16, coach Buddy Alexander expressed his disappointment in Florida's lack of improvement.

The Gators responded to their coach by finishing in fourth place, scoring 866 (+2) at the two-day Old Waverly Collegiate Championship in West Point, Miss. Their finish in their regular-season finale marked their best of the spring season and second best of the year.

Tournament host Mississippi State won the first-place trophy with a total score of 859 (-5). Barrett Edens of Mississippi State and Marco Iten of Austin Peay shared the individual honor, each shooting 207 (-9).

"Probably our best tournament of the year in terms of consistency," Alexander said in a release.

"All five guys were kind of in every round at least to a certain extent. I thought that was a positive. We actually were in the golf tournament to a certain degree as well, just could never get any real momentum going to make a move up the leaderboard, but we hung in there pretty well."

There was no doubt that J.D. Tomlinson was in every round.

The junior shot even par in the first round and two-under in both Rounds 2 and 3, ending the tournament with a 212 (-4) and a tie for fifth place. Tomlinson's under-par score was his second straight, and it was his third top-five finish of the season.

"J.D. is having a solid year, and he's a solid player," Alexander said. "It doesn't appear to me as though there's a lot in his game that should ever go bad."

Fellow junior Eric Banks finished just outside the top 10 in a tie for 13th place. He shot even par overall, totaling 216 strokes with rounds of 69, 73 and 74.

Ryan Orr's best round was his last, when he shot 70 (-2) after first and second rounds of 76 and 74. He finished four over par at 220 and in a tie for 28th place.

Richard Donegan and Victor Tarnstrom tied one another for 41st place, sharing a score of 222 (+6).

Donegan shot rounds of 73, 76 and 73, while Tarnstrom gradually improved with rounds of 75, 74 and 73.

This showing marks a huge positive for the Gators heading into the Southeastern Conference Championship at the end of the month and a sign of improvement in Alexander's eyes.

"Again, I see this team improving, and unfortunately, we just ran out of time," he said.



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J.D. Tomlinson tees off on Day 2 of the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Feb. 16 at the Mark Bostick Golf Course. Tomlinson tied for fifth at the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship in West Point, Miss., on Tuesday.

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Florida linemen struggling on both sides of scrimmage



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Max Garcia (76) runs at an opposing player during Florida's 30-10 victory against Arkansas on Oct. 5, 2013, in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Garcia moved from guard to center during spring practice.

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Coach Will Muschamp preaches strength to all of his linemen, but with less than a week left in spring practice, there are weaknesses on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Muschamp had remainders from former coach Urban Meyer's recruiting classes — Dominique Easley and Sharrif Floyd — anchor the line for a part of his first three seasons, but going into season No. 4, many of the positions of his defensive line are currently undetermined.

"Too much separation right now still on both lines of scrimmage when you talk in terms of when that first group comes out," Muschamp said at a Tuesday press conference. "We have too much of a separation between the first and second group. I think the talent is there. I think the quality of player is there. It's just consistency in the performance has got to pick up."

Muschamp said he would feel comfortable with between eight and 10 players in a defensive-line rotation, but he doesn't think some of his players have reached the level

they are capable of yet.

"Caleb (Brantley) shows flashes, but he's got to do it all the time," Muschamp said. "The effort's not always what it needs to be, quite frankly."

However, he did praise other young linemen, including Taven Bryan and Joey Ivie.

"[Bryan is] a guy that's really coming on," Muschamp said. "He's only going to continue to get better. He runs extremely well. He's a good athlete. He's got really good strength. He's one of the stronger defensive linemen as far of just hand, hand strength ... A tough guy to deal with as far as that's concerned."

On the other side of the line, the Gators' centers are having trouble getting the ball in the hands of their quarterbacks. So far, Florida has been repping Max Garcia, Cameron Dillard and Trip Thurman at the position.

Under new offensive coordinator Kurt Roper, UF is moving to a shotgun-based offense, so the centers' struggles don't bode well for the installation of the new game plan.

"If we continue to have those, we need to look in a different direction," Muschamp said. "We can't afford to have that anymore."

Medina went 2 for 5 in series

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hit a ground ball up the middle. Medina grabbed the ball behind second base, made a quick turnaround and threw the ball to catcher Aubree Munro at home to tag out Tiffany Howard.

"That's a tough play to make, especially with her momentum going the opposite way," Munro said.

"For her to throw the ball the opposite way, that's an incredible play. It's just heads up. That's the way Katie plays."

In the series against the Tigers, Medina found success at the plate. The junior went 2 for 5 at the plate against Auburn after posting a .237 batting average on the season before the series began.

"I went up there with a different mentality than I have," Medina said.

"I went up there looking for a pitch. Not do too much, but get on base so that my teammates can drive me in. It felt great to just be up there."

But while her success at the plate was a factor that Walton commended, it was her

rebounding as a leader on defense that Walton was the most proud of.

"The way she played this weekend, she didn't play that way against Ole Miss. She didn't play that way in several games before that," Walton said. "So, to me, if she plays like that, I don't care if she ever gets a hit. That's what a short-stop is supposed to play like at this level."

"She can bunt and do her things, but that's exactly what it's supposed to look like the way she played this weekend."



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Kathlyn Medina shows bunt during Florida's 7-6 win against Auburn on Saturday at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. Medina rejoined the lineup against Auburn after sitting out 15 games.

TRACK AND FIELD

Sprinter corps anchors Gators' deep roster

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The year was 2009. Coach Mike Holloway and his current assistant Erin Tucker were scouting four sprinters who would make Florida a threat for years to come.

With three of the four sprinters living in Florida — the other from New Jersey — Holloway and his program had a great opportunity at snagging them all to compete for the Gators for their collegiate careers.

Now recognized as one of the best 4x400-meter relays squads in the country, Hugh Graham Jr., Dedric Dukes, Najee Glass and Arman Hall have seen their share of success while donning the Gator uniform.

"I remember when Hugh and Dedric were seniors and Gino and Najee were juniors (in high school)," Holloway said. "Coach Tucker and I sat down and talked and looked at the list, and our goal was to get four of the top five guys in the country."

"Our goal was to get four of those five guys here, and we did. We knew we'd have something special with those guys."

The quartet of sprinters have accumulated personal records on several UF top-10 lists, are the defending national outdoor champions and recently set the second-fastest collegiate time in the 4x4.

But the core group has also accomplished noteworthy feats individually.

Hall is the 200-meter dash Southeastern Conference indoor champion. Dukes was named USTFCCA's Division I National Athlete of the Week.

Graham was one of four athletes in 2013 to receive three USTFCCA D1 First Team All-America accolades outdoors, and Glass is an All-American who just set his personal record (21.05) in the 200m at Florida Relays.

Furthermore, Hall, Dukes, Graham and Glass hold the Florida record in the 4x4 with a time of 2:59.73, which was also the world-leading time this season edging out Gainesville Elite.

"You have to give credit to all four guys," Holloway said. "You also have to thank the elite group that ran with us pulling us to that."

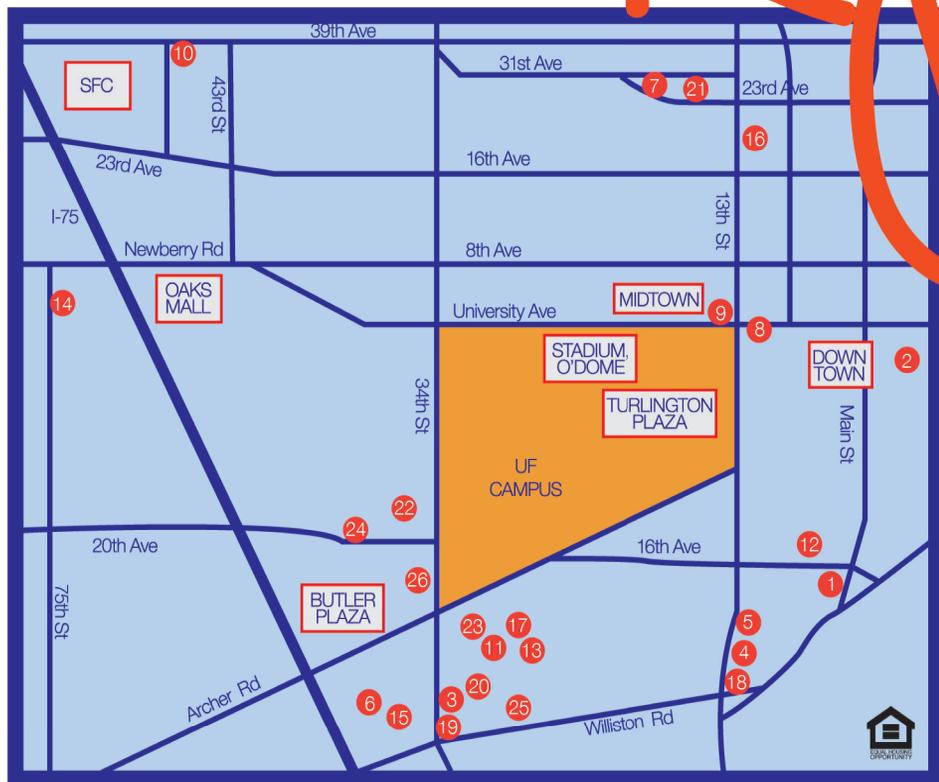
What's even more special about this group of athletes is that they didn't realize they would clock a sub-three minute time this early in the season and still have a chance of breaking that record come outdoor nationals.

"We knew we would have something special with those guys," Holloway said. "That's what you saw, four very talented athletes, four very strong competitors and they just go out there and get after it. I'm very proud of them."

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