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UF RESEARCH

UF receives \$500,000 system donation from IBM

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UF researchers can crunch calculations instantly thanks to a donation from IBM.

The IBM partnership and donation of a PureData Analytics system was announced at the Fall 2014 Research Computing Day on Tuesday.

UF is the only university in Florida to have the \$500,000 system, which analyzes large data.

The PureData Analytics system optimizes hundreds of mil-

lions of records to create patterns and answer questions faster.

With PureData Analytics, researchers can do queries of 10 to 100 million records in three seconds, versus the 27 hours it would have normally taken, said Elias Eldayrie, vice president and chief information officer of UF Information Technology.

"IBM recognized our drive for preeminence," Eldayrie said. "And this latest donation by IBM will be one more tool added to the toolkit that we make available to our staff."

Erik Deumens, UFIT director of research and computing, said this will make a big impact on the university, adding an-

other building block to the goal of becoming a top-10 public university.

IBM chose to give UF the donation after seeing its data advances in 2013.

The Data Center was built for \$15 million and houses the \$3.4 million HiPer Gator, the most powerful supercomputer in Florida.

With HiPer Gator, faculty can already analyze their research and findings at faster speeds. HiPer Gator works at 150 trillion

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Express Yourself

Terry Bennet, a UF marketing senior, sings about his struggles before coming to UF and how he finds his escape in music at the annual Hispanic Heritage Month Talent Show on Tuesday.

Police release suspect sketch

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A composite sketch and new video footage of the possible UF assault suspect were released Tuesday by University and Gainesville Police.

The footage shows the suspect walking east behind the Stadium Club parking garage. In the video, the suspect picks up an orange traffic cone and throws it into oncoming traffic. The cone appears to hit a white car, and officers are hoping to speak with the vehicle's driver.

Afterward, the suspect turns north onto Northwest 18th Street. Although other people in the video are running to get out of the rain, the man continues walking at the same pace.

A drawing of the suspect was formed with the help of residents near the 2000 block of Southwest 16th Street, where the first attack occurred on Aug. 30. This information matched the description given by victims and witnesses, according to a press release. Officials are not entirely sure if the subject in the drawing is the same as the one in the video, but they are hoping to identify the individual.

Witnesses said they were approached by a man

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Gilchrist County authorities release murder-suicide 911 call

"They're all dead," Spirit said.

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Five days after the tragic murder-suicide in Bell, Florida, Gilchrist County authorities released Don Spirit's 911 call.

"I just shot my daughter and shot all my

grandkids," he said calmly to dispatch at about 4 p.m. Thursday. "And I'll be sitting on my step, and when you get here, I'm gonna shoot myself."

After confirming Spirit's identity, the dispatcher asked him what kind of gun he had.

"It doesn't matter what kind of gun I got

They're all dead," Spirit said. "And when you get here, I'll shoot myself. And then you'll figure out what kind of gun it is."

Upon arrival, officers made brief contact with Spirit before he turned the .45 caliber pistol on himself, according to a Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office press release.

Police said the children's bodies were each found in different places throughout the house, and the bodies of Spirit and his daugh-

ter Sarah were found separately outside the house.

All eight deaths were the result of the gun shots, a preliminary autopsy report confirmed. The final autopsy report will be completed in several weeks.

Authorities are currently investigating how Spirit, a convicted felon, obtained the weapon used.

They have not determined a motive.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Pancake Breakfast and canned food drive

Catholic Charities will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast and "We Can Do It" canned food drive today from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Trinity United 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 to the breakfast. During the event, there will be drawings for upcoming events, like the annual gala and Fire and Ice Festival.

Minority Pre-Vet Students meeting

The Minority Pre-Veterinary Students will have its second general body meeting of the semester today in Turlington Hall, Room 1101, 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.

Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out

The George A. Smathers Libraries at UF are hosting a virtual read-out on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas near Library West. Come and read a segment from your favorite banned book and listen to others read from theirs.

Artwalk at the Hippodrome

On Friday at 7:00 p.m., the Matheson Museum will be at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place, presenting a moving display on the history of civil rights in Alachua County. See artwork of Gainesville's historic buildings, artifacts documenting the monumental struggle and read firsthand accounts of this era of transition from people who lived through it.

Gay Movie Night

Come to the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, 3131 NW 13th St., Friday at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of "Hot Guys With Guns." In this comedy-action-thriller by Doug Spearman, an actor taking a night class for aspiring private detectives stumbles into a real life crime investigation with his ex-boyfriend. Gay Movie Night is a free service of the Pride Community Center. A \$2 donation is requested to help cover the cost of snacks.

Savant Leadership Honorary Fall tapping class

Founded in 1967, Savant is a prestigious group of leaders from all different areas of campus involvement. By collaborating with each other, members use their unique experiences

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and roles to educate and develop fellow students. In addition to proactive networking, Savant encourages community service, diversity education, preparation for professional careers and leadership development. Applications to become a part of the Fall 2014 tapping class are currently open and can be found at savantuf.org. All applications must be submitted by Friday at 10 p.m. If you have further questions, please email ufsavantpresident@gmail.com.

GatorNights

GatorNights is turning up the heat for a hot Miami night at the Reitz Union. Transport yourself to South Beach with a surf simulator and your favorite beach games. Beat the heat while sipping on ice-cold "mock-aritas." Laugh out loud with comedian Vladimir Caamano sponsored by Hispanic Heritage Month. Always wanted to learn to salsa? Now's your chance with dance lessons from Gator Salsa Club. At 10:30 p.m. Friday, we'll transform the Grand Ballroom into the hottest salsa night club that Miami has to offer, featuring a disc jockey dropping the hottest Latin beats. It's always Friday, always free, with your Gator 1 Card.

Labor and community workshops

On Saturday, labor and community activists will gather at Pugh Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a day of skill-building workshops, education and strategy discussions to put the movement back in the labor movement. Students, community members and unionized and non-unionized workers are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration costs from \$15 to \$20, and child care will be provided. To register, visit labornotes.org/events/2014/gainesville/registration. For those who are seeking scholarship assistance, please contact us.

Museum Day Live

The Matheson Museum will open its doors free of charge Saturday 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.

Third Annual Unicycle Festival

UF's Objects in Motion is holding the third annual Gainesville Unicycle Festival on Saturday. Come out to the covered area on the east side of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium to see hockey at 10:15 a.m., jousting at 2:30 p.m., sumo wrestling at 5 p.m. and other one-wheeled activities and competitions throughout the day. Can't make it? You can always drop by Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. outside Wells Fargo at the Reitz Union to learn how to juggle or unicycle with Objects in Motion.

See orange and blue butterflies in the Butterfly Rainforest

Just in time for football season, the Florida Museum of Natural History is showing its school spirit with an orange and blue theme in the Butterfly Rainforest through Tuesday. Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission year-round.

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UFIT offers seminar to show faculty how to flip teaching classroom method

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Professors could be flipping their teaching habits to change the way students learn in and out of the classroom.

UF Information Technology is offering a Flipped Classroom Seminar on Oct. 9, where the Center for Instructional Technology & Training's instructional designers will teach faculty how to adopt this hybrid model of teaching.

"If they're going to do online lectures, then they really have to put in the effort to make sure we'll understand the material because we can't ask questions directly in person."

Isabella Cabal

UF communication sciences and disorders senior

Unlike live classes, the flipped model requires instructors to prerecord lectures and post them online, allowing students to get the material ahead of time, prepare and be able to focus on participating during class meetings.

"Imagine being able to do all of your group work in class as opposed to having to schedule it outside of class," Stephanie McClelland, CITT's manager of instructional design services, wrote in an email.

She said it is more convenient because students have the option of watching videos on their laptops, tablets or smartphones.

During class time, they can take part in group activi-

ties, ask questions and study for exams.

This teaching approach is a new concept for many professors.

In a study by Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, flipped classrooms were found to be ineffective in practice. Students had to be dedicated to the practice for it to work well.

But Konstantinos Gakis, an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at UF, said he has heard about the model and would be interested in attending the UFIT seminar.

"It's something that I have not tried, and I don't know how it will play, but I am open to the idea," Gakis said.

Isabella Cabal, a UF communication sciences and disorders senior, said the flipped model has the potential to help students if it is done the correct way.

"If they're going to do online lectures, then they really have to put in the effort to make sure we'll understand the material because we can't ask questions directly in person," Cabal, 22, said.

Spots for the seminar have filled up quickly, and there is a growing wait list for another session, according to McClelland. Faculty can register for the seminar with UFIT.

"It is very encouraging that instructors are motivated to improve their courses to be more student centered," Cabal said. "Times are changing and students are changing. It makes sense that the way students are being taught should also change."



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Juvenile Justice

Tim Decker speaks to students about a rehabilitation program for at-risk young people on Tuesday evening.

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New Yorker reunites with dog found in Ocala after two years

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New York native Giuseppe DiBella was shocked when he received an unexpected phone call this month — his missing toy fox terrier had been found in Ocala.

The terrier, Nika, had been missing for almost two years.

"I was not expecting Nika to show up so far away."

Giuseppe DiBella
New York citizen

"I was not expecting Nika to show up so far away," said DiBella, who lives in Newburgh, New York. He had contacted law enforcement, posted fliers and shared her microchip number online to no avail.

"I never gave up looking for her because I've had her since she was a puppy and knew someone would take care of her," he said.

Nika's microchip ultimately led to her return.

Abby Rivera, a vet technician for A Family Veterinarian, found the small dog out-

side a friend's doorstep and brought her in for a microchip scan.

She was underweight but in good spirits, Rivera said in an email.

After scanning for the rice-sized chip between Nika's shoulder blades, Rivera found out which company manufactured the chip. Using the company, she was able to locate DiBella.

Microchipping services are "the only thing that can assure you that you will get them back," DiBella said.

For \$15, the Alachua County Humane Society can microchip community pets wrote Abigail Amlong, staff veterinarian at the Alachua County Humane Society, in an email.

"There are countless stories of pets returned to owners after varying lengths of time of being lost or stolen," Amlong said.

The benefits of having a microchip greatly outweigh negative effects, she said, which are typically minor.

"Microchipping is extremely important — it is useful for identifying and contacting owners of lost pets as well as proving ownership in cases of discrepancy," she said.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate waives time-constraint rule for group

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A Student Senate rule was suspended Tuesday night to remove time constraints for organizations to receive funding near elections.

Allocations Chair Leah Miller motioned to waive the rule, which bans the Senate from hearing special requests for allocation funds within seven days of the first day of Fall or Spring elections, as an exception for the Virgil Hawkins Pre-Law Society's funding.

According to the rule, the provision could be waived by a two-thirds vote.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The group faced a time constraint to receive funds for upcoming activities, which include LSAT

test prep workshops, guest speakers from admissions departments and its annual Pre-Law Day event on Oct. 21.

The Senate approved a grant of \$1,440.37 for the organization.

Miller said she was impressed by the organization's plans to accommodate students.

"As a committee, we do what we can to help organizations," she said.

The meeting also included a visit from Gainesville Rep. Keith Perry, who spoke to Student Senate members on using their future careers to create a more organic, innovative government.

"Think of your role in government after you graduate," he said. "Use your role in government to change the world."

GPD, UPD also released video

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on the night of the first attack who was acting strange and asked them for directions.

When the suspect attacked the first victim a few blocks north of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, police said he dragged her into the bushes, beat her and then fled the scene after attempting to sexually assault her.

On Aug. 31, just hours after the first assault, another female was attacked off of 13th Street and Inner Road.

And on Sept. 7, a woman reported being attacked on campus near McCarty Hall. After the victim punched the suspect, he fled on foot. The suspect was not located.

In all three cases, police said the suspect grabbed the victims from behind, and all the victims fought him off. He is described as a white male, at least 6 feet tall, with a large build.

In the videos released, he is seen wearing orange shorts, a dark blue shirt, a baseball cap and tennis shoes.

Talent auditions for Gator Growl today and Friday

► TALENT NIGHT IS OCT. 14.

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Students looking to take the stage at Gator Growl alongside talents like Ludacris and Foster the People can audition tonight and Friday.

Individuals and teams can audition in the hopes of being selected as one of 10 acts to perform for Talent Night on Oct. 14 at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

At Talent Night, one of the acts will be selected to perform at Growl.

Martine Valcourt, 18, said she is ready to give the audition her all, but she won't be alone.

The industrial and systems engineering sophomore will be auditioning with her dance team, Sabor Latino. Valcourt has been part of the team for three semesters.

This is her first time auditioning, and

she said she is very excited. Last year, the team made it to Talent Night, and she would like to make that happen again.

The Talent Night director and assistant directors will be judging auditions this week.

Homecoming Chairman Evan Schauder, a fifth-year accounting student, wrote in an email that applications for Talent Night can be found on the Growl website.

"The past performances have ranged from dance and music to magic and juggling," he said. "We are expecting a very similar turnout in talent for this year's event."

Valcourt said if her team got to perform at Growl, it would be the highlight of her college career.

"It would give me a chance to perform in front of the whole Gator community, which I love," she said.

Auditions for Talent Night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Levin College of Law Room HOL 345 today and HOL 270 Friday.



Ashley Miller Shaked / Alligator

Florida State Rep. Keith Perry discusses how government regulation of business helps the consumer at Tuesday evening's Student Senate meeting.

UF only Fla. school with system

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calculations per second, according to UF.

Data is processed faster, allowing faculty to analyze research and move or share findings with top institutions around the world.

The Internet2 Innovation Platform, an exclusive high-speed information highway, also put UF on the map, Deumens said.

"The donation complements what we have," Deumens said. "It becomes an extra tool for our researchers to get exciting work done."

Universities and young researchers play a huge role in the creation of new data, said

Sri Srinivasan, vice president and general manager for IBM's big data platform.

"This is the next big phenomenon — there is a big tsunami of data coming in," Srinivasan said. "As long as you have the data, you can play with it and create insight."

The system was installed in the UF East Campus Data Center this summer and is now ready for use.

Eldayrie said this technology's use will span all fields, from medical to engineering to the humanities.

"This is going to set the drive to reach for the top," he said. "It's great to be a Florida Gator."

NATIONAL

Obama's new federal aid distribution formula set for 2015

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President Barack Obama's new rating formula for college federal aid distribution is set to be released in time for 2015.

After a Federal Advisory Committee hearing Friday, questions were raised about whether the formula would impact colleges' access to federal aid.

Faculty and students suggest UF would benefit from these rankings by creating more financial opportunities and diversity on campus.

"It's hard to predict how they would affect the upcoming year, but in general, UF already

does very well in ratings like these," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando. "Anything that could potentially bring in students from even more diverse backgrounds is always a benefit to the university."



Obama

Obama's ratings system will examine colleges based on access, affordability and outcomes in order to distribute federal aid for low-income and first-generation students.

The plan will also tie financial aid to college performance, starting with publishing the new college ratings before the 2015 school

year and challenging states to fund public colleges based on performance, as well as holding students and colleges receiving student aid responsible for making progress toward a degree, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

"I think it's a good idea, even though it might be hard to implement," said Jamilea Van Hemel, a 20-year-old UF animal biology junior. "I think that because it would be hard to generalize between colleges in different social environments and rich and poor cities."

During the hearing, researchers and administrators questioned the plan's issues.

Some concerns included that the ratings may become an alternative to commercial

rankings, colleges could try to get rid of possible at-risk students in order to improve its rating and the information and data provided might be flawed.

Orlando said the new formula would not affect UF financially.

The rating system would not only give more attention to the university but also help current students with their academic finances.

"I think this would benefit me because my family is in the middle class," said Lauren Klitz, a 20-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering junior. "So any financial aid I have received came from scholarships I applied for and Bright Futures, which is based on academics."

Fire at Majestic Oaks displaces family



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

The Aspen Companies' workers Jeremy Dees, left, and Greg Dove, right, clean up damage from a fire at Majestic Oaks Apartments on Tuesday afternoon.

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A fire at Majestic Oaks Apartments complex Tuesday morning left one family displaced.

Alachua County Fire Rescue responded to the complex, located off of Southwest 20th Avenue, at about 10:30 a.m., Lt. Russell Valentine said.

When fire crews arrived, visible flames were coming out of the front door of building J. It took only a few minutes to extinguish the flames, Valentine said.

"We had a pretty quick knock down," he said.

"We had a pretty quick knock down."

Russell Valentine

AFR Lieutenant

The apartment was deemed unlivable, though no one was injured in the fire. Investigators are still trying to determine the cause.

Now, yellow caution tape blocks off the lawn next to the brown wood-paneled building. Piles of clothes, shoes and blankets lay on the grass next to a once-white door, completely tainted from flames and smoke. Greg Dove, of The Aspen Companies, which owns the complex, wheelbarrowed the family's burnt belongings into a nearby dumpster.

Valentine said the Red Cross arrived at the scene, offering help to the family who is now homeless. Red Cross often assists with temporary housing, food and clothing in similar situations, he said.

The fire was completely contained to the affected apartment and no other buildings were damaged.

Expansion of Butler Plaza to bring more jobs

► IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

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Ali Baker has enjoyed the quietness of her Windmeadows apartment behind Butler Plaza for the last four years. But as the shopping center expansion continues and the woods by her apartment are cleared, she said both the construction and traffic are changing that.

The land behind the current shopping plaza is being expanded to create Butler North. Butler Enterprises President Deborah Butler said the new complex should be completed next year.

Baker, a UF family, youth and community sciences graduate student, said she is against the expansion.

"I'm not a fan," the 23-year-old said. "There's already too many people driving around here."

Butler North will add to the main Butler Plaza and Butler Plaza East, which is being redeveloped into Butler Town Center. Once finished, the site will span about 267 acres.

"People will no longer have to travel to Jacksonville, Orlando or Tampa," Butler wrote in an email. "Butler Plaza, Butler North and the planned Butler Town Center will have everything you need."

Infrastructure construction began Aug. 2, and building construction is scheduled for March. Butler said the expansion will bring 3,500 permanent jobs to the city and about 1,500 construction jobs.

"The impact is not like anything Gainesville has ever seen from a single developer," she said.

But for Baker, the land clearance makes her complex feel exposed and unsafe. She said she's seen many people walk onto her apartment's property from the once wooded area and doesn't look forward to being bordered by future businesses.

Butler North isn't the only expansion in the works. Celebration Pointe is planned to open in 2016 at the northwest corner of Interstate 75 and Archer Road.

The center will include office, residential and retail space, as well as hotel services, said Tonya Creekmore, principal at Avison Young, the firm handling the management and leasing. So far, Bass Pro Shops and Hotel Indigo are the only businesses that Celebration Pointe has announced.

"If you look at markets similar to Gainesville and the amount of retail and office and residential that they have, Gainesville really has a void in those areas," Creekmore said. "So we're hopeful that we are actually delivering something to the community that is currently missing."

Creekmore said Celebration Pointe is trying to cater to the entire community and expects students, residents and tourists traveling on I-75 to visit the center.

UF RESEARCH

Florida crocodile populations surge

► HATCHLINGS COUNT DOUBLED THIS YEAR.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A record number of American crocodile hatchlings were counted in Everglades National Park this year, providing hope that restoration efforts are helping the once-endangered species, researchers said Tuesday.

UF researcher Frank Mazzotti has been monitoring the crocodiles since 1978, a few years after the reptile received federal endangered species status.

He and a team of researchers caught 962 of the hatchlings this year in the park, nearly doubling the 554 found in 2013.

The animal's apparent rebound led to the government's

reclassification of the species as threatened in 2007.

The crocodiles' decline is blamed on a network of canals dug into the Everglades in the early 20th century to drain marsh water for agriculture.

The influx of saltier water increased salinity, which is harmful to the crocodiles. Otherwise, they can live for decades.

Restoration efforts have plugged some of the holes in the park, allowing for better water quality.

Mazzotti said although there isn't definitive proof that restoration efforts and the latest count are correlated, it is a good indication.

"What we hope is the lesson is that ecosystem restoration efforts can work," Mazzotti said in a news release, adding that crocodiles are good indicators of waterway health.

Editorial

Shooting reveals holes in Fla. family services system

Last Thursday, the small town of Bell in Gilchrist County experienced an unimaginable tragedy. Don Charles Spirit, a 51-year-old man with a history of drug abuse and violence, murdered his daughter and six grandchildren and then turned his gun on himself.

According to the Miami Herald, the incident may be “the largest loss of life in a single family with a child welfare history ever in Florida.”

Perhaps the worst part of this horrific incident is that it very well could have been avoided. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) was first alerted to the Spirit family’s volatile history of physical violence and drug abuse on Sept. 1.

The department’s investigation into the family’s situation was still ongoing when the tragic shooting occurred about two weeks later.

Unfortunately, this isn’t the only recent case of tragic, but preventable family violence in Florida.

In just the first half of 2013, at least 40 Florida children were killed in outbursts of family violence, according to a evaluation done by Casey Family Program. This epidemic of violence against Florida children has taken place in the wake of massive cuts to the DCF enacted by Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature.

Every year since Scott took office in 2011, DCF has faced harsh and devastating budget cuts. During the last legislative session, Scott and Florida lawmakers slashed \$88 million from the department’s budget. In 2011, Scott argued that such budget cuts were necessary to create more jobs in Florida.

“We’ve got to figure out how to do more with less,” he said. “If we don’t, we’re never going to grow jobs in this state.”

There’s no indication that more Florida jobs have been created during Scott’s time as governor than would have been with a stronger, more effective DCF. What we do know is that, in the past few years, dozens of Florida children have died as a result of horrific but avoidable violence.

There’s certainly no guarantee that a stronger DCF system would have prevented the Bell shooting, and simply throwing more money at the problem is not a solution by itself.

Even within the most well-funded, comprehensive social-safety nets, individual cases slip through the cracks and lead to unfortunate and distressing incidents.

However, the devastating cuts to the Florida DCF enacted by the Scott administration have increased the likelihood that more of these preventable deaths will occur in the future.

The DCF does not deserve to be vilified or condemned for its failure to prevent the Bell shooting. The counselors, investigators and other professionals in the department work extremely hard and receive very little recognition for what they do.

However, the Bell shooting and other recent cases of family violence demonstrate that the DCF still has significant room for improvement. Unfortunately, if the Florida government continues to slash funding for these vital social programs, the tragedies are bound to continue unabated.

Reader response

Today’s question: Do you think using technology in the classroom is helpful?

Tuesday’s question: Do you think books should ever be banned? **4% YES**
96% NO
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Column

Not your Cinderella: a lazy dating app

“Did you lose a slipper? Because you’re my Cinderella.” Now, insert a winky face. Tell me this is a joke.

The quote above is a message I received on Tinder, a dating app popular with college students.

I created an account specifically for the purposes of this column. After developing a familiarity with the inner workings of Tinder, I believe I have enough information to bash its nauseating concept to smithereens.

Tinder is creepy, pointless and potentially trashy. It promotes a lazy, superficial dating environment and hook-up culture.

A common argument in Tinder’s defense is that it connects you with people you would never meet otherwise and expands your romantic opportunities.

This argument may be accurate, but at what cost?

Tinder is a simplified application form of online dating sites like eHarmony and OkCupid.

Whereas online dating sites usually aim for older generations, Tinder’s target audience is college students. College students, especially the ones on Tinder, are often looking for fun, casual dates, not committed relationships.

When I casually asked a friend about her experience with Tinder, this is the answer I got:

“I’ve had the drunk first date, the guy-who-coupons first date, the guy who asked for my email and not my number and the guy who wanted our first date to be hypnosis.”

Needless to say, there were no second dates. Tinder may provide quantity, but it leaves out the quality.

Seriously, when was the last time you asked a happy couple where they met, and their response was, “Oh, we met on Tinder!”

Years ago, someone told me you get in what you put out. This is true of Tinder, too. If all you’re doing is swiping left for “I’m not attracted to you” and right for “Hello, good looking,” you’re not putting in much effort.

Yes, the initial “match” when two people both swipe right and mutually like each other can lead to a shallow,



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flirty conversation and an eventual date, but the initial effort is not there. By the way, swiping right on a photo means someone finds a low quality, 2-by-2-inch photo appealing.

If that doesn’t boost your ego, I don’t know what will.

The lack of initial effort leads to the terrible dates people have after meeting on Tinder. People

are not expecting much. Two people merely swiped their phone screen, had a casual, possibly raunchy conversation and then decided to meet for a date. More than likely, one or both parties are just looking to hook up.

Tinder feeds the growth of the stereotypical sleazy, college hook-up scene, and it thrives on a need for instant gratification that has become a hallmark of American culture.

Tinder just opens the door to more instant gratification and infatuation. He’s cute. She’s not. She’s cute. He’s not. Swipe, swipe, swipe. There is nothing meaningful or substantial about liking a picture and sending a witty message to another person that you’ve probably sent many times before to other Tinder users.

The creator of Tinder took the instant gratification of a “like” found on sites like Instagram and combined it with a twisted, simplified form of online dating and birthed a distasteful nightmare.

Tinder generates an awful dating equation full of laziness that will not satisfy any user looking for quality dates or relationships.

Now that I’ve had enough experience with Tinder to write thoughtfully about it, I will be deleting it off my phone permanently.

Here’s to never being called Cinderella again.

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Column

Leadership from US desperately needed to combat world crises

The world is dealing with a series of crises that demand action from leaders in the U.S. The Ebola virus — if left unchecked — could infect nearly half of a million people by January, threats of large-scale war loom large in the Middle East, Russia continues to be a hornet's nest for Ukraine, and the big elephant in the room — climate change — continues to threaten the future stability of the entire globe.

One would expect so-called leaders to act to ensure the world could tackle these crises before they grow out of hand, as each of them presents a dangerous scenario that has the potential to destabilize countries, regions and much of the world.

However, amid all these raging crises, Congress has worked a grand total of eight days since late July.

After taking a lengthy recess in August, Congress returned to work for almost a week before adjourning once again to focus on the upcoming election.

Why would the legislative body of the world's most powerful country take another break with crisis after crisis piling up?

It's simple: They must protect the jobs they fail to take seriously by returning to their districts to prepare for the upcoming

election.

While Congress has been asleep at the wheel, President Barack Obama has taken action on Ebola and worked with other world leaders to combat the threat of the Islamic State. He also plans to take on the issue of climate change when he attends a U.N. summit this week.

Regardless of your political party or ideology, one thing is clear: For the future of our country and the world, we must elect true leadership in November. We can no longer afford to let our leaders dawdle and play silly political games. They must be willing to work together, reach a compromise and act on the issues that require action.

Ironically enough, Congress did seem to agree on one issue recently. Unfortunately, the agreement was reached on the prospect of going to war.

There's no question the Islamic State — ISIS — threatens the very fragile Middle East. The terrorist organization has claimed a significant foothold in both Syria and Iraq, and the Sunni-led group is very close to the Iraqi border with Shia-led Iran. The possibility of a catastrophic regional war is very



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real, and our political leaders acted accordingly.

Obama recently outlined some executive action he will take to help abate the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. These actions will hopefully help allay fears that if left unchecked, Ebola could threaten any remaining political and economic sta-

bility in West Africa. As the virus continues to mutate, the possibility that Ebola could go airborne — like the flu — remains a real and terrifying risk. If the world's most powerful country does next to nothing, the threat of one of the world's deadliest diseases creates a pandemic.

Studies are indicating that this summer was the hottest in history, once again demonstrating that climate change is no longer a political debate. It's quite possibly our damnation. However, we see little — if any — action in Congress, and there's only so much power that can be exerted by the executive branch. An estimated 310,000 people marched in New York City demanding action on climate change, but what do we hear from Congress? Silence.

Politicians on both sides constantly argue,

debate and remain deadlocked on major issues like immigration, student loan reform, the NFL's tax-exempt status and a whole host of other problems.

Unfortunately, the time for action is well overdue. If our current crop of so-called leaders refuses to act on the pressing issues of our time, we have an obligation as citizens of our great nation to fire those in charge and replace them with new leadership.

If your governor, member of Congress, state representative or local dogcatcher is more apt to play politics and act as a contrarian rather than negotiate, compromise and work with the other side, here's some advice: Fire that elected official. Send them to the unemployment lines, and support someone who actually cares about your community, state, country and, ultimately, the world.

The crises facing humanity right now are not the types that can or will be solved overnight but demand real leadership from the world's most powerful country. Let's do our duty as citizens and find them.

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Guest Column

Computers, technology should stay outside of class

It's been said for years that the pen is mightier than the sword, but in a time when technology and education are merging together more and more each year, a new question arises: Is the pen mightier than the laptop?

Upon coming to the University of Texas, at Austin this Fall, I was wary about my own answer to that question. Though I have always used pen and paper to take notes, I knew I might be in the minority among my peers. I made the assumption that most college classrooms would be dotted with glowing MacBook laptops, and technology was the most popular source of learning for students and professors alike. What I didn't assume was that many professors at Texas prohibit electronics of any kind in the classroom. I believe this decision is beneficial to students' learning, and furthermore believe that a professor is well within his or her right to decide how their classroom environment will be structured.

As it turns out, professors who ban electronics have the right idea. In this age, students tend to think that technology is good and a lack thereof is bad. When looking at studies on the topic, however, the truth of electronic learning comes out. Researchers have concluded that students who take notes on laptops simply don't process the information the same as those who take notes by hand. Longhand notetakers are usually slower at notetaking than their classmates, but this is hardly a disadvantage; writing down important parts of the lecture allows these students to absorb, sort and understand the information better than those who

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UWire

type every word.

Bringing a laptop to class also provides a screen for students to hide behind. Classes are meant to engage

students in discussion and foster active participation in intellectual pursuits. In all likelihood, the chances of being able to actively defend an argument while checking Facebook are slim. Furthermore, laptop screens distract not only the student on the laptop, but also anyone who can see their screen. In a study conducted in 2010, researchers determined that students using laptops were on "distracting" screens (including email, games and general web surfing) for at least 42 percent of the lecture. Studies of this type are numerous and substantial.

Despite the disadvantages of using technology in the classroom, students argue that they should have the right to choose how they will take notes and participate in class.

Professors who prohibit electronics in their class do not do so because they don't understand technology. Rather, they usually just want to lecture in a studious, distraction-free environment, a wish that students should be respectful of. We trust our professors for their knowledge of difficult and extensive subjects, so we should trust their judgment on a matter like this as well. If students truly wish to have a great experience in their classes and a solid GPA along with that, we need to reconsider the electronic approach to classroom learning.

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Guest column

Stapleton case causes autism in kids to be misunderstood

On Monday and Tuesday, "Dr. Phil" aired a two-part exclusive interview and show called "A Mother's Worst Nightmare," which featured a Michigan woman named Kelli Stapleton. Last September, Stapleton was accused of trying to murder her daughter, Isabelle "Issy" Stapleton, and attempting suicide.

Issy Stapleton is an autistic teenager who was prone to violent outbursts, with her mother and sister taking the brunt of the abuse. Horrific photos and descriptions during the interview showed Kelli may have suffered brain damage at Issy's hands, as well as other bruises and signs of physical pain.

Rather than being charged with attempted murder, Stapleton was only indicted on charges of first-degree child abuse. Despite the lesser charge, she could face a maximum of a life sentence behind bars. She has not talked to her daughter, whose violent condition is improving after treatment and therapy since the incident.

The treatment of this tragic and complicated issue by Dr. Phil has been deeply troubling and misleading. Kelli Stapleton said on the program that the "jail of Benzie County has been a much kinder warden than the jail of autism has been." Dr. Phil then brought on another guest: a mother who thought about killing herself and her severely autistic and violent son but couldn't bring herself to do it. Dr. Phil framed these segments in a way that seemed to practically excuse these mothers for attempting to murder their disabled children.

I first read about the Stapleton incident last year in People magazine, and it kept me

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Speaking Out

up at night. It appalls me that Stapleton is apparently being treated less harshly for her attempted murder-suicide simply because her daughter is mentally

disabled.

Issy did not consent to her mother's attempt to "take her to heaven." Although Issy expressed violent tendencies, it doesn't mean Issy was unhappy or in a bad place — she may have had difficulties expressing herself, as many individuals with autism do.

Certainly, Issy Stapleton is not fully innocent either. Issy would habitually attack her sister, and the girls' mother would suffer the brunt of the violence in an attempt to protect her. However, Issy is, without a doubt, the true victim in this situation, as she was the one who suffered an attempt on her life and languished in a coma, all caused by her own mother.

Dr. Phil should also be criticized for his flippant treatment of this sensitive issue. The media already has a penchant for portraying autistic people and those with other mental health issues as violent and destructive. The high profile cases of mass murderers Adam Lanza and Elliot Rodger — both believed to have Aspergers' Syndrome — have further damaged the reputation of those with mental illness or neurological disorders.

Giving favorable treatment to Kelli Stapleton, someone who attempted to murder her own daughter because of her disability, is appalling and absolutely unacceptable. Disabled lives are not worth less than anyone else's life. Murder is murder, no matter who the intended victim is.

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CAMPUS

Students, speakers celebrate Saudi National Day at the Reitz

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Standing hand-in-hand, about 13 men dressed in white kicked their legs in unison to traditional Saudi Arabian music in the Reitz Union Auditorium on Tuesday.

The Association of Saudi Arabian Students danced in celebration of the Saudi National Day.

The event included a henna artist corner, free Saudi Arabian food samples, traditional clothing displays and Saudi dancing.

The event, which was from noon to 6 p.m., hosted more than 500 students throughout the day, said Ahmed Alobaida, 29.

"It makes me proud of my country," Alobaida, an English Language Institute student said. "We were tribes, and now, we are a country. We used to fight. Now we are united and speaking the same language."

The Saudi Arabian National Day began in 1932 as a celebration of the joining of all the regions into one unified country.

Hawazin Alobaid, a 23-year-old UF English Language Institute student, said she appreciated the celebration at UF but that it reminded her of the huge celebrations in Saudi Arabia.

"All the streets are covered in green and white," she said.

The event also featured speakers from the Association of Saudi Arabian Students who spoke about their Saudi Arabian culture.

Ahmed Albassam, president of the association, said the day is a chance for Saudi Arabians to remember their history and look toward their future.

The event is a good way to teach UF students about Saudi Arabia who might not know about Saudi Arabian culture, said Albassam, a 32-year-old UF pharmacy graduate student.

"Maybe some people have bad stereotypes about us," Alobaida said, "but we share with them our national day in hopes of improving our image of our country."



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Mohammed Alqarni, 26, shows UF chemical engineering freshman Alex Logsdon, 18, how to hold a tea set during the Saudi Arabian National Day event in the Reitz Union on Tuesday afternoon.

FSU picks politician as next school prez

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida State University is hiring powerful state Sen. John Thrasher as its next president, despite significant opposition from people on campus who contended he isn't qualified for the post.

The FSU board voted 11-2 Tuesday to hire Thrasher over three academics, pushing aside objections from FSU faculty who cited his lack of education credentials. Thrasher, a former state House speaker and chairman of Gov. Rick Scott's re-election campaign, also drew criticism after he sidestepped questions during a campus forum about climate change and evolution.

But Thrasher's supporters say his political connections and clout could help FSU in its quest to move into the ranks of the nation's top research universities. Thrasher also vowed that he would help the university get more money to boost faculty salaries.

Student protesters began chanting "FSU is not for sale" after the vote.

Thrasher, 70, graduated from FSU in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in business and later received his law degree from the school. In the Legis-

lature, he helped win approval for the university's medical school, which opened in 2001. Thrasher also spent four years on FSU's board. He has never taught, however, working as a lawyer and a lobbyist in addition to politics.

The selection still has to be ratified in November by the Board of Governors. But the statewide panel has never refused to endorse the selection



Thrasher

made by a local university board.

FSU has been without a president since Eric Barron left in April to take the top post at Penn State University.

Emails obtained by The Associated Press this past summer showed that the consultant first hired to help FSU told the head of the search committee that the university was trying to "concoct a competitive process" that would end with Thrasher's hiring. Those same emails showed Thrasher reached out directly to top FSU officials about the job and that the former campaign manager of Scott gave advice about the search.

NATION

Fire destroys Michael Brown memorial

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FERGUSON, Mo. — Anger spilled over Tuesday after fire destroyed one of two memorials on the street where Michael Brown was killed, a site that has become sacred to many in Ferguson and others nationwide focused on interactions between minorities and police.

"It's the same as if somebody came and desecrated a grave."

Anthony Levine

Florissant citizen

How the fire happened wasn't immediately clear, but it stoked fresh resentment among those who question whether the shooting of the unarmed, black 18-year-old by a white Ferguson police officer on Aug. 9 is being adequately investigated.

"It's the same as if somebody came and desecrated a grave," Anthony Levine of Florissant, another St. Louis suburb, said as he studied the charred scene and shook his head.

Many who gathered at the site Tuesday blamed police for the blaze, even as the chief said officers did

everything they could to keep the stuffed animals and other items from burning.

Two memorials were put up the day Brown was killed. The one not damaged by fire is in the middle of Canfield Drive — a narrow band of stuffed animals, crosses, handmade signs and other items at the exact spot where Brown was shot.

The smaller memorial that burned sat a few feet away with teddy bears, blankets and signs circling a light post. Most residents were certain someone set the blaze.

"That's very disrespectful to burn down a memorial to someone that got killed," said Meldon Moffitt, who lives nearby. "That's just wrong! The police came here and watched it burn."

Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson said in an emailed statement that the fire left him "saddened." He said the first officer on the scene tried to extinguish the blaze but couldn't. The fire department eventually put it out.

By late morning, the memorial already had been rebuilt with fresh teddy bears, a blanket and new signs. The light post and sidewalk remained charred. About 75 people joined hands in prayer, shouting, "We are Mike Brown!"

Indian zoo: Tiger kills man in moat

► HE JUMPED THE FENCE AND CLIMBED IN THE MOAT.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI — A white tiger killed a young man who climbed over a fence at the New Delhi zoo and jumped into the animal's enclosure Tuesday, a spokesman said.

Despite repeated warnings that he shouldn't get too close to the outdoor enclosure, the man eventually climbed over a knee-high fence, through some small hedges, then jumped down 18 feet into a protective moat, said National Zoological Park spokesman Riyaz Ahmed Khan.

The male tiger, which lives on a

grassy tree-filled island, grabbed the man from the moat. Footage broadcast on NDTV showed the tiger car-

"The tiger was just being a tiger."

Belinda Wright

wild tiger activist

rying the man around the island.

Authorities eventually frightened the tiger into a small cage inside the enclosure. The man, whose body remained in the outdoor enclosure two hours after the attack, was dead by the time help reached him, Khan said.

"The tiger was just being a tiger," said Belinda Wright, who has spent years working to protect India's dwindling numbers of wild tigers.

"An unusual object fell into his domain.... He's a wild animal in captivity. It is certainly not the tiger's fault."

It's not unusual for visitors to a zoo in India to taunt animals or toss bits of food through cages, even though zoo rules forbid it. Groups of visitors may sometimes throw used plastic water bottles or stones into animal enclosures to get the animal to react.

Deputy Commissioner of Police M.S. Randhawa identified the man only as Maqsood and said he was thought to be about 20 years old. Further details about him and the tiger were not immediately available.

The zoo remained open Tuesday afternoon, though authorities eventually roped off the tiger enclosure.

Swamp Head begins construction on new brewery, cans beers

► STORES WILL CARRY "STUMP KNOCKER."

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Shoppers might be surprised next time they browse their local grocery store's beer selection — cans of Swamp Head Brewery's "Stump Kicker" are now for sale.

The local brew is now available in select Gainesville stores, including Publix, Ward's Supermarket, Tipple's Brews and Gator Beverage. As Swamp Head Brewery expands in the coming months to a new location, other beers, including Wild Night, Cottonmouth, Big Nose IPA and Midnight Oil will be on store shelves.

Construction for the new brewery, located at 3650 SW 42nd Ave., broke ground about two months ago near the old AMF Alley Katz Bowling Center. The new facility will be about 13,000 square feet, increasing its capacity tenfold.

Swamp Head marketing manager Brandon Nappy said he expects the new building to be up and running by the end of December.

"It will allow us the opportunity to grow and work on projects that we have wanted to move forward with for years," Nappy said.

The brewery's current location in Southwest Industrial Park will be demolished to make way for a new Interstate 75 overpass, which will

serve Celebration Pointe, a new shopping center currently being built north of Butler Plaza.

Swamp Head was founded in 2008 and started selling its beer the year after. The company was brewing 700 barrels of beer by 2010.

By last year, Swamp Head was brewing nearly 6,000 barrels. Nappy said the expansion could bring Swamp Head to the verge of about 50,000 barrels each year.

"The new brewery will allow us to have much more flexibility with production," he said, "so we can play around with new brands."

The facility will feature a tasting room, named The Wetlands, which will have an outside porch attached to it. Though the property will border wetlands and protected land, it will not interfere with them, Nappy said.

"The idea of the company was Floridian," he said. "One of our missions is to protect Florida in any way we can."

Beyond expanding its current capacity, Swamp Head plans to one day spread to Orlando and Tallahassee. The brewery will continue to post construction updates on Facebook, Twitter and its website throughout fall.

"I think it's exciting for them and myself," said 30-year-old Gainesville resident and Swamp Head patron Andrew Curcio. "It's good to see a local business expanding at such a rapid rate. They have a good product. I enjoy their beer."



Melissa Zapata / Alligator

Chomp the Vote

UF health science student Eunice Noel, 19, registers to vote while being assisted by Chomp the Vote Director, 21-year-old political science senior Kelly Vidal Tuesday morning on the Plaza of the Americas.

INTERNATIONAL

US, EU pledge to end deforestation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — More than 30 countries set the first-ever deadline on Tuesday to end deforestation by 2030, but the feasibility of such a goal was eroded when a key player, Brazil, said it would not join.

The U.S., Canada and the entire European Union signed on to attempt to halve forest loss by 2020 and end deforestation by 2030.

"This is the family photo we have been looking for for decades," says Charles McNeill, a senior environmental policy adviser for the U.N. Development Program in an interview with the Associated Press. "The forest issue is where everyone comes together."

But, like any family, there were signs of dysfunction before the

agreement was formally unveiled Tuesday. Brazil, in an interview with the Associated Press, said it would not join.

"The forest issue is where everyone comes together."

Charles McNeill

UN environmental adviser

Brazil's position also highlighted the divisions between countries as they prepare to continue negotiations later this year in Peru in the hopes of meeting a late 2015 deadline for a new international treaty.

"Unfortunately, we were not consulted. But I think that it's impossible to think that you can have a global forest initiative without Brazil on board. It doesn't make sense," said Brazilian Environment Minister

Izabella Teixeira said in an interview Monday with the Associated Press.

If the goal is met, the U.N. says it would be the equivalent of taking every car off the road in the world. The group also pledged to restore more than 1 million square miles of forest worldwide by 2030. Norway vowed to spend \$350 million to protect forests in Peru and another \$100 million in Liberia. But without Brazil, a halt to deforestation would be nearly impossible.

After the last climate change talks in Copenhagen five years ago, which failed to produce a binding treaty, Brazil set a voluntary goal of reducing its emissions by nearly 40 percent by 2020, mostly through reducing deforestation and promoting renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.

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UF women's swim team looks to youth to replace seniors

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The Florida women's swimming and diving team returns to the pool this weekend as it sets to start its season at home against Arkansas on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Coach Gregg Troy leads the team once again after coming off a 14th consecutive top-10 finish in last year's NCAA Championships, where the Gators placed sixth for the second year in a row.

Florida lost a combined 49 All-American honors on their roster with the departures of Elizabeth Beisel, Alicia Mathieu, Ellese Zalewski and Hilda Luthersdottir. These four accounted for 10 Florida school records.

Now looking ahead to this year, Troy is looking to get the season started with his new bunch.

"Always exciting starting a new season and especially coming off the summer we had," Troy said. "We had a good summer for both the men and the women. Our training was good this summer. We had a lot of people compete internationally and do exceptionally well so we feel good about this year as we're looking forward."

The men's team does not begin its season until next

week at the Pinch a Penny All Florida Invitational, so Troy's focus this week will be on the women's squad.

And this year's team is encompassed with youth — with nine freshmen and red-shirt freshmen compared to just three seniors.

But Troy is looking forward to seeing what kind of team he has.

"Always exciting starting a new season and especially coming off the summer we had."

Gregg Troy
UF swim coach

"It's real exciting, the beginning-of-the-year training has been outstanding and with young people, they've been very enthusiastic and on the numbers," Troy said. "So we're looking forward to seeing what we have and get a little forecast for this year."

With the loss of Beisel, Mathieu, Zalewski and Luthersdottir, this new-look Gators squad will be looking for new leadership within its young team, and Troy did not seem too concerned with finding those leaders.

"It's hard to replace them first thing right away," Troy said. "From a leadership standpoint and experience,

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Florida defense limiting opponents

► UF HAS GIVEN UP FIVE GOALS THIS SEASON.

ALEX MAMINAKIS

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Soccer defenders aren't usually celebrated after a win as much as, say, the forwards or the midfielders. The defenders aren't the ones scoring the goals; their jobs aren't that glamorous.

Defenders do just that: They defend.

They do the dirty work and get the ball to the team's goal scorers.

Florida has one of the best defenses in the Southeastern Conference. The seniority, experience and tenacity of its defenders is a big reason why it is the seventh-ranked team in the country and why its offense gets so many scoring opportunities.

Florida has scored 18 goals this year.

Its opponents have five.

The starting defensive backs for the Gators typically consist of senior Lauren Silver, junior Claire Falknor, senior Tessa Andujar and junior Christen Westphal.

Games are sometimes played with different numbers of defenders, and other players get substituted in and out of course, but Silver, Falknor, Andujar and Westphal have started all eight games this season.

The return of senior Karina Gutsche, who started every game at center defensive back last year and is coming off of an injury, doesn't hurt either.

"It definitely helps to have experience all over the field, but especially in the back line," coach Becky Burleigh said, "where they're having to think pessimistically in advance, like 'what happens if we lose the ball, how do we handle that?' and to have peo-

ple who are experienced in those situations makes it much easier."

Burleigh knows the value of a strong defense and she doesn't take her experienced defenders

for granted.

She has compared when Lauren Silver is in the game to having another coach on the field.

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Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Claire Falknor dribbles the ball during Florida's 3-0 win against Miami on Aug. 22 at James G. Pressly Stadium.

GARDEN OF EDEN

On the court: Comparing UF's volleyball and football teams

Every time I've talked with volleyball coach Mary Wise about specific positions this season, she always breaks them down in football terms, so that's what I'm going to do for all you football fans that don't know a thing about volleyball.



Edén Otero
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Like a quarterback, the setter plays the majority of the time.

And to quote the wise words of Wise: "We're trying to get Mackenzie in a rhythm with her hitters, so Mackenzie gets a little more playing time because of that."

And that sounds pretty accurate to me.

So for Florida's setters, there is first-stringer Dagostino and backup Abby Detering, a freshman who's seen time in only one

set of one match (can we just go ahead and compare Detering to Treon Harris?).

But unlike Florida football quarterback Jeff Driskel, Dagostino is actually pretty good. She's 28th in the nation in assists per set (11.06).

To compare, Driskel is 99th in quarterback efficiency this season.

Dagostino has also helped lead her team to wins against then-No. 13 San Diego and then-No. 6 Southern California.

Next are the outside hitters and middle

blockers.

These guys are basically your skill position players — your wide receivers, running backs and tight ends.

To put into perspective, freshman middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan is like the Demarcus Robinson of the team.

Except she's two inches taller than him, so there's that.

But she's crazy talented for having only played volleyball for two years before entering college, and she has become one of Flori-

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Florida baseball coach Kevin O'Sullivan has the No. 3 recruiting class. Read the story on Page 16.

UF reveals 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Florida announced its seven inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame on Tuesday. The list includes men's basketball's Matt Bonner, volleyball's Nicole McCray and track and field's Beth Farmer.

Poll Question

Which sport will have a better season: Football or Volleyball?

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Howell, Brasure honored by Southeastern Conference after breakout performances

Both set PRs Saturday

GRAHAM HALL

Alligator Writer @Graham311

Coach Paul Spangler has seen countless freshmen runners through the years, but maybe none quite as mature and impressive as Lauren Brasure and Thomas Howell.

Both runners picked up awards Tuesday, with Brasure bringing home Southeastern Conference Women's Freshman Runner of the Week, and Howell earning Men's Runner of the Week.

Brasure shattered UF records on Saturday, and Howell repeated his success at Western Carolina with another top-5 finish as the women won the Mountain Dew Invitational and the men finished in second.

For Howell, his training and endurance trumped the grueling 8k as he finished his second collegiate race in a time of 24:45.76.

Quite the feat unto itself, it immediately becomes more impressive when considering that it was the first competitive 8k he had ever run.

It was a performance that Spangler could only describe as "phenomenal."

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing, listen to my coach and learn from these older guys," Howell said. "I'm just going to do the best

I can to score for this team and contribute to our success."

For the women, it wasn't enough for the trio of Brasure, redshirt freshman Becky Greene and sophomore Taylor Tubbs to beat Georgia Tech by 32 points.

Brasure needed to turn in the best performance by a Gator in the history of the race.

She picked up the first win of her short career on Saturday, winning the 5k with a time of 16:45.93, crossing the line nearly 20 seconds faster than the previous record of 17:05.59 set by Genevieve LaCaze in 2011.

"For Lauren to come in and run that, she ran about 40-seconds faster than her PR in high school," Spangler said.

A second faster, and Brasure would have broken the all-time course record. She will have to settle for the best time in 24 years, when Patty Wiegand of Tennessee set the record in 1990.

With the men losing out on first place to Georgia Tech, Spangler knows the key to winning relies on the depth of their young runners.

They're the future of the team, after all.

For now, the team will

dwell on the records and potential their young runners are showing as the women travel to Lehigh University on Oct. 4 for the Paul Short Run, scheduled to feature some of

the nation's elite teams.

The men have an extra week of preparation, as their next race will be Oct. 11 in Orlando for the Walt Disney Invitational.



Nathalie Dortonne / Alligator Staff

Thomas Howell races during the 2014 Mountain Dew Invitational on Saturday at the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

Andujar leads UF in assists this season

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When the defense is able to hold off the opponent's attacks, steal the ball and maintain possession, it can turn into fast breaks and scoring opportunities for the offense.

Florida's leader in assists this year is Andujar, who plays up the sideline and consistently serves balls in for the forwards and midfielders to have a chance to score.

Falknor is another one of those experienced defenders for Florida who makes a big impact.

She was one of only three players in Friday's win over Alabama who played the full 90 minutes.

The other two were senior Taylor Burke, the goalkeeper, and sophomore Savannah Jordan, the team's leading goal scorer.

"As defense, we start the offense," Falknor said. "Also, we have to make sure we communicate and stay organized in the back."

Falknor said she embraces the role on the team as communicator among the defensive unit and organizer of the defense's positioning.

"As center back, it's really important for communication, so I'd say communication is a big role of mine," Falknor said. "Since everything's in front of me, I see a lot."

Burleigh had nothing but praise for her defense that has been so strong for the Gators thus far this season, Falknor in particular.

"I think we have three really great center backs, and we've utilized those sometimes, in the system we play," Burleigh said. "I think that Claire can attack out of the back, she becomes a dangerous weapon for us both defensively and offensively ... she's just been a big asset to us."

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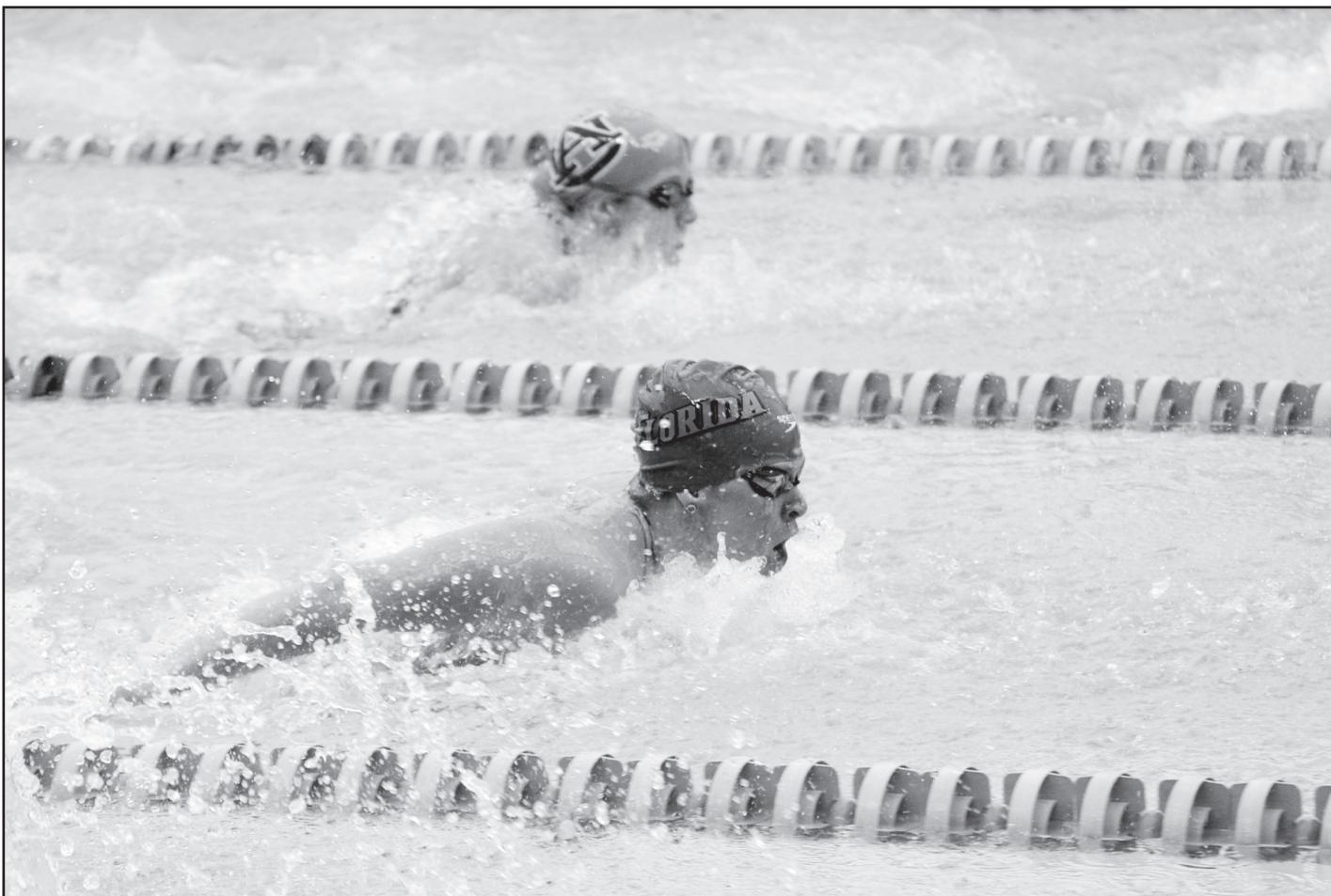


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UF is replacing four All-Americans, including Elizabeth Beisel



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Elizabeth Beisel swims during Florida's 173.5-124.5 win against Auburn on Jan. 25 in the O'Connell Center. Beisel finished her UF career as an 18-time All-American selection and Florida's record holder in four different events.

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it's not even the leadership as much as the experience. Seeing how these freshmen will respond, they'll develop some leadership skills themselves and what we've seen from them already is a tremendous interest in one another in what they're doing. I think leadership could come from all areas, it doesn't just have to be seniors."

Among the freshmen Troy will rely on is Chelsea Lawson, who is from Fife, Scotland.

Lawson won the 200-meter backstroke at the Scottish National Championships in 2014 and is the Scottish record-holder in the 200m back for the 17-year-old age group. Other freshmen include Ally Donahue, a Tampa native who graduated high school early and was ranked as the No. 15 recruit in Florida in the class of 2014 according to CollegeSwimming.com, and Paige Scheriger out of Hendersonville, Tenn., who qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympics Trials in Omaha, Neb.

Coach Troy also talked about how he felt starting this season earlier than most, having a dual meet against Arkansas a week before the Invitational.

"It puts you in a little disadvantage compared to where we've been in the past," Troy said. "When you start with that Invitational, you swim two events and see everyone in a lot of different places so you really know what people are capable of. This one, we'll be a little blind in some events in what we can actually do and how these freshmen will respond in back-to-back swims in a dual meet. It will help us in what we will need to address next week in the Invitational."

Santos-Lamb has a 55-mile per hour jump serve, cannon arm

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da's most consistent scorers.

The Glenarden, Md., native actually has the third-highest hitting percentage (.510) in all of college volleyball.

Now, while Alhassan is the Robinson of the team, it's undeniable that Naomi Santos-Lamb (but really we should all be calling her Santos-SLAM because the girl has an arm) is the volleyball version of Kelvin Taylor.

You may be asking, Eden, why?

How can a volleyball player be like a running back?

This is easy.

Just because volleyball players don't run as much as a football player (even if I have seen them sprint halfway down court to save a ball) doesn't mean speed and accuracy aren't important.

Santos-Lamb has a 55-mile per hour jump serve. Not to mention, anytime Wise talks about Santos-Lamb, she mentions that Santos-Lamb has a cannon of an arm.

To put into perspective, this 5-foot-11 redshirt-junior can literally serve a ball faster than most cars can go from zero to 30.

So while she's not running, she's definitely focused on speed and accuracy.

And then there is right-side hitter Alex Holston, who can pretty much do it all.

I'm going to say Holston is the Trey Burton of volleyball — yes, I

know, he doesn't even go here anymore — but it's true.

Quick note: remember when Florida used a three-option quarterback system and Burton was one of the options? Holston is basically in that same situation (she serves, blocks, passes and scores), but it's actually not a disaster.

And Holston leads Florida in service aces this season (25), which is pretty much the football equivalent to the Hail Mary actually working.

After Holston comes middle blocker Simone Antwi, who showcases experience and consistency.

Antwi is comparable to running back Matt Jones because she's reliable. When things aren't going well, just give the ball to Antwi.

Then there are your defensive specialists.

These guys are like the offensive and defensive line. They just protect the court as much as they can.

They don't usually score and basically do the dirty work.

Wise has always referred to them as the worker bees, which seems really accurate for their position because man do they work.

First (and most importantly) on defense is Holly Pole. She has recently become Florida's starting libero, which is like saying she's the center in football.

The libero works so closely with the setter (they are the only two

players that are guaranteed to be on the court for the majority of a set) that it only makes sense to say she's a center.

And Pole and Florida football center Max Garcia are new to their respective starting position this season.

The comparison just works so perfectly.

Pole may be new to the libero

spot, but the senior is learning quickly, which is why she has continued to start as libero for the last six matches.

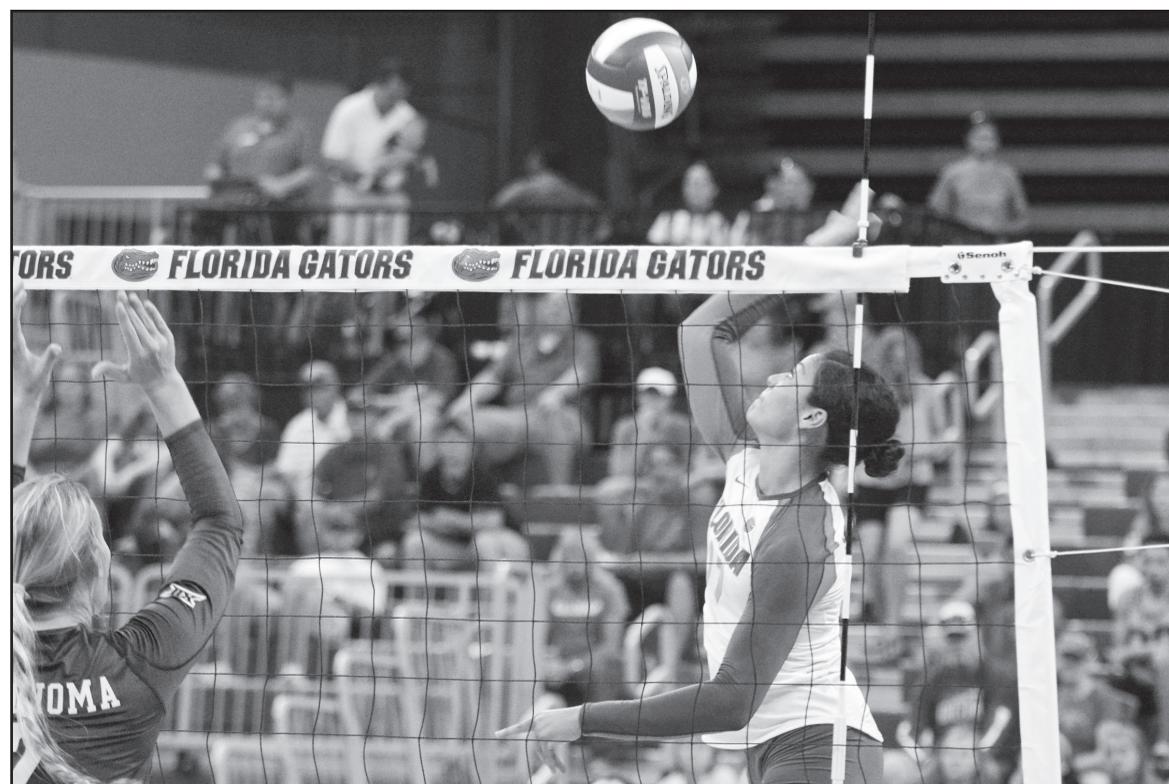
Now Taylor Unroe, Maddie Monserez and Nikki O'Rourke, they are most certainly the defensive line.

These three are subbed in and out pretty often and are used to making big saves (think tipping

the football when the opposing quarterback throws the ball for the game-winning score).

They are constantly on the ground making sure the opposing team isn't getting the point.

So now that you understand the positions — and maybe some of the language — go forth and watch volleyball because Wise knows, it's just like football.



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Noami Santos-Lamb swings for a kill attempt during Florida's 3-2 win against Oklahoma on Aug. 30 in the O'Connell Center. Coach Mary Wise compares Santos-Lamb's arm to a cannon because of her strong hit.

BASEBALL

Florida boasts No. 3 recruiting class

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Florida baseball continues to bring in talent.

The Gators' 2014 recruiting class ranked No. 3 in the country, according to Collegiate Baseball newspaper's annual evaluation of NCAA Division I baseball classes which was released on Monday.

The evaluation placed nine Southeastern Conference teams' recruiting classes in the top 40, while five (No. 1 LSU, No. 3 Florida, No. 14 Kentucky, No. 15 Ole Miss, No. 16 Arkansas) found themselves in the top 20.

This marks the sixth year that UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan has a recruiting class ranked in the top eight in the country and the fourth year that it ranked in the top five.

Seven of O'Sullivan's 11 recruits — 10 freshmen and a junior-college transfer — were selected in the 2014 MLB Draft back in June.

"We have seven drafted players in school after having a school-record eight draftees come to Florida last year, so that has given us a strong foundation in back-to-back years," O'Sullivan said in a release. "This group complements our needs going forward."

Catcher JJ Schwarz, the brother of UF softball junior Taylor Schwarz, was the highest drafted player, being selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 17th round with the 506th pick.

JJ Schwarz finished his senior season at Palm Beach Gardens High with a .361 batting average, six home runs and 33 RBIs.

Celano impresses in Indiana

He finished 6-over par

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In just one week, freshman Ryan Celano has gone from an unknown commodity to winning the qualifying for the Wolf Run Intercollegiate to having the best tournament of any player on the Florida men's golf team in Zionsville, Ind.

Celano acted as the catalyst for the Gators as they finished in second place in their second event of the year.

Celano completed the tournament at 6-over-par, which was good enough for a tie in sixth place.

Coach J.C. Deacon was happy with the way Celano played in his opening tournament.

"I'm really proud of Ryan Celano," Deacon said in a release. "He finished in sixth place individually. It was a wonderful start for his college

career, and he showed us what he can do and how good he can be."

Celano's performance in Zionsville comes on the heels of winning the qualifying for the tournament the week before by four strokes.

Celano not only competed with veterans, but was also able to dominate in the qualifying after heading into the final day with an eight shot lead.

The Gators sorely needed someone to come into the lineup and provide life to the team after a disappointing first tournament.

Deacon and the coaching staff made a couple of changes to the lineup and were able to strike gold with Celano.

In Zionsville, Celano improved his score in each round,

and after shooting a 4-over-par in the first round, he shot a 2-over, 73 in the second round.

In the final day, Celano shot an even-par round and was able to move up eight spots on the leaderboard to sixth place. Celano's score was two strokes better than senior and teammate J.D. Tomlinson.

Prior to coming to Florida, Celano was able to have a successful prep career where he was given numerous honors including being named the Naples Daily News Area Player of the Year four times.

He followed up his prep career with a successful amateur career before arriving at UF.

With all the success Celano already has in his golfing career, Deacon said Celano has all the tools necessary to become an impact player.

"He's just a great player," Deacon said. "He's got all the shots, he's got the power, he's got the finesse and he really wants to be great. He's willing to put in the extra effort."

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