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Accent hosts discussion on Israel-Palestine conflict



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Accent Speaker's Bureau brought former Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren and Italian-Palestinian journalist Rula Jebreal together for a discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict Tuesday, where they agreed to disagree on the roots of the issue.

Students felt the heat of the topic. Before the event began, Students for Justice in Palestine stood in the rain outside the University Auditorium, holding signs that read "Oren's speech is hate speech," "No war crimes on our campus," and "Gainesville stands with Gaza."

"It is appalling to have a war criminal on campus," Tesneem Shraiteh, a 20-year-old UF linguistics junior said about Oren. "We want to voice our opinions that this is not okay with us."

Moderator Matthew Jacobs, UF associate professor of U.S. foreign relations, sat in between the two guests on the University Auditorium stage. He said the discussion was valuable and invited Jebreal to start off the conversation on the conflict.

"I felt the urgency to come here to talk to you," Jebreal said to the audience. "I want you to look at the other side. Not of Hamas, but of the Palestinians."

She said the Palestinians should be treated as equal citizens of Israel, entitled to have their voices heard and a sense of belonging to a homeland.

Oren agreed the narrative is important and said we must recognize each other's. He then switched gears, identifying how the media is biased to highlight the best news.

Jebreal rolled her eyes, and their own conflict began.

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From left to right, former Israeli ambassador Michael Oren, UF professor and moderator Matthew Jacobs and Italian-Palestinian journalist Rula Jebreal discuss the Israel-Palestine conflict. Oren and Jebreal debated possible courses of action the Israeli government can take.

Ultimate suspends roam towing

► IT WON'T LAST MORE THAN A WEEK.

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Ultimate Towing of Gainesville Inc. voluntarily suspended all roam trespass towing operations Monday as the company conducts an internal review and reorganization.

Ultimate is one of the city's biggest towing companies and is currently inspecting each of its more than 2,000 tow-away signs citywide.

The company's owner, Stephen O'Grady, said in a press release that the internal review was more of an inventory than anything. The suspension will not last more than a week, and the company will review each of its contracts before resuming operations.

O'Grady was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

"I think it'll be a bigger inconvenience for some students because if a lot of students just parked wherever, then people who actually need the spots or are registered for the spots can't park there."

Alyssa Magill

UF animal sciences sophomore

Ultimate Towing is working closely with Gainesville Police as they internally review and evaluate state statutes and city ordinance compliances, according to the press release. The company's trespass-towing permit was previously revoked in 2011 because they illegally removed vehicles from the Canopy Apartments complex.

The company's previous owner, Stan Forron, was arrested in April when he and Bon-

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Buses added to night route

► ROUTE 126 GETS 3 BUSES.

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Three UF East/West campus circulator buses will now run from 5:40 p.m. until 12:05 a.m. starting tonight, in an effort to increase campus safety precautions and minimize bus wait times, according to UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

The 126 route originally ran two buses throughout the day and one after 5:40 p.m., but Sikes said UF Business Affairs and Regional Transit System worked together to extend the routes' original buses and add another bus in the afternoon.

Keeping three 126 buses in service after 5:40 p.m. will cost UF Business Affairs

about \$25,000, Sikes said. The investment follows a string of three separate assaults plaguing campus since Aug. 30.

"We hope these new hours will help our students, faculty, staff and our UF Health employee partners with getting to and from their classes and jobs safely at night," she said.

The 126 wait time will now be about 12 minutes, Sikes said. The wait time with one bus was about 45 minutes.

RTS spokesman Chip Skinner said federal regulations require RTS to keep an extra 10 percent of buses on its fleet as backup, which is where the new 126 bus will come from.

"It's a great partnership between the two of us to improve transportation services to students, faculty, staff and retirees," Skinner said.

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of animals, plants and people. Visitors can learn about the properties of salt and view seldom-seen Andean artifacts from the museum's South American ethnographic collection at this bilingual family event. For more information, visit flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/sal-de-pacha.

Third Annual Elephant Appreciation Day

Two Tails Ranch in Williston presents its third annual Elephant Appreciation Day on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. It will feature live elephant demos, exotic animal exhibits, music, food and more. Admission is \$10 per person, and kids under 3 are admitted free. More information is available at allaboutelephants.com.

Family Day at the Matheson Museum

Celebrate the birthdays of Christopher and Sarah Matheson at Family Day at the Matheson Museum on Sunday. This event will feature a "paint out" by members of the Gainesville Fine Arts Association, storytelling by Turbado Marabou, a presentation by UF's Mad Science Club, an exhibition by the Gainesville Area Bee Club and a lesson and performances by the Gainesville Old-Time Dance Society. For more information, call 352-378-2280 or email info@mathesonmuseum.org.

Free screening and Q-and-A

"The Last Mountain" chronicles the David versus Goliath struggle of a small but passionate group of West Virginians in its fight to stop massive coal corporations like Massey Energy from destroying communities through mountaintop removal coal mining. This film showing is particularly relevant in light of the Gainesville City Commission's upcoming vote Thursday on a new coal policy for Gainesville Regional Utilities. See the free film "The Last Mountain" on Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place in Gainesville, with a following Q-and-A session with Appalachian Voices' Matt Wasson and Ann League.

Pancake breakfast and canned food drive

Catholic Charities will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast and "We Can Do It" canned food drive on Sept. 24 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The event will be hosted at Trinity

Methodist Church. Its goal is to collect more than 1,500 cans of food for Emergency Assistance Food Pantry, Rural Outreach and Weekend Hunger Backpack Program and to raise public awareness about all of its programs and services. Guests are asked to donate a minimum of three cans of food for admittance into the breakfast. During the event, there will be drawings for upcoming events, the Annual Gala and Fire and Ice Festival.

Museum Day Live

On Sept. 27, the Matheson Museum will open its doors free of charge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Matheson joins more than 1,400 other participating venues for its ninth annual Museum Day Live. This program allows museums to emulate the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution. Join us in this nationwide celebration of learning and the spread of knowledge. For more information, call 352-378-2280 or email info@mathesonmuseum.org.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Amnesty International general

body meeting

Join us for Amnesty International's second GBM of the Fall semester. Our meeting will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in Turlington Room 2350. We will continue our Michael Brown vs. Ferguson, Missouri, discussion, as well as play a fun activity regarding social contracts and justice. Don't be discouraged if you missed the first meeting. For returning members, we welcome you back.

Write your own constitutional amendment

Want to change things for the better? Come to the Library West Colonnade today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and write down your own constitutional amendment. See what others would like to change, too. There will be free pocket constitutions and cake. A voter registration table will also be set up.

Florida-Friendly landscape tour

The Alachua County Master Gardeners will be offering a tour of Florida-friendly landscapes in the historic Duckpond neighborhood. These yards exemplify water conservation and environmentally friendly landscaping practices. The event starts with a presentation on Florida-friendly pollinator plants. The event begins Saturday from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting at the Thelma Boltin Center at 516 NE Second Ave. Parking is limited. Carpooling, cycling or walking is encouraged. Free tours of local landscapes will be provided. These landscape sites will have Alachua County master gardener volunteers as guides. Preregister at least three days prior to the tour by calling 352-337-6209.

4-H Round-Up

Alachua County 4-H is having a free 4-H Round-Up open house on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the UF Horse Teaching Unit, located at 1934 SW 63rd Ave. The open house is presented by the UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Office. The open house will give those who would like to volunteer or learn about 4-H programs the opportunity to get information. There will be activities, camps, projects, a youth fair, a livestock show and more. 4-H is open to people ages 5 to 18 and is free. For more information, contact Alachua County 4-H agent Matt Benge at 352-955-2402.

Sal de Pacha: A Latino Film Festival Celebration

As part of the Gainesville Latino Film Festival, the Florida Museum of Natural History will display "Sal de Pacha" ("Salt of the Earth") on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to illustrate the importance of salt in human lives. Salar de Uyuni, located in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia, is the world's largest salt flat. This Andean ecosystem attracts a unique collection

Food giveaway for low-income students

► CHAMP WILL HAND OUT FOOD TODAY.

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Students no longer have to choose between paying for tuition or food with the help of the Christian Home Area Ministry Partners' food giveaway today.

The need for food among universities has escalated with the 27 percent increase in tuition, Betty Jones, director of Christian Home Area Ministry Partners (CHAMP), said.

CHAMP will pass out free food at the Baptist Student Union at 1604 W. University Ave. at 4 p.m. This is the first time the mobile food pantry organization will hand out food in close proximity to campus.

CHAMP will provide about 2,000 pounds of food to students, including breads, pastries, fresh fruits, vegetables, cereal, rice and frozen meats.

"We think there are students on campus who definitely need some help," Jones said.

Jones said they are hoping to host the mobile pantries at least once a month. If sororities, fraternities or other student organizations help sponsor CHAMP, then even more mobile pantries will become available.

The charity, which has been operating for a year, partners with local food pantry Bread of the Mighty Food

Bank to provide food for its giveaways.

"Over the summer, we got many calls from college students just looking for food," Jones said.

Jones said when students' financial aid runs out, they often don't have the money to pay for food.

Students like Devon Leasure, an 18-year-old UF political science freshman, believe that the food pantry will help out a lot of students.

"Students need to spend their money on education and tuition, and many might not have the luxury to buy things as necessary as food," Devon said.

Although Kaley Pinner, a 19-year-old UF applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore, supports CHAMP and the assistance it brings to students, she said students could abuse the pantries by taking food when they are not truly in need.

"There is definitely a need out there," Pinner said. "I just hope the organization is used in the right way."

Organizations looking to help out with the mobile food bank can donate \$200 to put on their own food drive.

Jones said the mobile pantry is first come, first served, but if the pantry has food left over, students may walk through the line again for a second time.

"The goal is to leave with nothing but the shirts on our backs and empty boxes," Jones said.



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Find Bae

Manuel Estopinan, a UF political science junior, calls out to the winning bidder at the annual Hispanic Heritage Month date auction.

BUSINESS

UF Sid Martin incubator gets award

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UF's Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator was recognized as a national leader in technology-based economic development in the eyes of the State Science and Technology Institute.

The incubator accepted the 2014 Excellence in Technology-Based Economic Development award Monday at the SSTI's Annual Conference in Chicago.

SSTI is an organization that had policy makers and people from 42 states placing its five awards.

The incubator program won the award for its ability to commercialize technologies, said Patti Breedlove, UF Sid Martin Biotechnology director.

"That means that we are one of

the players here locally that helps research, from the university and other places, turn into relevant products and services to make the world a better place," she said.

The incubator is a 40,000-square-foot bioscience complex located in Alachua, which houses scientific equipment and greenhouses.

Mentors, investors and other experienced professionals come together at the facility to grow and shape their ideas into game-changing products, from gene therapy to green energy to safer agricultural products. It has already created 2,000 local jobs.

"We're able to help these researchers go from two, three guys in a lab to a company that eventually goes on and grows on its own into a huge company," said Nathalie McCrate, marketing coordinator for the

incubator.

Breedlove said the program has blossomed recently, with its companies attracting more than \$1.2 billion in funding. This is the incubator's fourth notable award in two years.

"The wonderful thing about it is that every time this happens to one of our organizations in the county, it just helps put the whole Gainesville area on the map," Breedlove said. "For people to know that this is a great town to do bio-tech and tech. That's one of the benefits of an award like this."

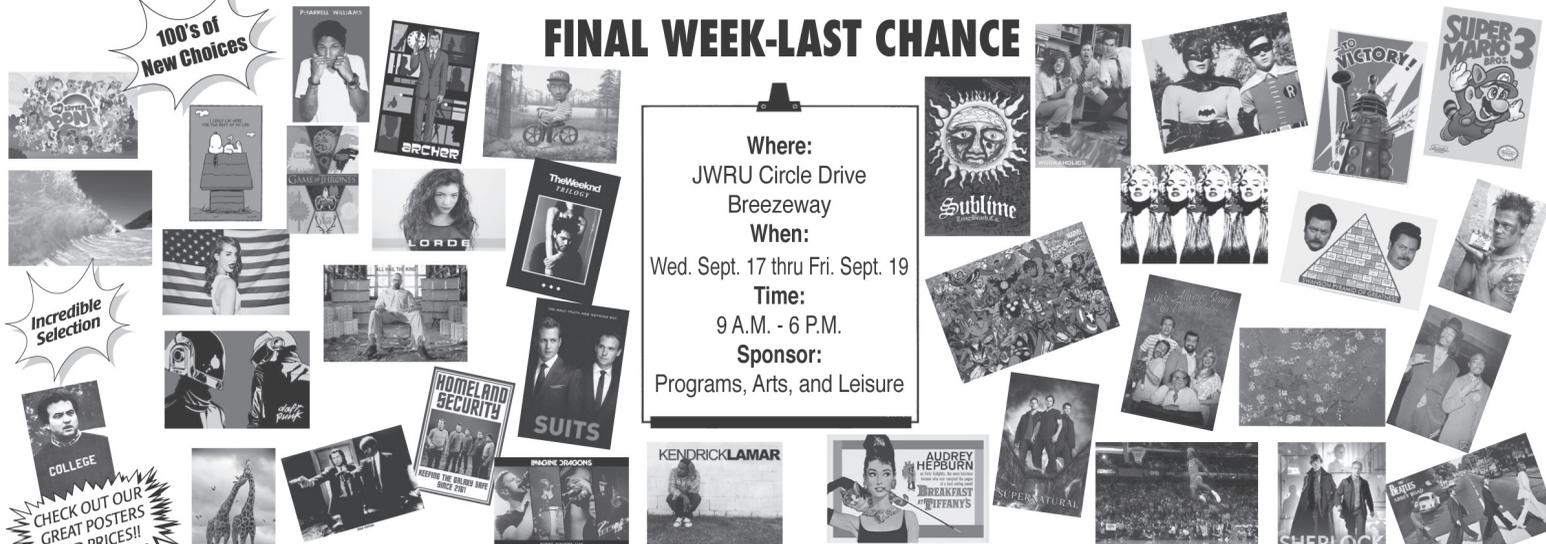
Breedlove said the award reflects well on the university.

"It draws attention to the enormous amount of high-quality research going on at UF," she said, "and UF's sophistication and being able to create start-up companies based on that technology."

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Gainesville to get more green bike boulevards this semester

City Commission allocated \$200,000

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The City of Gainesville is developing new bright green bike boulevards this semester, aiming to reroute bicyclists to lower traffic areas, enhance their mobility and ensure their safety.

The city's sole bike boulevard currently runs down West 12th Street, stretching from the intersection of Northwest 13th Street and Northwest 19th Lane near Gainesville High School, down to the intersection of Southwest 11th Street and Depot Avenue.

The new boulevards will include a connection between the Waldo Road trail and routes along Northwest Third Avenue, from Northwest 21st Street to Northeast

Seventh Street.

Regional Transit System spokesman Chip Skinner said the initiative advances the goals and objectives outlined in the City of Gainesville's comprehensive plan by adding infrastructure that supports a balanced transportation system for both bicyclists and motorists.

"The system adds alternative routes to busy corridors around the city, such as University Avenue, where it is not feasible to add bike lanes," he said.

The City Commission allocated \$200,000 to the bike boulevard system, which covers the cost of installing bike boxes and a bike-detection mechanism, which will notify traffic lights when a bicyclist is present and allow them to pass through an intersection more quickly.

"The bike detection works the same way as a vehicle detection," Skinner said.

John Clifford, a 21-year-old UF wildlife ecology and conservation junior and Jimmy John's bike deliverer, said the bike boxes are a good idea because they give cyclists the right of way when approaching an intersection.

"When I use the 12th Street corridor, I usually will show other cyclists how to use the bike box," Clifford said. "Definitely not enough people know how to use them."

Clifford said he was hit by a car in July, landing him in the hospital. "Drivers don't pay the best attention," he said.

Cycling advocate Joseph Floyd founded the group Get Active GNV to raise awareness about local bike

safety.

"Gainesville is far more biker-friendly than many other cities in Florida, mostly due to there being a high volume of cyclists," said Floyd, who also serves as the zero waste coordinator for UF's Office of Sustainability.

He said the usefulness of the boulevard system is best determined by measuring how well the

bike boulevards work together rather than as different individual routes.

"It's not about one lane here or one lane there; it's about how the system works as a grid," Floyd said. "If the initiative decreases accidents and increases convenience for cyclists using the system, it's a good use of money."

Current route:

- Northwest 12th Street

New bike boulevard routes:

- Northwest Third Avenue
- East Seventh Street
- Northeast Boulevard

Bike boxes:

- Cars should not enter the green bike box while waiting for a traffic signal to turn green, whether a bicyclist is present or not.
- Bicyclists should move from the bike lane and into the bike box in front of cars, so the bike-detection mechanism can activate the intersection's green light.

Current bike box:

- Southwest Second Avenue at SW 13th Street



Maria Valencia/Alligator

Clean up

Gainesville Police officers watch as workers remove pipes off the road after a flatbed semitrailer overturned at Waldo Road and Northeast 39th Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

Guests took questions from students after

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While she said Hamas was a by-product of occupation and the worst thing to happen, the Palestinians have been detained since before Hamas came into power.

"There's not an occupation," Oren said. "Hamas chose not to be peaceful."

Jebreal interrupted Oren, explaining her views on Palestinians' lack of human rights in the so-called democratic Jewish state. Speaking passionately with anecdotes and historical facts, she

said they should have full rights.

"They're blocked in because otherwise, they'll kill us," Oren said. "I disagree with everything you said."

Oren, a self-proclaimed Zionist, listed the issues on the Israeli side, and he also gave facts proving Israel is democratic and has been coexisting with Palestinians.

After an hour and a half, Jacobs asked two of his questions and two out of the two submitted by students.

Naor Amir, a UF mechanical engineering senior, said he thought Jebreal had emotional appeal, and Oren had good counter arguments.

"I think the moderator could have done a better job of dividing the time between them," Amir, 21, said.

Students left the auditorium to find the Students for Justice in Palestine still holding up their posters.

"This topic is dubbed controversial and not talked about on campus," Shraiteh said. "There is a skewed version of this so-called conflict. Palestinian voices are not really heard."

Other students walked away from the event with more positive feelings.

"I thought it was a good event," Amir said. "I would love to see similar events in the future."

Ultimate expects to resume roam towing sometime next week

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nalyn Beth Lachut, a previous Canopy Apartments property manager, allegedly stole two scooters, staged them as if they were parked illegally and towed them, calling them in as abandoned.

Ultimate will still provide call-in towing services and respond to both roadside assistance customers and accident emergencies. Roam towing is expected to resume again sometime next week.

Wade Swikle, who graduated from UF in 2012 with a telecommunication degree, said he could see this roam towing suspension becoming a problem for businesses.

"If students are parking in Midtown to go to class, that's obviously going to cause problems for businesses that are there," Swikle said.

Swikle, 24, had his car towed by Ultimate Towing in July 2013 while at a friend's house.

Swikle said he asked the tow-truck driver to unhook his car but was told he'd have to pay \$76 to retrieve it from the company's impound lot. Swikle said he's been towed five or six times in his life.

"They kind of go a little bit overboard, and sometimes, it doesn't always make sense," Swikle said.

Alyssa Magill, a 19-year-old UF animal sciences sophomore, said her friend received a \$150 ticket last week and now worries about getting towed and ticketed. She lives in Broward Hall and said she parks across from Hume Hall before walking home.

Still, Magill said the suspension might cause problems.

"I think it'll be a bigger inconvenience for some students," she said, "because if a lot of students just parked wherever, then people who actually need the spots or are registered for the spots can't park there."

CRIME

Police roundup: Drug possession and battery; stalking

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A Gainesville man was arrested on drug and battery charges for possessing crack cocaine and attempting to swallow a bag of Xanax during a fight with law enforcement.

Justin McKnight, 31, was stopped by Gainesville Police after he ran a stop sign on his bike by 300 SW Fifth Ave. at about 7 p.m. Monday. GPD Officer Robert White noticed that the biker strongly smelled of marijuana. McKnight admitted to having recently smoked, but did not give his consent to being searched when asked, according to a report.

White said McKnight then appeared nervous as backup arrived and started to fight.

While resisting officers, McKnight pulled a vial with pieces of crack cocaine from his pocket and threw it. Officers said he also tried swallowing a bag of Xanax but was unsuccessful.

According to the report, McKnight purposely elbowed Officer Daniel Abbott in the head during the fight as well as tossed White's police radio from his belt, temporarily preventing him from calling in additional backup.

Even when White used a Taser on him, McKnight con-

tinued to fight, grabbing at the officers' gun belts.

He was arrested on charges of the possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell, possession of Xanax, tampering with evidence, battery on a law enforcement officer, depriving a law enforcement officer of communication and resisting arrest.

A Gainesville man was arrested after police said he damaged his cousin's vehicle with a knife at 1700 SW 42nd St.

Carlos Lenard Johnson, 55, made threats to kill his cousin and damage his vehicle within a 24-hour period, according to a report. In some instances, he was armed with a knife.

Following the first attempt to contact his cousin, Johnson was asked to leave the area by law enforcement. While in the presence of officers, he said he was going to "get him," referring to his cousin.

The third time Johnson went to his cousin's residence, he damaged his vehicle with a knife at about 11:30 p.m. Monday, causing an estimated \$500 worth of damage, according to a report.

He was arrested shortly after midnight Tuesday and charged with aggravated stalking, tampering with evidence and criminal mischief.

Student Senate hosts guest speakers

► **THEY DISCUSSED THE COLONNADE AND THE ASSAULT CAMPAIGN.**

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After the new Activity and Service Fee budget received its final nod of approval Tuesday night, UF's Student Senate opened up the floor to a few guest speakers.

Hiram Martinez-Cabrera, a UF public relations junior and the executive director of UF's Pride Awareness Month, criticized Student Government's handling of the

recent assaults on campus during public debate.

He said the hashtags #NoGatorWalksAlone and #BeAwareBeA-Gator blame the victims instead of preventing rape.

"Sexual assault is not only a women's issue," Martinez-Cabrera said. "The community of sexual assault survivors is as diverse as our students."

After, Dean of University Libraries Judy Russell presented the redesign of Library West's Colonnade to get ideas from senators.

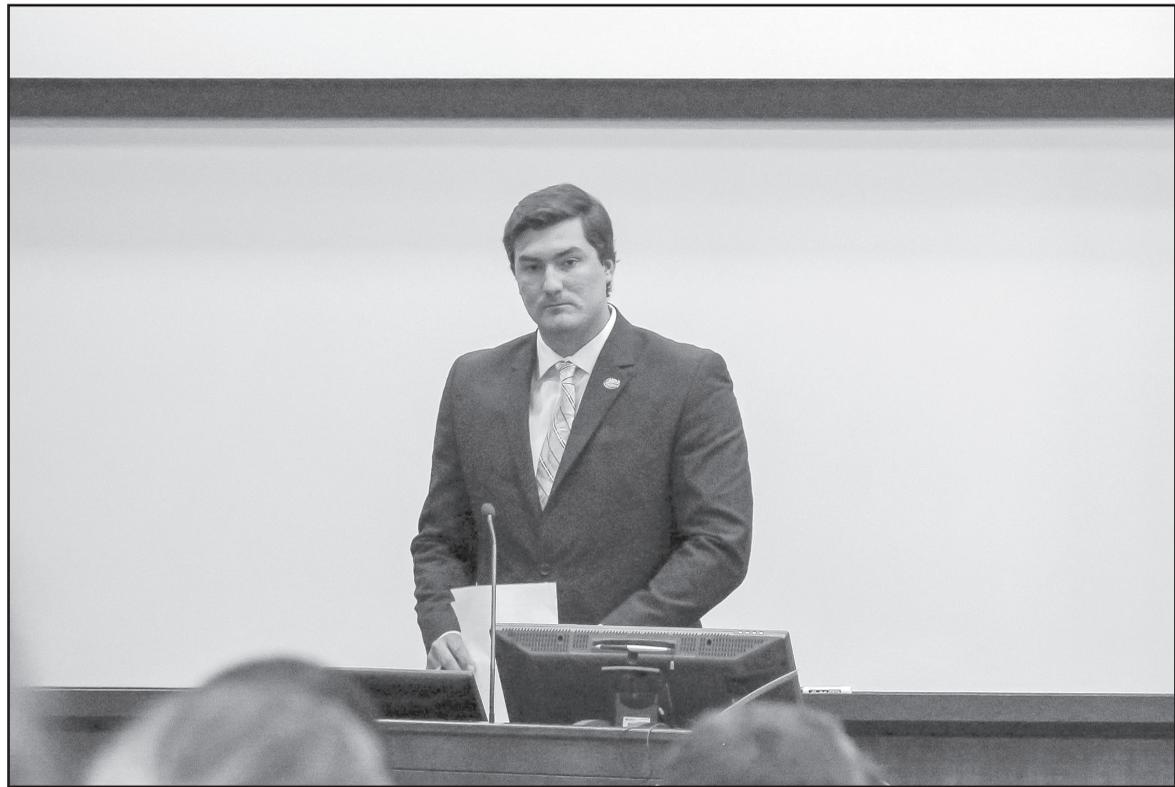
The colonnade will be renovated into an outside study area for stu-

dents, adding 290 seats. The area will use solar panels to power fans, lighting and charging stations.

The \$1.4 million project will be funded by private donors, Russell said. Depending on if they get the money, it would take only 77 days to finish the outdoor study area.

"Access to the library will not be affected during construction," Russell said.

Her presentation was followed by a homemade SG video to educate students about how to avoid towing after the City Commission raised towing fines from \$75 to \$100.



Ashley Miller-Shaked / Alligator

Sen. Davis Bean, chairman of the budget and appropriations committee, discusses the budget during Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

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Editorial

Florida should re-evaluate testing standardization

The state of Florida has an addiction to testing. An August report by The Washington Post took an in-depth look at the system of standardized testing in Florida's public schools. The findings were astounding. According to a schedule released by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the district will be conducting more than three dozen separate standardized tests for students in third through 12th grade during the 2014-2015 school year.

That number doesn't even include the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams taken by thousands of Florida high school students every year.

The abundance of standardized tests in Florida schools is largely due to the efforts of former Gov. Jeb Bush. Bush was a proponent of comprehensive testing, and his "A+ Plan" helped tie school funding to student performance on a variety of tests.

Since leaving the governor's mansion, Bush has continued his advocacy for standardized testing. His foundation has found itself in ethical and legal trouble for using money donated by private education companies, such as Pearson and Amplify, to fund expensive conference trips for state education officials.

Although former Gov. Charlie Crist and Gov. Rick Scott have not been as forceful in promoting standardized testing, the tests continue to play a central role in how Florida's children are taught and schools are funded.

In theory, such tests can be a good measure of whether students are learning and applying the material they are taught.

Unfortunately, placing these tests at the center of Florida's education system has had a negative effect on the state's schools. Rather than learning the basic knowledge and skills needed to excel later in life, Florida students are being taught that test-taking skills are the primary determinant of educational success.

Anti-testing advocates scored a major win this week when state education officials announced the cancellation of the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR), administered to students in kindergarten through second grade.

The crusade against FAIR was led by Susan Bowles, an Alachua County kindergarten teacher. According to the Tampa Bay Times, Bowles' refusal to administer the test helped put pressure on the state to end it entirely.

Although FAIR did not have implications for school funding, the fact that a standardized test for elementary school children ever existed to begin with is proof of how out of control Florida's testing regime has become.

Scott has ordered a full review of testing practices in Florida schools. Ultimately, such a review will be meaningful only if it leads to moving away from standardized testing and toward a focus on actual, substantive education.

The education with which we provide Florida's elementary, middle and high school students will be a major factor in shaping the future of our state. To give these students the best education possible, the standardized testing craze must be brought to a swift and permanent end.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think more buses should be added to nighttime routes?

Tuesday's question: Do you think UF should be sued for the lab animal deaths?

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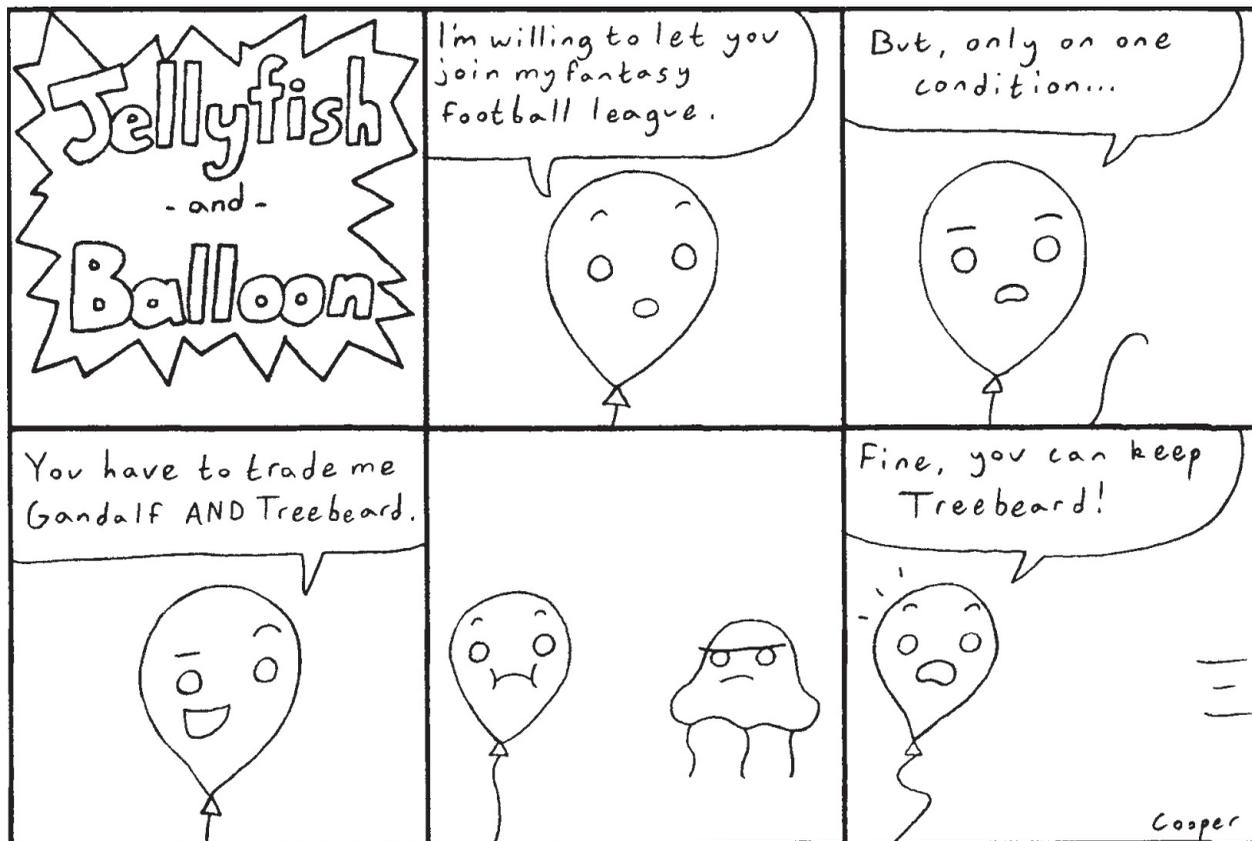
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Column

'For the Gator Good' lives up to its name

“Hey, Gators. Seven billion people call this planet home.”

Recently, an advertisement beginning with these thought-provoking words jumped out at me. After listing some of the major health, social and environmental issues of our day, it ended with, “Together we could make an impact, a very big impact. You in?”

The advertisement featured UF's new campaign, “For the Gator Good,” which launched the first Fall weekend.

The campaign is well-crafted, if a bit lofty and idealistic, and may very well achieve its purpose in inspiring people to support the innovations taking place on this campus and in helping launch UF into a top-10 public university ranking.

UF is rebranding itself for the first time in about a decade, moving away from its former campaign “The Foundation for the Gator Nation.” The former campaign strived to foster UF's global community by highlighting the prominence of Gators around the world.

In contrast, the new campaign turns away from the singular focus on Gators. Its website, with softer tones of navy and faded orange instead of the usually flashy, bright orange and blue, imparts a serious and thoughtful tone.

The site is reminiscent of the popular Facebook page, “Humans of New York,” which captures emotionally stimulating photographs and quotes from ordinary New Yorkers. The campaign's website tells the stories of 12 individuals who have been impacted by UF. In an unusual twist, none of these individuals are UF students.

The campaign shines a spotlight on issues like childhood obesity, medical research and immigration, and it points out the impact that Gators — and research conducted at UF — have had in combating many of the serious issues challenging our world today.

The story of Ed Bonfiglio, a soldier who was able to avoid amputation and keep his leg due to a procedure developed at UF, exemplifies the stories this campaign is trying to tell.

Although the campaign's focus on research may seem exclusionary toward many undergraduate students, the overall campaign captures the culture of the entire university.

The campaign launched on television Aug. 30 with a 30-



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second commercial slot during the UF vs. Idaho game on ESPNU. Shots included agricultural workers, doctors and children.

In the coming weeks, these commercials — the next one to air is on Oct. 11 during the UF vs. Louisiana State University game — will show us what we can all do to improve our world.

Due to its heavy focus on the altruism of UF students and alumni, and its final battle cry of “You in?,” the campaign can appear a bit idealistic. However, its message is still strong.

Furthermore, any accusations stating the campaign is simply a big public relations stunt should be given no attention. Yes, the campaign is designed to bring funds to UF. UF needs money to invest in hiring new professors, funding research initiatives and much more.

However, the campaign doesn't request money out of greed; the campaign focuses on how UF betters society.

Finally, it's no coincidence that UF is in the process of trying to reach a top 10 slot for national public universities. UF currently stands as the 14th best public university in the nation, according to the U.S. News and World Report.

“For the Gator Good” also focuses on funding research in multiple departments. This common ground between the campaigns will have a positive effect on UF's future rankings. “For the Gator Good” and “UF Rising” will work together to improve the quality of education at UF and the university's standing relative to other schools.

UF offers some of the finest educational and research opportunities in the country. A UF education creates a foundation for students to participate in life-changing actions like the ones chronicled in the “For the Gator Good” campaign.

“For the Gator Good” really is for the greater good of this university. Its effects are going to improve this campus and will ultimately help UF ascend to a top-10 ranking.

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

Column

Urban Outfitters' Kent State sweatshirt is heinous and disrespectful

Urban Outfitters — an overpriced retailer that appeals only to the thickheaded hipsters of America — made an awful blunder earlier this week. The store advertised a Kent State University sweatshirt covered in what appeared to be bloodstains. The sweatshirt would be bizarre unto itself, if it didn't recall the horrific events that took place on Kent State's campus in 1970.

For those unaware of this infamous moment in 20th century American history, the National Guard opened fire on Kent State's campus during a protest against the Vietnam War, killing four students. The tragedy sent shockwaves across the nation and even inspired the haunting song "Ohio" by the band Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.

Urban Outfitters was either oblivious to the obvious reference or, in great hipster fashion, was trying to be ironic when it produced the heinous shirt. Realizing its mistake — or attempting to avoid an even larger public relations disaster — Urban Outfitters apologized for the sweatshirt, making a dubious claim about why the shirt was stained red.

The company might claim it was part of a collection of shirts that were intentionally stained and then sun-faded, but if that's the case, why choose red, and why — out of all the colleges and universities in the U.S. — did they choose a school that dealt with such a violent tragedy?

Frankly, Kent State, the victims' families and Americans of all stripes deserve more than a short apology from Urban Outfitters. What we deserve is common decency.

Unfortunately, the atmosphere of learning, culture and growth on college campuses is occasionally disrupted by violence, death and destruction that devastate us all. From Kent State to Virginia Tech to the recent shootings at University of California, Santa Barbara, to UF's own bout of horror in 1990, we don't need some despi-



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cable reminder of tragedy all in the name of a retailer's thickheaded attempt at irony.

No apology or public relations spin can change the fact that someone at Urban Outfitters thought it was a good idea to stain a sweatshirt red and slap the logo of a university touched by violence. In fact, even if Urban Outfitters put the name of a fake university on the front of the shirt, what were they trying to prove? Furthermore,

who in their right mind would buy a shirt covered in what appears to be blood?

If you find nothing wrong with Urban Outfitters' action — and there will be some of you who feel this is blown out of proportion — is this any different than producing a Columbine High School sweatshirt stained red? Even though the Kent State shootings occurred nearly 45 years ago, the amount of time should not diminish the horror experienced on that campus and just how heated the debate was over the Vietnam War.

Trivializing the events of May 4, 1970, trivializes every school shooting since that day and every tragedy that shook our great nation to the bone. Kent State invited the leaders of Urban Outfitters to visit the campus visitor center to learn more about the shootings, and hopefully, the company graciously accepts that invitation.

Rather than ignore or trivialize history, we need to learn, understand and respect the events that shaped our country — for good or bad.

If Urban Outfitters cannot learn from their mistake, what's stopping them — or another company — from producing equally crass merchandise about another school shooting — or even 9/11 — in the years to come?

Let's stop pretending that the sweatshirt was a disturbing coincidence, and instead, realize that this was a company with no scruples and little to no respect for the tragedy it so pathetically trivialized.

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UWire

Ray Rice case highlights broken system

Ray Rice, former running back for the Baltimore Ravens, is not the only professional sportsman or NFL darling to be charged with domestic abuse.

Infamously dropped from the Ravens on Sept. 8, along with an indefinite suspension from the NFL for assaulting his then-fiancee Janay Palmer in an elevator last February, Ray Rice is one among a long list of domestic violence offenders that includes professional sportsmen from the NFL, NBA, MLB and NHL. However, Rice's recent punishment has set a precedent for the NFL that others will hopefully follow.

Severely criticized for his leniency — the NFL has shown more inclination to punish marijuana violations in the past — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell "took responsibility" for his mistake in a letter to fans and sponsors for what was initially a two-game suspension for Rice. He announced a new NFL policy against domestic violence that includes a six-game suspension without pay for first offenders and a lifetime ban for second offenses.

NFL punishment became more severe for Rice when a second video — in addition to the one showing him dragging Palmer's unconscious body from the elevator — surfaced, showing Rice striking Palmer inside the elevator.

This video, which was made public, was undoubtedly instru-

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mental in determining the NFL punishment for Rice and for the new NFL policy, but many such cases of domestic abuse in other institutions have received little to no punishment at all.

Take Brett Myers, previous pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, who was charged in 2006 for striking his wife in the face and pulling her by the hair in public; Semyon Varlamov, goalie for the NHL's Colorado Avalanche, who was arrested for kicking his girlfriend to the floor and stomping on her chest; or Ray McDonald of the San Francisco 49ers, who was arrested after police confirmed visible injuries on his pregnant wife.

All of these athletes were back the next game. Brett Myers' general manager specifically defended his choice by saying, "He's our best pitcher."

These players' actions, as well as the non-action of their organizations, show a blatant disregard for human rights. While some may argue that these organizations do not have a responsibility for the morality of their players outside of the game, most of these athletes sign contracts that state otherwise.

It is stated in the NFL's code of conduct, for example, that "it is not

enough to simply avoid being found guilty of a crime. Instead, as an employee of the NFL or a member club, you are held to a higher standard and expected to conduct yourself in a way that is responsible [and] promotes the values upon which the league is based."

These athletes are not only representatives of their teams and professional sports organizations, they are public figures and role models whether they choose to act like it.

This means that while coaches, managers and commissioners hide behind due process and wait for the victim to drop charges — an extremely common phenomenon with domestic violence victims — insufficient evidence or some other circumstance to fail the conviction, people across the country watch their inaction and interpret their silence for apathy, or worse, support.

Who knows if the NFL is actually going to walk its talk, but for institutions such as these that are so visible and influential in our society, writing a mission statement or artfully crafted public relations tweet is not enough; it has to take a serious stand against issues like domestic violence, and show us that the abuse will not be tolerated, even if that means taking a stand against its players.

Carolyn King is a columnist for the Rocky Mountain Collegian. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

UWire

Health above all — through thick and thin

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UWire

I'm about to do something very vulnerable. Between my research and reflections, I'm sure there is something here someone will take offense to. But, before you read on, there are two things you should know about me that may shape the way you interpret this article: First, I'm 5 feet 4 inches tall and weigh approximately 115 pounds.

Second, I'd like to share that I love my body.

For years, I struggled to appreciate what I saw in the mirror. I felt guilty that others were put off by my frame, as well as confused when people told me I didn't need to watch what I ate — so long as I was eating.

But you know what? Skinny doesn't equal healthy.

In our culture, it has become commonplace to make judgmental comments about someone's body in the guise of concern:

"Do you even eat?"

"You have no real reason to have body image issues," and "Do you have an eating disorder?" are some statements I related to from Lara Parker and Javier Moreno's BuzzFeed article, "19 Things Every Naturally Skinny Person Is Tired Of Hearing."

Over time, these comments — directed at anyone of any size — can cause a person to feel alienated and shameful about who they are. However, there was one phrase from the list that struck me harder than the others.

There, at No. 15, I read: "It'll catch up with you one day."

When I hear or see this, my response usually consists of a shrug and a conceding "probably."

What will catch up with me won't be my weight, though. No, it'll probably be diabetes, heart disease, or a slew of other health issues associated with being thin — several of which run parallel to the problems connected to being overweight.

Being thin, yet unhealthy, is not uncommon. Naturally thin people might indulge in fast food and skip the gym, thinking they can get away with it because they've been misinformed from a young age that they can.

But no matter the number on the scale, blood sugar levels and bad cholesterol counts could be rising.

Thinner people might also skip out on check-ups that

could detect serious medical problems because they believe they're in good shape.

There is a growingly popular term for the people one doctor has described as "skinny fat." They are the individuals who never eat vegetables, love red meat and can't remember the last time they exercised — and yet, they're still thin.

But don't be envious of those who don't count calories or think twice about having a doughnut for breakfast. Skinny fat is a real and remarkably common issue that can have life-changing consequences.

This laissez-faire mentality naturally thinner people have is a fault of our weight-obsessed culture. It is also one I've shared. For a long time, I allowed myself to think that so long as what I ate didn't show up on the scale, I could do and consume whatever I wanted.

Then I started to realize that, compared to my friends, I was incredibly unhealthy. When they wanted to run a mile, I begged for them to power walk so I could keep up and breathe. While they made themselves dinners that included every food group, I was eating Chipotle and drinking my fourth Diet Coke of the day.

It wasn't until a friend pointed out how terribly I was treating myself that I realized I needed to make a change, and fast.

Nowadays, I walk to school rather than drive five blocks and fit in a workout whenever I can. I eat meals that include protein and vitamins I would have normally taken supplements for. I drink a bottle of water in between each caffeinated beverage and try to stick to just one Diet Coke a day.

Like I said before, I love my body. I love it, not for its size, but for the fact that it's a work in progress toward a healthier me.

With every workout and balanced meal, I see a stronger woman in the mirror instead of a feeble girl.

So whether you think you're too heavy or too lean, focus on being healthy instead. Let your lifestyle choices, not the number on the scale, define you.

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UF hosts Constitution Day

► SMATHERS LIBRARY AND UF LAW ARE CELEBRATING, TOO.

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The George A. Smathers Library and the Levin College of Law will host events to celebrate Constitution Day today. Both events are open and free to the public.

UF's Levin College of Law will have a panel discussion at the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center starting at noon, with prominent speakers talking about "National Security and Privacy After Snowden."

Smathers Library will have tables set up on the Library West Colonnade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees can write on a board what they think should be changed or added to the U.S. Constitution.

"It's a simple exercise to bring awareness to the constitution," said Barbara Hood, director of communications at Smathers Library. "A lot of people don't

know what's in the constitution."

Constitution Day is a way to commemorate the signing of the constitution, Hood said. Pocket constitutions and cake will also be given out at the Smathers event.

UF's Levin College of Law will have speakers such as Senior District Judge Roger Vinson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida and Sandra Chance, a UF journalism professor and executive director of the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information.

Jon Mills, director for UF Law's Center for Governmental Responsibility, said the panel discussion will allow the audience to ask the speakers questions. Mills will also take part in the conversation.

The law panel will explore issues such as wiretapping citizens and the NSA collecting data on phone calls, Mills said.

"The constitution protects every citizen from search and seizure, and the government can't wiretap without a warrant," he said. "We hope interested grad students and undergraduate students come to see it."

LOCAL

UF graduate student drowned

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A 24-year-old UF student drowned at the Stoneridge Apartments complex pool early Saturday morning, according to Gainesville Police.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando confirmed the student's identity Tuesday, but officers are still trying to contact his family overseas in India.

Krishendu Saha was an electrical and computer engineering graduate student, Orlando said. Saha started at UF this semester, only a few weeks before drowning in the pool at about 5 a.m. Saturday.

At about 4:30 a.m., GPD officers responded to a noise complaint at the Stoneridge pool at 3800 SW 34th St., where a group of students were hosting a gathering and asked them to leave.

But half an hour later, two students returned to the area to pick up items they forgot and saw Saha at the bottom of the 8-foot-deep pool. They immediately called 911.

Saha's body was pulled out of the pool by GPD Officer Ahipo Doualehi. Gainesville

Fire Rescue administered CPR, but Saha was pronounced dead at UF Health Shands Hospital's emergency room.

GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said although alcohol was likely a factor, officers did not suspect foul play.

"It's definitely eerie thinking about swimming in a pool that someone died in."

Susan Huang

UF junior and Stoneridge resident

Susan Huang, a 20-year-old UF journalism junior who lives at Stoneridge, said she found out about the drowning after it occurred when a friend texted her.

"It's definitely eerie thinking about swimming in a pool that someone died in," Huang said.

Stoneridge management said they could not comment on the situation.

Saha's last Facebook profile picture featured a quote from the Pink Floyd song "Comfortably Numb."

"There is no pain, you are receding," the quote reads. "A distant ship's smoke on the horizon."

VA brain rehab research center celebrates \$4.5 million award

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The local National Veterans Affairs Brain Rehabilitation Research Center of Excellence hosted an open house Tuesday in celebration of a \$4.5 million award.

The event featured research projects on brain rehabilitation by 28 VA-funded investigators and 16 affiliate investigators at the Community Living Center building on the campus of the Veteran Affairs medical center.

The award will be dispersed over five years among the brain rehabilitation research consortium, which includes the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center, UF, UF Health Shands, UF Health Shands Rehab Hospital and the Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital in Jacksonville.

Thomas Wisnieski, the director of the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, congratulated researchers at the event for their dedication to enhancing the lives of veterans and all those affected by traumatic brain injuries.

More than 150 people attended the event, including health science specialist Susan Leon, said Janis Daly, director of the Brain Rehabilitation Center. Leon researches treat-

ment options for patients who have lost the ability to express their emotions due to brain injury.

"I wouldn't be able to do what I do if I didn't have the center," Leon said.

At the event, Daly explained how out of the 15 centers of excellence around the country, the Gainesville center is the only one focused on brain rehabilitation.

Before research was completed on brain rehabilitation, Dr. Carolyn Hanson, the clinical research coordinator for the center, said many believed that when the brain was in a traumatizing event, it would never recover to its original capacity.

"We've debunked that pretty thoroughly," Hanson said.

These research findings could be crucial for such conditions as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury that many veterans are experiencing.

"It's often your parents or your uncles or your aunts that are possibly receiving this treatment," Leon said.

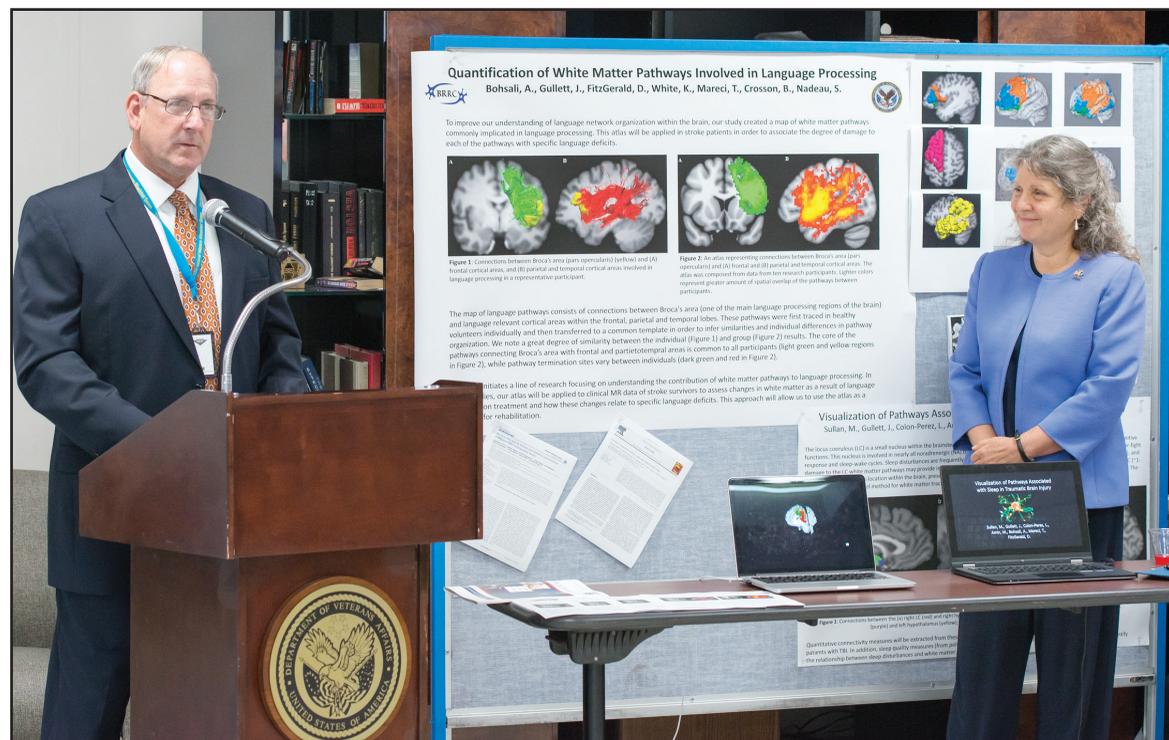
UF students are also contributing to the brain rehabilitation center's research.

Five or six students from UF work with the brain rehabilitation center every year, Hanson said.

Dulce Castro, a 27-year-old UF electrical and computer engineering graduate student will be working at the center this year. Castro said she

hopes her work, like the work of the researchers at the event, will someday make a difference in people's lives.

"It's nice to see all the research work come together and have researchers collaborate," Castro said.



Thomas Wisnieski, director of North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, and Dr. Janis Daly, director of the Brain Rehabilitation Research Center, speak at the open house Tuesday afternoon.

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NATIONAL

Landmark fracking study finds no water pollution at drill sites

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The final report from a landmark federal study on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, found no evidence that chemicals or brine water from the gas drilling process moved upward to contaminate drinking water at a site in western Pennsylvania.

The Department of Energy report, released Monday, was the first time an energy company allowed independent monitoring

of a drilling site during the fracking process and for 18 months afterward. After those months of monitoring, researchers found that the chemical-laced fluids used to free gas stayed about 5,000 feet below drinking water supplies.

Scientists used tracer fluids, seismic monitoring and other tests to look for problems, and they created the most detailed public report to date about how fracking affects adjacent rock structures.

The fracking process uses millions of gal-

lons of high-pressure water mixed with sand and chemicals to break apart rocks rich in oil and gas. That has led to a national boom in production, but also to concerns about possible groundwater contamination.

Maya K. van Rossum, of the Delaware Riverkeeper group, mentioned harms related to shale gas development, including methane gas leaks, wasteful use of fresh water and air pollution. She also said the Energy Department study confirms a point that the Riverkeeper has been making: Faulty well con-

struction is the root cause of most problems, not chemicals migrating up to rocks.

But the Energy Department report is far from the last word on the subject. The department monitored six wells at one site, but oil or gas drilling at other locations around the nation could show different results because of variations in geology or drilling practices. Environmentalists and regulators have also documented cases in which surface spills of chemicals or wastewater damaged drinking water supplies.

CAMPUS

UF professor warns students about excessive drinking in email

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Edmund Kellerman's first semester teaching at UF in 1993 got off to a rocky start. He had to fail one of his students who drank so much that he couldn't keep up with his classes.

"It broke my heart," said Kellerman, a senior lecturer in the Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication.

Since then, he has spoken to all his classes about the consequences of excessive drinking

for the past 21 years.

This year his warnings went digital, when his Introduction to Communications course transferred into an online class.

Generally before the first football game, Kellerman makes a statement on his e-Learning course page for his students to "have a good time but remember, we will always measure you by your restraint, not by how much liquor you can consume."

Due to the recent assaults on campus, Kellerman wants his students to be safe. In his most recent post, he mentioned drinking and



Kellerman

sexual assaults.

"Drinking in general has a variety of consequences such as vomiting, passing out and

sexual assaults.

"If you are involved with alcohol, you are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted or physically assaulted," he said.

Maureen Miller, the director of GatorWell, said heavy drinking during football games can be dan-

getting into fights," she said.

If students are going to drink at games, they should pace themselves, she said.

Kimberly Miller, a 19-year-old UF public relations sophomore, said she has seen less drinking on campus.

"If I'm intoxicated all the time, how am I going to remember college?" she said.

For Kellerman, drinking at social events should be done in moderation. Kellerman said he will be sending out another announcement before the homecoming game.

"I'm doing this because I care," he said.

NASA picks Boeing and SpaceX to ferry astronauts to space from US

► ASTRONAUTS HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH RUSSIA IN RECENT YEARS.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is a giant step closer to launching Americans again from U.S. soil.

On Tuesday, the space agency picked Boeing and SpaceX to transport astronauts to the International Space Station in the next few years.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden named the winners of the competition at Kennedy Space Center, next door to where the launches should occur in a few years. The wall behind him was emblazoned with the words "Launch America" and "Commercial crew transportation/The mission is in sight."

"I want you to look behind me," Bolden said, pointing both thumbs to the big, bright logos. "I'm giddy today, I will admit."

The deal will end NASA's expensive reliance on Russia to ferry astronauts to and from the space station. NASA has set a goal of 2017 for the first launch from Cape Canaveral, but stressed it will not sacrifice safety to meet that date.

NASA will pay Boeing \$4.2 billion and SpaceX \$2.6 billion to certify, test and fly their crew capsules. The two contracts call for two to six missions for a crew of four, as well as supplies and scientific experiments, said NASA's Kathy Lueders, commercial crew program manager. The spacecrafts will double as emergency lifeboats at the orbiting outpost.

SpaceX billionaire founder and chief executive, Elon Musk, was elated by Tuesday's news, as were

Boeing's top managers.

"Deeply honored and appreciative of the trust that NASA has placed in SpaceX for the future of human spaceflight," Musk said in a tweet.

Noted Boeing's John Elbon, vice president and general manager of space exploration: "Boeing has been part of every American human spaceflight program, and we're honored that NASA has chosen us to continue that legacy."

The third major contender, Sierra Nevada Corp., had the most novel entry: a mini-shuttle named Dream Chaser that it was developing in Colorado.

U.S. astronauts have been riding Russian rockets ever since NASA's space shuttles retired in 2011. The latest price tag is \$71 million per seat.

NASA puts at least four of its astronauts on a Russian Soyuz every year. SpaceX has indicated its seats will cost \$20 million apiece.

"From day one, the Obama administration has made it very clear that the greatest nation on Earth should not be dependent on any other nation to get into space," Bolden told reporters.

The commercial crew program follows the successful cargo delivery effort underway for the past two years, also under NASA contract. NASA is prepping its first-ever Orion deep-space exploration capsule for an unmanned test flight in December.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said Boeing alone will add 550 jobs to Cape Canaveral, welcome news for a region still struggling economically from the shuttle shutdown.

NASA astronaut Mike Fincke noted that while the capsules may be small, they're carrying "big expectations."



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Arts and Crafts

Valerie Dryer works on crafts at the Creative for Health workshop at UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital on Tuesday night.

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Florida not fazed by underdog label as 'Bama game nears



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UF football players celebrate following Florida's 36-30 triple-overtime win against Kentucky on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Florida is a two-touchdown underdog for its game against Alabama on Saturday.

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If you listen to Las Vegas, the Gators have little shot against the Crimson Tide Saturday.

The fine folks at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas had Florida as a 19-point underdog on Sunday when it first posted a number — most other sportsbooks had UF as a 17-point dog.

"We don't need anyone else's confidence in us. We have our confidence in ourselves and this team and this program."

Max Garcia

UF center

That number has since been knocked down to between 14 and 15 depending on where you look.

If the sharks and casual fans with disposable income or a bit of an addiction don't think UF is that bad, the mood in the locker room is even more optimistic.

"Like we said from the beginning, we're all we got and we're all we need," offensive lineman Max Garcia said. "We don't need anyone else's opinion or approval. We don't need anyone else's confidence in us. We have our confidence in ourselves and this team and this program. That's just the way it's going to be. People are writing us off, but that's just how we want it. We're going to go in there and compete."

Garcia shuns the notion that any victory over Alabama will be dumb luck for the Gators but more accurately a byproduct of realizing their potential and executing what they need to do to produce the desired result.

On Monday, coach Will Muschamp said the Gators

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BASEBALL

Florida releases 2015 schedule, will face five ranked teams

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Florida baseball had a sour end to its 2014 campaign.

After winning the Southeastern Conference regular-season title for the 13th time in program history and earning the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, the Gators' season came to a skidding halt in the Gainesville Regional after going two-and-out in the tournament for the second straight year.

But even after losing 3-2 to College of Charleston and then 5-2 to North Carolina to cap off the season, Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan did not dwell on the negatives of how the season ended.

"I don't want these last two games to be a reflection of what this team is about," O'Sullivan said after the loss to UNC on May 31. "We accomplished a lot, and I know in this day and age you're always judged on how you do in the postseason — I understand that. But as far as the people in that locker room, and our coaches and our

staff, and the people that are involved with our program, we're gonna be awful proud about what we accomplished this year."

UF released its 2015 schedule on Tuesday, and its road to the NCAA Tournament will be anything but easy.

Florida faces five teams that finished the season ranked in the top 25 of the Baseball America poll — No. 1 Vanderbilt, No. 3 Ole Miss, No. 19 Florida State, No. 23 Miami and No. 25 South Carolina.

The Gators also face the task of replacing two key starters in Taylor Gushue and Casey Turgeon, who opted to forgo their senior seasons and sign with the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals, respectively.

During his three-year tenure at Florida, Gushue started 162 games and posted a career .274 batting average with 16 home runs



Gushue

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Notebook: Roper reminisces on upset loss to Alabama during time at Duke

'BAMA WON 62-13.**MORGAN MORIARTY**

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UF offensive coordinator Kurt Roper remembers the last time a team he coached played against Alabama.

In 2010, Roper — then Duke's offensive coordinator — faced the Crimson Tide when they came to Durham, N.C., to take on the Blue Devils at home in 2010.

"That was a long day," Roper said. "13 (points), I think we had."

Thirteen was in fact all the Blue Devils' offense could manage to get on the board.

Alabama rolled to a 62-13 victory. On top of that, the Duke defense was graced with stopping Mark Ingram — the reigning Heisman Trophy winner from 2009 — in his first game back following his Heisman win.

On top of that, the secondary had to deal with lethal wideout Julio Jones. Roper had to relive the blow-out loss this week.

"That was an interesting ballgame," Roper said.

"If I'm remembering 100 percent correctly, Mark Ingram, it was his first game back from a knee (injury) or something like that. So he had actually sat out a couple of games. And

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Kelly Grassel and the UF women's golf team finished 12th in its first tournament. *Read the story on Page 15.*

**Quotable**
"Yeah."

Kyle Christy
UF punter on if having confidence helps improve his punting

Florida soccer drops in poll

The UF soccer team fell one spot to No. 7 in the NSCAA poll, released on Tuesday. Florida lost 1-0 to No. 4 Stanford Friday and beat New Mexico 4-0 Sunday.

Gushue, Turgeon forwent final season

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and 103 RBIs.

The catcher paced UF with 71 hits, 16 doubles, six home runs, 49 RBIs and a .467 slugging percentage in 2014. Gushue led the SEC in league play with a .389 clip at the plate and was en route to first-team

All-SEC and second-team All-America honors.

Turgeon started 185 games — including 177 at second base — during his three-year career at Florida, finishing with a .269 batting average with 112 runs, 95 RBIs and 13 home runs. In his junior campaign, the Palm Harbor, Fla., native had a team-high 35 walks last season while also being second with 36 runs, 33 RBIs, 11 doubles and four home runs.



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Taylor Gushue stands at the plate during an at-bat during Florida's 4-0 win against Maryland at McKethan Stadium. Gushue, who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, led the Gators in five offensive stats in 2013.

Experienced QB gives Florida advantage

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had a decided advantage because of quarterback Jeff Driskel's comfort with pressure situations and experience at quarterback.

It's something that helps to neutralize the detriment caused by wide-eyed freshmen awed by the mystique surrounding the house the Bear built.

"Yeah, I think Jeff is going to be pretty solid in the pocket if we protect for him early on," Garcia said. "He'll build that confidence and take those shots down the field that we didn't capitalize on last week. It'll make some big plays and really excited to use him to his fullest capability."

Garcia's fellow offensive lineman Chaz Green was on the field against Alabama the last time it faced off against Florida in Gainesville.

He started the game, and was on the field for the opening play of the game when quarterback John Brantley connected with wide receiver Andre Debose for the game's opening score. Green was also

on the field the last time Florida traveled to Alabama.

Although he did not play in that 2011 matchup, when they returned home they were a beaten bunch only mustering six points in a 25-point loss.

Green was a wide-eyed freshman then just like many of his teammates are now.

"It's going to be a crazy environment," Green said. "Last time I went there I was a freshman. I was a redshirt. I didn't play. It was a crazy environment, real hectic. Very, very loud. They have good fan support. It's just something that we have to prepare for. Make sure that everyone knows what they're doing. Again, communication is going to be an issue with the noise."

Green's right. It will be loud when 101,000 fans pack Bryant Denney on Saturday afternoon to watch the Tide play the role of favorite against a Gators team hoping to be a spoiler. But the Gators aren't angling to play the role of spoiler if the definition has anything to do with the victory being some sort of a surprise.

Christy earned weekly SEC honor

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it was Marcell Dareus' first game back. ... So early in that game they give it to Mark Ingram and he scores. Next thing Julio Jones scores. You're talking about first-rounders here."

While some coaches may put game tape of a dominating loss on the shelf, Roper said he watched the game again to make adjustments and gather intel on teams similar to Alabama — as the Saban coaching tree can be found across college football.

"I've watched it since then to try to learn anything from it, but we felt like, for that season, that really hurt us for a couple of weeks, that was tough to get over," Roper said. "But you're talking about a bunch of first-rounders running around out there."

Driskel's Time to Use His Feet: Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel, identified as a true dual threat quarterback, has done little with his run game in the Gators' first two games of 2014.

The redshirt junior has just seven carries for 24 yards.

Offensively, the formula to beat a Saban-led Alabama team in recent years has consisted of two things — an up-tempo offensive scheme and a quarterback that can kill you with his ability to run.

The last two SEC teams to beat the Tide in recent years exemplified these traits: 2012's Texas A&M, and last year's Auburn team.

The quarterbacks in those Tide losses — Johnny Manziel and Nick Marshall — rushed for a combined 191 yards in their wins.

"I think it all depends on the structure of the defense. It's something that obviously he's got the ability to do. The more you see him run, the better he gets." Roper said. "I think he's a guy that obviously possesses that ability to use him. We still want to be smart."

Roper also added that the offense didn't call it much during the offseason and spring football during the installation of the new system, because those weren't specifically live snaps.

Christy has renewed confidence: Kyle Christy made a name for himself in 2012.

The then-sophomore punter was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, which is given annually to the best punter in college football.

One year later, he struggled and was eventually benched for freshman Johnny Townsend.

"We don't hold it against each other if one of us is punting good or one of us is punting bad," Christy said. "So I'd say we have a good relationship."

But against Kentucky on Saturday, Christy returned to his 2012 form, being named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday after averaging 48.7 yards per punt on six attempts against the Wildcats.

"Kyle Christy punted the ball extremely well," coach Will Muschamp said. "...Really flipped the field and early in the game.

Four of Christy's punts landed inside the UK 20-yard line.

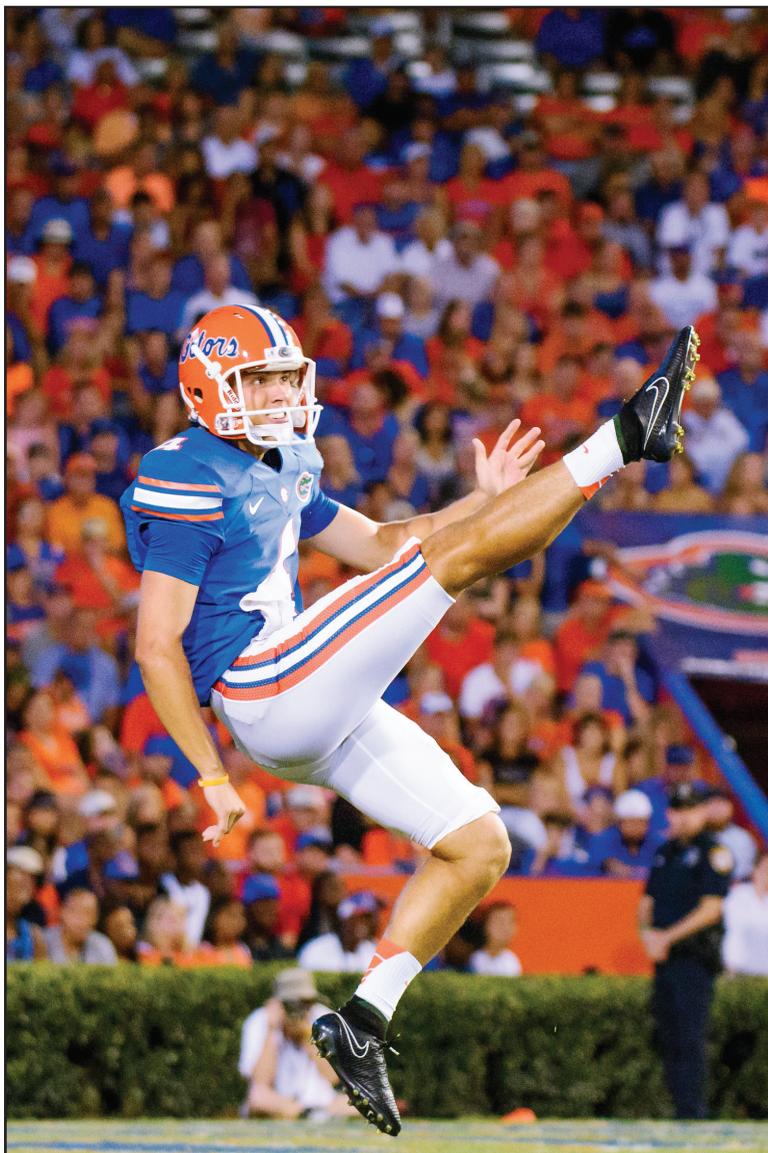
His final punt went for 61 yards, his longest since hitting a 62-yarder against South Carolina on Oct. 20, 2012.

On the season, Christy is averaging 48.6 yards per punt, good for first in the SEC and fifth in the country.

After going through an up-and-down 2013 campaign, Christy said he reached out to Philadelphia Eagles' punter Donnie Jones during his slump.

"He said he struggled a lot his junior year and lost his starting spot, too, and then came back strong his senior year," Christy said.

"Now, obviously, he is doing good in the NFL. So it was good to know I wasn't the only one it's ever happened to."



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Kyle Christy punts the ball during Florida's 36-30 triple-overtime win against Kentucky on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Florida Golf team finishes in 12th at Cougar Classic

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One year after repeating as champions of the Cougar Classic in Charleston, S.C., the Florida women's golf team finished in 12th place after the final round with a team score of 294.

The No. 17 Gators completed the final day at 6-over-par and ended the tournament at 25-over-par, which was 43 shots behind the winner of the event, Southeastern Conference foe, No. 7 Arkansas. Arkansas shot 18-under-par as a team, and won by seven strokes over No. 2 UCLA.

Sophomore Kelly Grassel was the most consistent player for UF over the three days, as she finished at 5-over-par and shot a 75 (+3) on the final day. Grassel ended her first tournament as a Gator in a tie for 38th place.

Junior Ursa Orehek had her best round of the week as she completed the third round at even-par. Orehek moved up 25 spots on the leaderboard to finish in a tie for 59th place. She ended the three-day event at 10-over-par.

Freshman Taylor Tomlinson fired her best round of her collegiate career on the third day. She completed her round at even-par as well. The Gainesville native shot a 77 and a 78 in the first two days before her even-par 72 on the last day of the event.

Even though the Gators struggled as a team overall in the three day tournament, coach Emily Glaser said the performances of Orehek and Tomlinson on the final day will help the team as they move forward.

"Overall, it wasn't a great

UF Golf

event for us, but despite that, we will take a lot of positives from our experience," Glaser said in a release. "I'm happy that Taylor and Ursa finished strong today. Everyone contributed this week and everyone had their own individual successes even though the scores weren't great."

A day after shooting a 1-under 71, sophomore Karolina Vlckova struggled on the final day, as she ended up shooting 8-over-par. Vlckova dropped 34 spots on the leaderboard from a tie in 19th place to a tie for 53rd.

Senior Camilla Hedberg, who won the tournament as an individual two years ago as a sophomore, completed the three day event at 10-over-par and in a tie for 59th place with Orehek after shooting a 3-over, 75 on the final day. When Hedberg won the tournament, she shot 13-under-par and won by four strokes. It was also Hedberg's first individual win as a member of the UF golf team.

As a team, Florida shot 889, which is 30 strokes worse than the team number of 859 the Gators shot one year ago in Charleston.

Glaser said she expects the team to learn from the first tournament and move forward as the team heads into their second tournament of the fall season in October at Chapel Hill, N.C.

"We have a lot to work on over the next few weeks before the Tar Heel Invitational," Glaser said, "and I feel confident that we can improve."

Roper OK with offensive line progress

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Florida's offensive line was inconsistent in its 36-30 triple-overtime win against Kentucky on Saturday.

After losing starting left tackle D.J. Humphries (ankle) one week earlier, UF's front five struggled early against the Wildcats and allowed seven quarterback hurries, five tackles behind the line of scrimmage and two sacks.

Miscommunications forced quarterback Jeff Driskel to be quick on his reads at times, forcing the redshirt junior to get rid of the ball earlier than he anticipated.

But despite the rough start and the issues that ensued, offensive coordinator Kurt Roper was impressed with how the offensive line regained its form as UF's first Southeastern Conference contest progressed.

"With what Kentucky was doing to us and for us to go in and rush

for 230 yards was really a credit to them," Roper said. "I mean, they were a physical group the other night and they've been sore the last couple days because it was one of those games, but they did a really good job."

And with the Gators (2-0, 1-0 SEC) traveling to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to face the No. 3 Crimson Tide this weekend, Florida will face its second tough test in the trenches in as many weeks.

Alabama (3-0) boasts a deep defensive front, rotating players often to keep them fresh.

Sophomore defensive lineman Jonathan Allen leads the Crimson Tide with four tackles for loss, and Alabama has 10 other players who are credited with at least sharing a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. Linebackers Xzavier Dickson and Ryan Anderson each have two sacks this season.

"They're deep across the board," offensive lineman Chaz Green said. "They have good talent and they're also coached well, they bring a lot of different fronts. It's something we definitely have to pay attention

to this week with film and at practice."

Green, who shifted from right tackle to left tackle on Saturday due to Humphries' injury, admitted to having struggled with his technique early against the Wildcats, but felt better as the game proceeded.

"The first half I had some issues cutting off the back side," Green said. "We knew that was going to be an issue last week with the scheme that they ran with those ends."

Center Max Garcia, the unspoken leader of the offensive line, respected how the linemen played against Kentucky, especially Florida's guards.

"They did a good job, just listening to my call," the redshirt senior said. "They were on the same page with me. They pulled like every other play, they were doing a lot of running that people don't really realize you know the type of effect that has on conditioning and them running sideline to sideline it takes a toll on your body."

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Florida center Max Garcia (76) blocks Kentucky defensive tackle Melvin Lewis (90) during the Gators' 36-30 triple overtime win against the Wildcats on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

MEN'S GOLF

Freshman solid in qualifying rounds prior to Indiana tourney

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After having a week off to improve after a disappointing 13th place finish in its first tournament, the Florida men's golf team is coming off its qualifying rounds for the Wolf Run Intercollegiate in Zionsville, Ind.

And an unheralded freshman, Ryan Celano, won the qualifying after three days of play.

"We really needed someone to step up and grab a spot and (Celano) did that, shot 65 in the first round which was awesome to see," Deacon said. "I'm really looking forward to see how he performs on the road and see how he can help us this weekend in Indiana."

Celano won the qualifying after building up a big lead after the first round.

He led by seven shots after the first day and increased it to an eight-shot advantage after the second round of play.

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JC Deacon

UF coach

In the final round, Celano shot a 76 but hung on and won the qualifying by four strokes.

Celano went up against an older team, but as a freshman was able to come out on top and will contribute for UF in the second tournament.

"I can't wait to see him on the road this

week, it's a long hard golf course we're going to play. ... he has that fire and he wants to compete and we really needed him to step up and he did do that," Deacon said.

Having success is nothing new to Celano. In his prep career, he placed second as an individual at the 2011 FHSAA 1A State Championship.

The Naples, Fla., native was also named the Naples Daily News Area Player of the Year four times.

Celano followed up his successful prep career with an amateur career that included winning the individual title at the Lemon Bay Golf Club on the 2013 Florida Junior Golf Tour.

Celano earned a berth in the 2013 U.S. Amateur, winning the qualifier after shooting a 67 in the first round and 71 on the final day of

play.

After struggling in the first tournament of the fall, Deacon kept reminding the players throughout the week off that finishing at the bottom of the leaderboard was unacceptable and they have to improve.

Having a player like Celano will only help their play heading into Zionsville.

"I think it's going to really help having Ryan Celano, he went out and earned a spot, we have everyone qualifying on the team and the top two players in the qualifying get a spot, and Ryan went out and earned it," Deacon said.

"I didn't have to pick him and give him a spot, so that was huge. I think he's going to add a lot of energy, he's got a ton of power and he's really going to help us."

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