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Two stores coming to Oaks Mall

► CHARLOTTE RUSSE OPENS TODAY, AND CHARMING CHARLIES IS OPENING SOON.

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Charlotte Russe is bringing clothing, shoes and accessories to the Oaks Mall this weekend — all available at a 10-percent discount to UF and Santa Fe College students.

The California-based retail chain is

"We're really excited to be a part of this mall, and we're confident we'll be successful."

Sara Lewis
assistant manager

launching a grand opening event today at 10 a.m. that will extend through 6 p.m. Sunday. Customers will be able to grab coupons at the store's entrance for a chance to win special offers and a \$150 shopping spree, said assistant manager Sara Lewis.

The student discount is not limited to Charlotte Russe's opening weekend, Lewis said, and will be available permanently with the presentation of a valid school ID.

The new store is located near Belk, across from American Eagle and next to Buckle. Charlotte Russe has more than 500 stores across the U.S. and is based out of San Diego.

"We're really excited to be a part of this mall, and we're confident we'll be

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Jimmy John's credit card breach affects Gainesville stores

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Both local Jimmy John's locations were involved in a franchise-wide data breach announced this week.

Customers who swiped debit or credit cards at either the University Avenue or Archer Road location recently are encouraged to monitor their bank accounts, according to a company release. Purchases made online or entered manually are not at risk.

"I definitely want to limit the number of times someone can steal my credit card information."

Stacy Mills
biology senior

The sandwich company suspects someone stole log-in credentials to access customers' payment information, according to the release. About 216 stores were affected.

After learning of the breach on July 30, Jimmy John's hired third-party forensic experts to help with the investigation, the release stated.

The breach has been contained, and customers can safely make in-store purchases on newly encrypted credit machines, according to the release.

The chain is looking into its third-party vendor policies and offering identity protection services for customers who were affected.

Stacy Mills, 21, said she had about \$600 taken out of her account this week, but hadn't confirmed with her bank if it was related to the breach.

The biology senior said she's going to start using more cash for her purchases.

"I definitely want to limit the number of times someone can steal my credit card information," she said.



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Dream Big

Madeline Bieda, a 20-year-old UF psychology junior, speaks with Jim Funk, 64, at a Children Beyond Our Borders event on Turlington Plaza on Thursday. Passers-by were asked to write their role models' names on balloons.

Oh my... Star Trek star George Takei to speak at Accent event

Tickets available on Oct. 6

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Trekkies can reunite with former Star Trek actor and social justice activist George Takei on Oct. 7.

Accent Speaker's Bureau, Pride Student Union and the Asian American Student Union chipped in to pay \$45,000 for the

Star Trek actor to speak during Pride History Week and Asian Kaleidoscope month, said Accent chairman Corey Flayman.

Takei is known for playing Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the Starship Enterprise on the Star Trek TV series.

"He's going to talk about his activism for the LGBT community and his experi-



Takei

ence as an Asian-American," Flayman said.

At the event, which starts at 8 p.m., Takei will speak for 45 minutes, and then the floor will be open for student questions.

The Internet-famous actor was rated the No. 1 most influential person on Facebook in 2012 with more than 7.7 million likes, according to a press release.

Stephanie Wong, president of the Asian American Student Union, said she wants students to feel empowered at the event.

"He is an advocate for the Asian-American community, and he's been through a lot," the 20-year-old UF political science junior said. "It's great that these two minority communities are coming together to celebrate this event."

Students can pick up tickets to see Takei on Oct. 6 at noon at the University Box Office.

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All Kidz Inc. Launch Party

Celebrate the launch of All Kidz Inc. at Cymplify Cafe today from 6 to 8 p.m. All Kidz Inc. is a nonprofit organization that aims to increase the participation of children with disabilities. Food and drinks will be provided, including craft beer and ice cream. There will also be a raffle. Visit the Facebook page or website, www.allkidz-inc.org, for more information.

Gay Movie Night

Come to the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, 3131 NW 13th St., today 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. 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 today at 10 p.m. If you have further questions, please email ufsavantpresident@gmail.com.

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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 and education and strategy discussions. Students, community members and both unionized and non-unionized workers are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration costs from \$15 to \$20, and childcare will be provided. To register, visit labornotes.org/events/2014/gainesville/ registration. For those who are seeking scholarship assistance, please contact us.

Third Annual Unicycle Festival

UF's Objects in Motion is holding the third annual Gainesville Unicycle Festival 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. 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.

Career Showcase

The UF Career Resource Center's Career Showcase is the largest career fair in the Southeast. It will take place

Tuesday (non-technical day) and Wednesday (technical day) at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 350 employers will be in attendance. The showcase is open to UF students and alumni only. For those interested, visit CRC.ufl.edu/showcase for more information.

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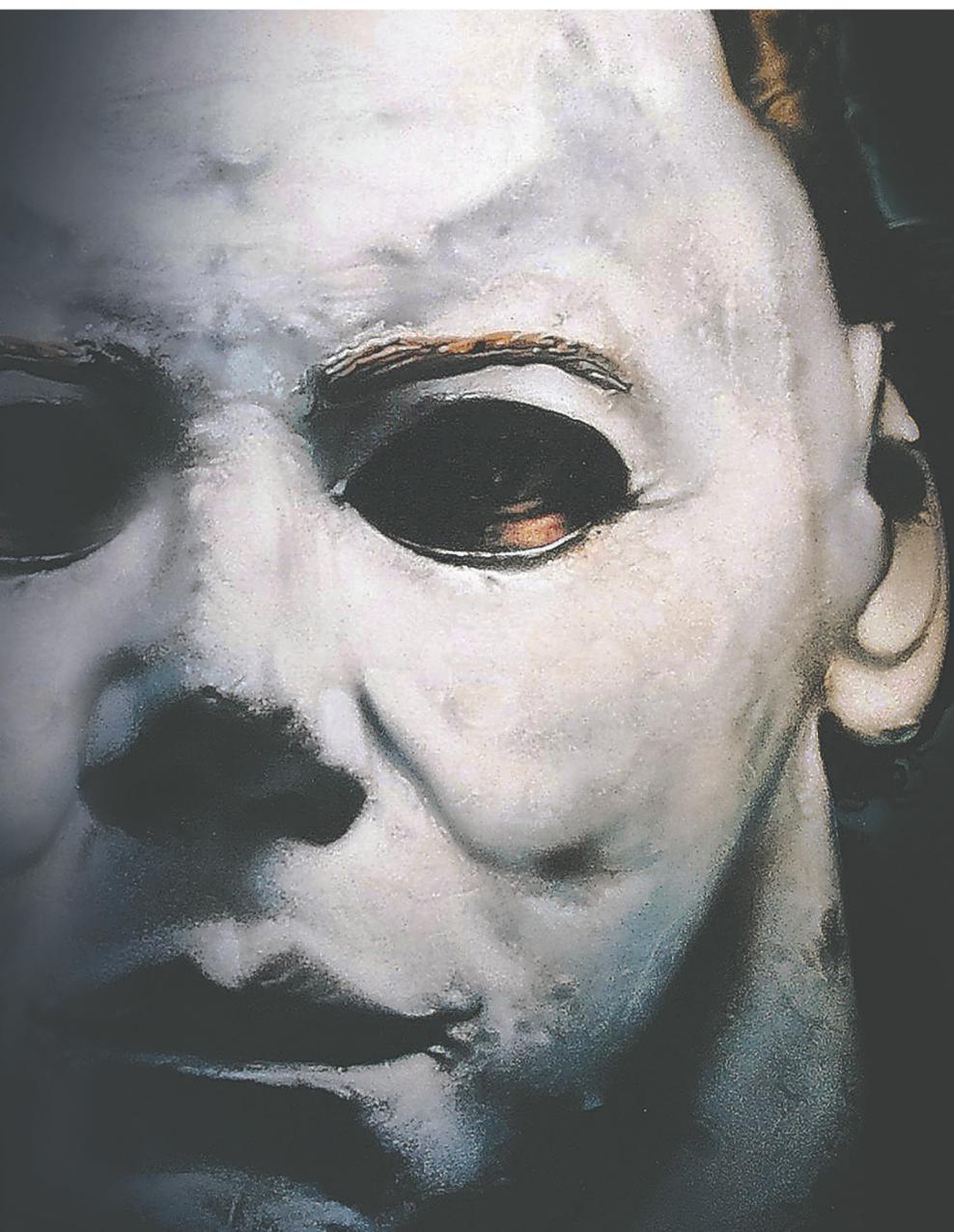
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Local band aims to revive live music

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Pop-reggae meets rock tonight at High Dive, where Sidereal will take the stage for its seventh performance in Gainesville.

Lukas Costas, a 20-year-old UF marketing student and co-creator of the band, is excited for the band to play in Gainesville but is concerned about the state of Gainesville's live-music culture.

"It's hard to really get the word out about a show here solely because there are so many things going on here all the time," he said.

"But I would love to see Gainesville prove me wrong."

Venue doors open at 8 p.m., and both Hours Eastly and Currentz will open the show. Advance tickets are \$8 then \$10 at the door, located at 210 SW Second Ave.

Sidereal has shared stages with Passafire, The Dirty Heads and Less Than Jake, using instruments like ukuleles, saxophones and melodicas — wind instruments played like a piano — to combine different musical elements into its sound.

John Wilson, 20, said he's seen the band in concert before.

"A lot of bands are selling out

"It's hard to really get the word out about a show here solely because there are so many things going on here all the time."

Lukas Costas

UF marketing student and co-creator of the band

and just sound really poppy," said Wilson, a UF industrial and systems engineering junior. But he looks forward to seeing Sidereal perform again.

"They just actually have good music."



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Banned Books

UF anthropology librarian Richard Freeman reads an excerpt from "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller for Banned Books Week on the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday afternoon.

Gainesville NOW to host events, meetings on campus

► IT WILL HOLD A MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT MAUDE'S ON OCT. 4.

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Gainesville Area National Organization for Women, a feminist organization, is hosting its first UF event in response to dozens of emails from students asking the group to move on campus.

Katy Burnett, NOW president and UF political science and history senior, said the political organization focused on empowering female students is looking forward to reaching

more students.

"We've been getting emails from students for the past couple of months from people living on campus," the 31-year-old said. "There was a need to host events there. We spent a couple of weeks putting together interesting discussions and went for it."

Gainesville Area NOW will host a women's studies discussion series starting with campus safety on Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. in Ustler Hall.

The organization had an on-campus presence in the 1990s, but it disappeared after most of its members graduated, she said.

"Interest has brought the group back," she said. "We were tabling, and there was just so

much interest. We knew we had to work on something quick."

A membership meeting will be held at Maude's Classic Cafe on Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.

"There was a need to host events there."

Katy Burnett

NOW president

The group has reached out to on-campus organizations such as the Women's Student Association, which will co-sponsor the Feminism and Women of Color event Oct. 15 at Ustler Hall at noon.

Diamond Delancy, association president

and public relations junior, said planning has already begun to collaborate with NOW on the discussion series.

"Gainesville has such a rich feminist history," the 19-year-old said. "I wish there was more off-campus involvement, but I'm glad we're bringing it to the students."

Delancy said feminist groups such as Wild Iris Books and the National Women's Liberation chapter in Gainesville also tabled at Radical Rush, hoping to provide more information to students on women's empowerment.

"As a UF student, you're not only invested in the UF campus, you're also invested in the Gainesville community," she said.

UF Health OKs plans for another hospital

► IT WILL COST \$415 MILLION.

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UF Health is adding another hospital to its growing medical campus.

The UF Health board approved funding for a new specialty hospital Wednesday that will hold neuromedicine and cardiovascular services.

The \$415 million construction project will be located on Archer Road just east of the UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital. The cost includes equipment and a parking garage with 600 spaces. The building will have 216 beds, including 120 specialized ICU beds.

The idea for a new hospital stemmed from the long-term "Forward Together" plan published in May 2010, which describes the alignment of clinical programs and facilities.

David Guzik, senior vice president for health affairs at UF and president of UF Health, said before "Forward Together," services for particular conditions were distributed throughout the hospital.

"The main hospital was sort of a checkerboard," Guzik said. "The goal was to create an environment for our patients in which the people taking care of them were really focused on their needs and have specialized expertise in that particular area."

With the growing number

of patients, UF Health CEO Edward Jimenez said building a new hospital was the next step.

"This new facility allows us to grow in a planned and organized fashion" Jimenez said.

One side of the building will house neuromedicine services, and the other cardiovascular.

"You're not going to find many hospitals in the country, when we're done with this, that have lining facilities the way we have," Jimenez said.

Guzick said without this project, the building would get older and not provide the level of care Shands strives for.

"Both from the standpoint of providing the best care for our patients and from the standpoint of ensuring we can do that in the future by recruiting and retaining the best faculty, it really speaks to an exciting future," Guzik said.

Construction is in the final permitting process to get the proper approval from the city and county, and it is set to begin around January 2015. The building is expected to be completed at the end of 2017 and open at the start of 2018.

Guzick said the new building is in line with UF Rising because of the recruitment of preeminent faculty throughout the university.

"When you're talking about the healthcare component, we're talking about preeminent clinical programs that become nationally recognized," Guzik said. "And it is right in step with the notion with UF Rising."

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successful," Lewis said.

Elizabeth Bonet, assistant manager of the Charlotte Russe in Ocala's Paddock Mall, said the new Gainesville store will be successful because of the number of college girls in town.

"I don't think the mall has something like this."

Sara Morrison

UF elementary education senior

"We have a lot of customers over here coming from Gainesville to the Ocala location, so now they don't have to travel all the way over here,"

Bonet said.

Bonet said women ages 13 and older shop in her store, and she said it is almost always busy.

Charlotte Russe is not the only new women's apparel store opening at Oaks Mall this semester — Houston-based Charming Charlie is set to open Oct. 27. The accessory retailer sells women's jewelry, sunglasses,

shoes and handbags and separates items by color throughout the store. The boutique has more than 200 locations nationwide.

Sara Morrison, 22, said she isn't looking forward to Charlotte Russe's opening because she thinks its style is more suitable for younger girls.

Morrison said she's more excited for Charming Charlie.

"I don't think the mall has something like this," Morrison said of Charming Charlie.

UF style guru Aleksandra Djokoto, who blogs for College Fashionista, said she wants to go to the Charlotte Russe launch party.

"I think it's going to be successful because the Oaks Mall doesn't have a lot of options," she said.

Charming Charlies accessories store will open next month

The Students Party: the decline of the minority

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In the Spring of 2012, Alex Cornillie, Jesse Schmitt and Carly Wilson teamed up for the Students Party executive ticket in the Student Government elections.

Cornillie, the Student Body president candidate, was a UF Cicerone. Wilson, the candidate for Student Body treasurer, was the founder of the Students Party, a party created to rival the powerhouse Unite Party.

But wielding the most influence was Schmitt, a walk-on fullback for the Gators football team, who ran as the Student Body vice presidential candidate. It landed the Students Party an endorsement from Gators head football coach Will Muschamp — an unprecedented endorsement.

For the first time, the minority party believed it had a fighting chance.

Come the final election day, Feb. 22, 2012, a total of 10,644 ballots had been cast — the highest voter turnout since 1983. Both parties marched to the outside of the Reitz Union's Orange & Brew chanting party songs, energized, anxiously awaiting the results.

"As it got closer to the final night, I thought we were gonna win," Cornillie said.

The Unite Party erupted. Its executive ticket of Tj Villamil and Sabine Justilien narrowly escaped defeat by 114 votes; a margin of 1.07 percent. The Students Party walked away with 19 Student Senate seats versus Unite Party's 31.

"It went from extreme excitement to extreme disappointment," said Ford Dwyer, then-Students Party president.

The following Spring, the Unite Party folded. Instead, a new party emerged: the Swamp Party. With only 600 votes fewer than the previous year's high turnout, Swamp Party candidates Christina Bonarigo, the former Unite Party spokeswoman, and Joselyn Rivas won as Student Body president and vice president by a margin of 3,180 votes, or 31 percent. This time, Students Party suffered a more crushing defeat, only winning 13 Senate seats.

Months later, in the Fall 2013 elections, Students Party would only claim two Senate seats.

The decline of the Students Party was just beginning.

■ ■ ■
The Swamp Party is unopposed on the Fall 2014 ballot for the first time in recent UF history.

The ideas and passion that once fueled the Students Party are gone. In fact, the party ceases to exist; it was not registered as a party for this semester's SG elections, which begin Tuesday, according to UF Supervisor of Elections Hans Rojas.

That tight Spring 2012 election was the peak of the party, said Sen. Michael Christ, the sole minority party voice in the Senate.

"That was definitely the crescendo of the Students Party," he said. "Students seemed to wake up and see that one-party rule is not conducive in government."

Jenna Goldman, a former Students Party president and 2013 Student Body vice presidential candidate, wanted to keep up the momentum the Students Party had gained in Spring of 2012 with the following Fall election, but it was difficult.

"After that election I think a lot of the people really lost faith," she said.



Alligator File Photo

Students Party presidential candidate Johnny Castillo, center right, reacts to the results of the Student Government elections at the Reitz Union on Feb. 20, 2013. The Swamp Party won by 3,180 votes.

Goldman joined Wilson to create the Students Party in Fall 2011 after both senators disagreed with how the Unite Party ran SG.

"We founded it because we thought that what was going on in SG wasn't in the best interest of the students," Wilson said. Now a third-year UF law student, Wilson is no longer active in campus politics.

"I stopped having the time for SG, and it's disappointing that there aren't people who find the time as undergraduates, but people make choices," she said. "It's very disappointing to me that there's not an opposition to the majority."

In the two-year span of 2012 to 2014, Students Party membership dwindled. Dwyer said the cam-

paign had 50 active volunteers with about 30 core members in 2012. By the end of 2014, past Students Party president Daniella Saetta said only 15 members were active.

"It's very difficult to go into an election knowing that all the odds are stacked against you," she said.

On top of members constantly rotating out of the party when they graduate, a losing party doesn't attract new members, Christ said.

"When you're not taking over SG because you're not winning, there's no real incentive for people to join a party where you have to work your tail off 24/7 to make marginal gains," he said.

■ ■ ■
In two weeks, the Students Party

will be a ghost in the Senate chambers, too.

After a yearlong run as Murphree area senator, Christ won't be the opposing voice in the chambers anymore. He's decided to not run for re-election. He now lives off-campus in District A.

"I ran to represent the Murphree area," he said. "I can't really see myself representing anyone else."

He's found solace serving as the vice chairman on the Reitz Union Board of Managers, a position where he says he can effect real change.

Christ said the Students Party won't be back unless someone decides to engage again.

"Being the last one is a sad statement to democracy."

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So, we're a month into the semester now. Senate elections are coming up, midterms are starting to rear their ugly heads and Starbucks employees are probably already tired of making pumpkin-spiced anything. In that spirit, here's your it's-finally-fall-and-we-don't-melt-immediately-after-walking-outside edition of...

Darts & Laurels

It sometimes seems like the pundits on Fox News Channel are all in competition with one another to see who can make the most ignorant, offensive or just-plain-stupid statement. On Tuesday, Greg Gutfeld, one of the hosts of Fox News Channel's "The Five," may have set a new standard for idiocy during a conversation about climate change. When the discussion shifted to the topic of renewable and alternative energy sources, Gutfeld had this to say: "Isn't fossil fuels the ultimate renewable energy? It's renewed once. It used to be a dinosaur. Now it's fuel. How is that not renewable?" Now, that's a special kind of stupid.

Not to be outdone, one of Gutfeld's co-hosts, Eric Bolling, decided to add his own misogynistic twist to a story about Mariam al-Mansouri, a female fighter pilot who led the United Arab Emirates' airstrikes against the terrorist Islamic State group. Rather than praising al-Mansouri, Bolling derisively referred to her military service as "boobs on the ground." We implore Gutfeld and Bolling to at least try to think for a second or two before they speak, for all of our sakes. A pair of **is-it-really-possible-to-be-that-dumb? DARTs** go to **Greg Gutfeld and Eric Bolling.**

Maine Gov. Paul LePage has gained a reputation for being one of the most conservative governors in the U.S. LePage has shown a particular disdain for the women of his state, cutting access to reproductive health care and slashing the budgets of vital social programs." Given LePage's history on women's issues, it was a bit surprising to learn that he recently wrote a letter to Roger Goodell, commissioner of the NFL, and offered to create a coalition of governors to work on issues of domestic violence. In the letter, LePage wrote: "I grew up in a cycle of domestic violence, and I know how it tears apart families and communities." It's unlikely that the proposal represents a major shift in LePage's general views on women, but it's certainly a step in the right direction. A **right-for-a-change LAUREL** to **Paul LePage.**

LePage wasn't the only Republican politician to make a strong and much-needed political statement this week. Rep. David Jolly, R-Fla., wrote a letter to the House Rules Committee simply suggesting that Congress work more. Under Jolly's proposal, any week that Congress is in session, members should work five full days — Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jolly's letter is an important reminder that members of Congress are largely failing to deal with the critical issues that Americans expect their elected representatives to address. Hopefully congressional leaders will take Jolly's consideration seriously. If they do, who knows? Congress might actually get something done beyond naming post offices and repealing "Obamacare" for the millionth time. We're giving an **at-least-you're-trying LAUREL** to **Rep. David Jolly.**

Reader response

Today's question: Do you plan on going to see George Takei speak?

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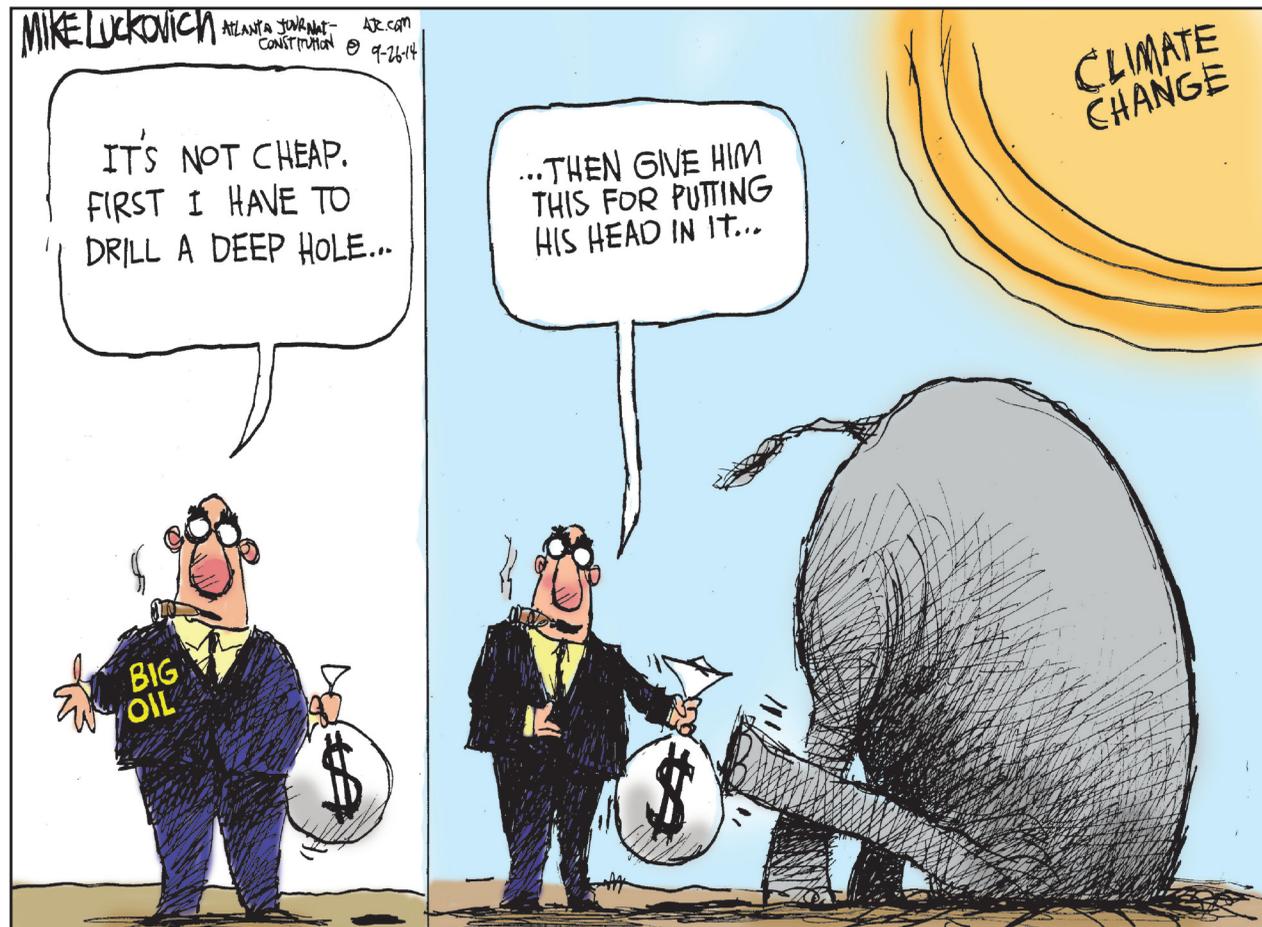
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Column

Everyone's needed for climate movement

This Sunday, more than 300,000 people descended on Times Square to bring awareness to the pressing threat of climate change. This gathering was the largest climate demonstration in history.

Protesters flooded Manhattan to draw attention to the issue ahead of the United Nations Climate Summit. The march was endorsed by more than 1,100 organizations including nonprofits, places of worship, politicians and local businesses. The march included people of all ages, races, genders and backgrounds. Bert Garskof, an 81-year-old man who attended the march, explained, "We're going to lose our planet in the next generation if things continue this way."

The ability of hundreds of thousands of people to assemble together is thrilling and inspiring and cemented the green movement as a legitimate civil rights movement. The slogan attached to this march was, "To change everything, we need everyone." Unfortunately, some groups chose to exclude themselves from participation in this historic event. Specifically, many conservative lawmakers seem unwilling to touch the issue of climate change with a 10-foot pole.

Individual cities, companies and organizations can agree to start recycling in their offices and acquire energy efficient appliances. However, our local, state and federal governments bear a significant amount of responsibility for combating climate change.

The president and Senate Democrats have supported a nationwide effort to reduce carbon emissions by gradually phasing out coal power plants. Republicans in Congress, who are projected to maintain control of the House of Representatives after the November elections, have completely ignored this critical issue.

Pointing out the failure of conservatives to respond meaningfully to the climate issue is not intended to diminish the efforts of the protesters. March organizers kept their message broad and accommodating to all groups involved. What the march accomplished was to strengthen the resolve of Democratic lawmakers and left-leaning entities such as environmental organizations, labor unions and feminist groups.

The good news is that Democrats can gain significant progress on the city, county or state level, where they are



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more likely to reduce our nation's carbon footprint. Some of the most significant achievements at the local level have occurred in the areas of public transportation and the renovation of government buildings. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has already put forth a plan to reduce NYC's carbon emissions by 80 percent and has called this action "a moral imperative." This kind of ambitious leadership is sorely needed and long overdue.

Cities can also partner with universities to help determine which local short term actions will have the greatest effects on carbon emissions. UF has already begun this effort by studying climate change's effects on Florida. Researchers throughout the southeast U.S. collaborated to identify water supply management and adaptation to rising sea levels as top priorities. Jim Jones, a UF professor in the agricultural and biological engineering department, said, "This type of thing needs to be packaged for regional and local use because that is where decisions are made."

The national climate movement will not move forward without serious input from conservatives on Capitol Hill. The debate on whether climate change exists is already settled. The discussion on this issue should focus on how much of a role government should have in implementing carbon restrictions.

If conservatives will not engage the issue of climate change, Democrats will simply have to wait for a demographic shift in red rural areas or hope that Republicans acquiesce so a national climate agenda can progress. However, we cannot afford to wait; climate change is a problem that demands bold and immediate action.

If conservatives do eventually embrace the science of climate change, they should be welcomed into the environmental movement with open arms. We all have a responsibility to care for planet Earth because it is really all we have.

Harold Joseph is a UF political science junior. His columns appear on Fridays.

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Letters to the Editor

Swamp Party sets platform

Dear UF Students,

I am pleased to announce that Swamp Party has officially set its Fall 2014 campaign platform. Our platform was derived from the expressed needs of the students and our candidates' expertise. It is our belief that our platform accomplishes this student-encompassing ideal through its dynamic and com-

prehensive nature.

This year's platform generation was focused on making a better UF. It is a representation of Swamp Party's continuous hard work toward improving the lives of students at UF. Based off the feedback from the student body, we have come up with three main focuses of our platform: Student Life, Academics, and Safety and Transportation.

Each category was created to ensure we are able to meet the needs of students.

Student Government elections take place Tuesday and Wednesday. Our candidates and volunteers will be all over campus, informing students about elections and educating them on our platform. We encourage all students who are interested in finding out more about our platform or have ques-

tions to come ask a Swamp Party candidate or volunteer! A more comprehensive list of our platform is available at swamppartyuf.com.

As always, Go Gators!

Katie Backstrand
Swamp Party spokeswoman

Column

Bisexuality is real, not just indecision

It's hard to talk about sex without mentioning sexuality. But for many people, sexuality is a deeply sensitive and personal topic.

I've previously avoided discussing sexuality in this column because, frankly, it's not anybody's business.

However, something happened this week to change my mind.

If you know me, you might know I've bounced around a lot with my sexual orientation — from straight to heteroflexible to queer to "I'm not going to label myself as anything, and I'll just take things as they come" — pun intended.

But there's one term I haven't felt comfortable using, even though it's probably what describes my sexuality most accurately: bisexual.

This is a common sentiment among youth, according to the Human Rights Campaign's report "Supporting and Caring for Our Bisexual Youth."

Bisexual Visibility Day, which was Tuesday, is trying to fix the stigma and invisibility around bisexuality.

Whenever bisexuality is discussed — which isn't often — there are usually a lot of myths and stereotypes that surround it. This is why the marginalization of bisexuals, both within and outside of the LG-BTQ community, needs to be addressed.

According to the HRC's report, bisexuality is the tendency to be "attracted to more than one sex, gender or gender identity." Bisexuality isn't the same as being gay, and bisexuals don't necessarily face the same problems as their LGBTQ peers.

First of all, it's hard to come out as bisexual. There are obviously significant struggles involved for many of those who come out as gay or lesbian. However, the HRC report shows that fewer bisexual youth reported being out than their gay or lesbian counterparts, especially to their families or at school.

When they do come out, common reactions are: "you're just being selfish," "pick a side" or "it's a phase."

I've heard these comments directed at my friends before, and they have made me less confident about openly stating my sexual orientation.



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To dispel another myth: Yes, you can still be bisexual if you're in an opposite-sex relationship. This fact really seems to confuse people, including CNN's Larry King, who completely botched the subject of bisexuality in an interview with actress Anna Paquin.

Consider this metaphor: Many people like both chocolate and vanilla ice cream. Just because you're eating chocolate right

now doesn't mean you suddenly don't like vanilla anymore.

Sometimes — but not always — you're even in the mood for a sundae with a bit of both flavors.

Unfortunately, people are much more complicated than ice cream flavors. If they weren't, maybe we wouldn't have such a problem with biphobia or bierasure.

If so, I wouldn't hear girls say, "Well I'm totally straight, but, like, I really want to hook up with a girl."

We wouldn't call Piper Chapman from "Orange is the New Black" a lesbian who turned straight when she dated Larry, or a straight girl who turned gay when she hooked up with Alex.

Someone who is bisexual may not necessarily like both genders equally. A bisexual female can prefer having sex with ladies while still experiencing attraction toward men. You can also be bisexual even if you've only had sexual experience with one gender.

It's important for bisexual people, if they feel safe and comfortable doing so, to come out. It's affirming, and it shows others that it's OK to come out too.

If we acknowledge that bisexuality is a real identity — not just indecision, or something done for attention — we'll make it a little safer and more comfortable for people to identify as such.

So maybe it's time for me to stop being scared of my own identity and own up to being bisexual. Maybe that'll encourage others to be true to themselves too.

And anyway, don't they say two is better than one?

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UWire

Muting the people: On Thrasher being next FSU president

Just when we thought one national embarrassment was over with this week at

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UWire

Florida State University, we managed to create another.

Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting, where the presidential search advisory committee named John Thrasher as FSU's next president, proved that student voice isn't valued after all.

The people of FSU have spoken. They have made their voices loud and clear, opposing Thrasher from the beginning of the entire process after the long-time Republican senator was first named a leading candidate for presidency.

Nuclear physicists, doctoral students, graduate students, undergraduates, professors, faculty members and distinguished members of academia at the university all had one common purpose: to have a say in the decision that could affect them most heavily; to prevent Thrasher from winning FSU's presidency.

It was a clear and cohesive message. Don't allow political dealings to affect university decisions. Stop letting corporate interests sway trustee members in their vote.

Allow someone with a strong academic background to lead as president of FSU, not a politician who has served against the university's interests. Remember that this is an academic institution first and foremost, after all, and not a business.

Their voices fell on deaf ears.

For more than two hours yesterday, an overwhelming majority of the opposition in the FSU community protested the appointment of Thrasher as FSU president. Yet instead of valuing the opinions of the public and heeding the word of the student and faculty body, the search committee chose to ignore them and pursue its own personal interests instead of what was best for the university.

In a university poll, more than 70 percent said they believed that Thrasher was not

only a below-average candidate, but that he was also blatantly unqualified to run FSU. As

graduate student Joshua Mills pointed out, even the most unscientific of polls are not off by 70 percent.

It feels paternalistic and offensively patronizing of the Trustees, then, to imply that they know what is best for us. As if we don't know what is best for ourselves, as if our voices are less valuable than theirs, as if we need to be spoken for by people who think they are more intelligent than us, who are brazen enough to assure brilliant members of academia that they know better than them.

Their vote for Thrasher was a message saying, "You're wrong. You don't know what's best for you, but I do." Big Brother's got this.

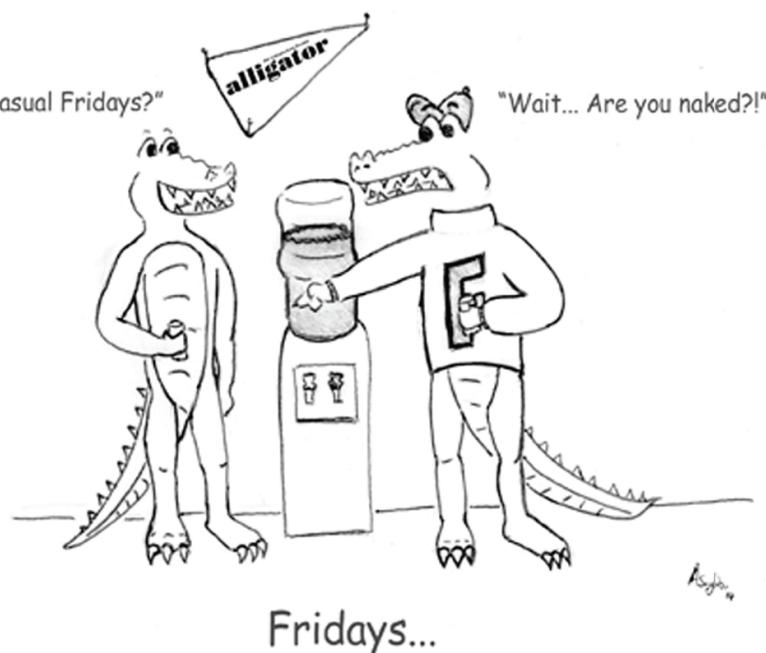
The inconsistencies run rampant. FSU, whose main goal is to become a top-25 public university in the coming years, chose to hire a non-academic as its president when over 20 percent of the decision to be in the top 25 percent comes from a university's reputation and when the current top-25 universities only have one school whose president is a non-academic.

It's astonishing that the committee that wants to drive us to top-25 status appointed a non-academic, knowing it will drastically tarnish our reputation and come back to bite us.

Most of us will never truly know why John Thrasher was deemed more worthy of presidency than Michele G. Wheatley, Richard Marchese, Michael Martin or our interim president, Garnett Stokes. But it has become increasingly clear that there is something else going on. Though I don't know what it is, there is a reason the committee chose Thrasher as the president of FSU.

Whether or not that reason is in our best interest, we'll find out.

Setareh Baig is the editor-in-chief of FSView. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.



LOCAL

Fine Print crowdfunds after grant cuts

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A local magazine staff is reaching out to readers after an 86-percent budget cut last month, jeopardized its future.

The Fine Print, a student-run social advocacy publication based in Gainesville, is struggling to stay in print after its largest benefactor, Generation Progress, drastically cut the \$5,000 grant it annually provides the magazine to \$700.

"I wake up to this email that says your grant results are in, and it starts with an apology," said Samantha Schuyler, an editor at The Fine Print. "And I was like, 'This isn't good.'"

Generation Progress, a nonprofit that supports student activists and journalists, made the \$4,300 reduction about a week before The Fine Print's staff planned on starting the newest issue, each of which typically costs about \$1,100.

"With what they were giving us, we wouldn't have been able to print one issue," Schuyler said.

Funds were reduced due to budget cuts within Generation Progress, and although The Fine Print still received one of the higher grants available, it wasn't enough to continue printing magazines, Schuyler said.

"What's really important is that people in Gainesville have something tangible to access."

Damian Gonzalez
editor

To make up for the loss, editors at The Fine Print decided to start up a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo, an online donation website similar to Kickstarter.

The fundraiser, Keep The Fine Print in Print, has generated, as of press time, \$3,355 of its \$4,300 goal.

In addition to the online campaign, the magazine hosted a gallery of student art two weeks ago and raised more than \$650 by charging an entrance fee of \$5.

The response has been encourag-

ing, said Damian Gonzalez, an editor at The Fine Print.

"It's amazing," Gonzalez said. "It's really reassuring to know that there is a community of people here in Gainesville that actually care about The Fine Print, care about Gainesville and care about Alachua enough to keep The Fine Print in print."

While The Fine Print does publish online content, Gonzalez said the staff stands by the importance of keeping the magazine available in print.

"What's really important is that people in Gainesville have something tangible to access," he said, "something that they can pick up when they're walking to class, something they can pick up when they're walking to work ... and just read," he said.

The campaign ends in less than two weeks.

For more information or to make a donation, visit the Indiegogo webpage at indiegogo.com/projects/keep-the-fine-print-in-print.

Crocodile hatchling numbers increase

► POPULATIONS NEARLY DOUBLED.

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UF researchers found a record number of crocodile hatchlings this year in South Florida.

Over the summer, UF's Croc Doc team of biologists in Fort Lauderdale marked and released crocodile eggs in Everglades National Park.

The Croc Doc team marked and released 962 hatchlings in the park, up from last year's 554, according to a UF press release.

Jeff Beauchamp, UF wildlife biologist and the alligator and crocodile project manager, said the increase in egg survival is

the result of continued restoration efforts in the Everglades.

Since the early 2000s, there has been a steady increase in crocodile population numbers. While hatchling numbers are a good sign, their survival rate is usually only about 5 percent, Beauchamp said.

Franklin Percival, a UF associate professor who studies reptiles, said crocodiles are used as an indicator for restoration efforts because they live in both brackish and salt water.

"It's a good sign when one-year surveys turn out like that," he said. "It gives hope and indicates a good future."

Beauchamp said that even though numbers were up this year, there is no way to guess the number of hatchlings next year.

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UF GROUPS

GatoRaas dance team to perform

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Alligator Contributing Writer

UF group GatoRaas will take its traditional Indian dance moves to Jacksonville today for the third annual Night of Asia festival.

GatoRaas, an official dance team that performs the Indian dance Raas, has been competing on a national level since 2006. This is the first time it will go to the Jacksonville festival.

Although Raas retains its religious value, the dance has become a way for Indian people to express their culture, said GatorRaas team captain Devarshi Desai, 21.

The dance includes men and women adorned in brightly colored outfits and holding painted bamboo sticks called dandiya as their main dance prop. The dance steps are fast-

paced and synchronized, requiring the dancers to constantly move and twirl their dandiya.

Desai, a UF biology senior, has been working to prepare her team for the performance, which will be the last act at the festival. She has participated in more than 20 performances since joining the team.

"Modern dances tell us the story of humans, but Raas tells us the story of superhumans."

Richard Rose
dance professor

"Raas is my happy place," Desai said. "I love to instill the same passion I have for Raas into my teammates, and that's the best part about being captain."

GatoRaas placed first in Tampa Fest and Diwali Dhamaka, both in-state competitions.

Manali Patel, a 20-year-old applied physiology and kinesiology senior, joined the team about three weeks ago. She said the festival in Jacksonville will be her first performance in front of a large audience.

"Everyone has been so welcoming since I first joined the team. It feels like I am dancing with my family rather than a dance team for school," Patel said.

Richard Rose, dance associate professor, said the hypnotic dance conveys messages to the audience.

"This kind of dance challenges us from a different perspective," Rose said. "Modern dances tell us the story of humans, but Raas tells us the story of superhumans."

Gainesville lacked bisexuality events for awareness week

► PRIDE AND LGBT AFFAIRS DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PREPARE EVENTS.

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Alligator Writer

During a week meant to raise awareness about bisexuality, Gainesville stood quiet.

Bisexuality Awareness Week runs through this weekend, and despite national social media trends to spread awareness, UF's LGBT Student Affairs Office, UF's Pride Student Union and the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida did not plan events.

"I don't think that our country even has a full understanding of what bisexuality entails," said Aaron Victoria, head teaching assistant for UF human sexuality and culture, "so I think awareness and programs that promote them and bring that to light could benefit just by educating individuals who aren't bisexual."

More than half of all LGBT people are bisexual, according to a report released Monday in conjunction with the Bisexual Resource Center.

The report emphasized the importance of reaching out to bisexual people.

Pride Student Union President Collin Vernay wrote in an email he was planning Pride History Week — which runs from Oct. 6 to 10 — and could not respond.

LGBT Affairs Student Am-

bassador and 20-year-old UF international studies junior Carolyn Cesarotti said it takes months to plan events like a Bisexual Awareness campaign — time they simply didn't have, she said.

"Our office did a lunch series where we had panelists speak, and as an office, we try to serve the whole LGBT spectrum," said Cesarotti. "And I think that's an issue as far as bisexual and pansexual visibility, but a lot goes into programming for different events in the offices ahead of time."

Bisexual people are more likely to be poor, feel alienated in workplaces, be involved in violent relationships and have health complications than lesbians, gay people or homosexuals are, according to the report.

"If you don't come out and you aren't completely comfortable with your sexuality, other studies have shown that containing this really weighs on you and has long term health effects mentally," Victoria said.

Laura Yudiski, a 19-year-old UF accounting freshman, said she's not involved in the LGBT community and has limited means of finding more information.

"I think people could learn more about it," said Yudiski. "It's not really something that you constantly hear about. You hear more about homosexuals instead of bi."



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Sax Man

Kevin Sharpe, left, UF associate professor of piano and chamber music, and Jonathan Helton, UF professor of saxophone, perform a faculty recital in the Music Building on Thursday evening.

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14105 NW 39th Ave.
3 miles West of I-75
www.fbcgainesville.net

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9420 North County Road 225
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find out more on facebook

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Church Gainesville
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Free Food After 10:50am Worship
106 SW 3rd St.
Contact Scott Stuart
college@lstpc.org

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at 6:35 pm
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1010 West University Avenue
www.iccgfl.org
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15 Services

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12-10-73-18

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18 Personals

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19 Connections

Want to make a connection?
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19 Connections

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CLUE ACROSS

- Decayed
- Direct
- Portland, _____
- Dilemma, trouble

CLUE DOWN

- Home to Siberia
- British _____ unit
- Making money
- Customer

ANSWER ACROSS

TREOTN
RSETE
ANIEM
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ANSWER DOWN

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CLUE: This was Mrs. Howell's seldom-talked-about first name on "Gilligan's Island."

BONUS ○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- Hamlet, for one
- Happy hour sandwich
- Modern film effects, briefly
- Troubled cry
- Roman board game similar to modern backgammon
- Cartoon Chihuahua
- Seriously uncool dairy product?
- Farm resident
- Mauna _____
- Sitcom world
- Nail polish brand
- Enjoy a TV psychologist?
- Long cold spell
- Renée's "Chicago" role
- Pulitzer author McMurtry
- Church cry
- Boom, e.g.
- Chose, with "for"
- Flier on the beach
- Mad Max or Dirty Harry
- "_ directed"
- Serape wearer
- They may be pulled
- Followers' flowers?
- Isabella, por ejemplo
- Teacup feature
- These, to Thierry
- WWII battle site, for short
- Sign on a hacker's door?
- "_ and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance": '70s best-seller
- Code of silence
- Sleekly designed
- Masthead VIPs
- Response to constant carping
- Last little bit

DOWN

- Dungeonlyke
- Natural heartburn remedy, some say
- The Darlings' dog
- Alleged ability
- Feel a strong need (for)
- Traditional Hanukkah serving
- "THINK" sloganeer
- Issue of MADD
- Addition, perhaps
- Collects a lot of, as chips
- Attend uninvited
- Bottled spirits
- Big name in chips
- Composer Carmichael
- Doesn't remain silent
- Indiana player
- They provide addresses
- Iditarod terminus
- Marked, as a ballot
- "Sing it, Sam" speaker
- Skip on the sea
- Q.E.D. word
- Carriage
- Nouveau-Mexique, e.g.
- Head of the Untouchables
- Sonoma prefix
- TA's boss
- Honeycomb cell shape
- Development sites
- Witch who was a Popeye nemesis
- Cherish
- Cut down
- Community service club, with "the"
- Penta- plus two
- "Believe" singer
- Cork setting
- Kiss and cuddle, in Kent
- Medical suffix
- Pic source
- Northwest end?
- Blue

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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xwordeditor@aol.com 09/26/14

ANSWER

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UF volleyball starting SEC play with clean slate *Florida faces Auburn tonight*

EDEN OTERO
Alligator Staff Writer

@edenotero_1

Closing the door to one of the toughest preconference schedules in Florida history, the Gators head to Alabama to face their first Southeastern Conference opponent, Auburn, tonight at 8.

No. 10 Florida (6-3) is coming off a big win after beating Central Florida (7-5) on Sunday

in four sets.

While UCF is unranked, coach Mary Wise has highlighted the difficulty of the Knights' schedule, which was key in making it such a big win for the Gators.

"They were playing at a perfect level of volleyball," Wise said on Sunday after UF's 3-1 win over UCF. "We felt that even as well as they were playing, we were awfully close to winning that (first) set. We stayed the course

and didn't panic. If they could sustain that they would win the match. ... They were pretty ultra human in that first set."

But even with a win against UCF, it means nothing in conference play.

Wise has changed the mentality of her team this season. Instead of focusing on the losses in a negative light, Florida is using it to practice and learn from its mistakes.

With the losses being used as a learning tool, having a 6-3 record doesn't phase the team.

SEE VOLLEY, PAGE 15

Picks Column



SITE: Your couch (cap. 4)
KICKOFF: All Day, Saturday
TV/RADIO: Every Channel

Well, our first bye week is here.

And for us here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column, that means we have a little bit of a break from the humdrum of our lives that revolve around live-tweeting football press conferences.

There was no #MuschampMonday, no #StoryTimeWithRoper, no D.J Durkin (we have yet to find an appropriate hashtag for the defensive coordinator's Wednesday-afternoon pressers; suggestions are always welcome).

But with all that said, take this weekend to enjoy yourself, Gator fans. You need it after last week.

Now onto the picks!

Returning to form and making it back to first place at 18-12 is the Orlando Sentinel's Edgar "shank-apotomus" Thompson. Went golfing with the main man from the Orlando Sentinel over the weekend. I enjoyed the lesson in cart etiquette, and the pointers on the putting stroke. One day we'll find that drive you hit on the back-nine, maybe it's out on 34th street.

Falling one spot to second place with his 17-13 record is alligatorSports writer Jonathan "I'm a redneck" Czupryn, who wore a Harley-Davidson T-shirt, light-wash dad jeans and Sperry's to volleyball media availability. Of course AlligatorSports assistant editor Eden Otero called you out, you looked like Tuscaloosa really agreed with you.

In third with a 16-14 record is Inside the Gators' Landon "road quest quiz-taker" Watnick. Look Landon, I know school comes first, but could you really not have gotten that quiz done before hitting the road to come back from Tuscaloosa? Must have been mighty-awkward to ask Nick to pull over in

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Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Florida celebrates a point during its 3-0 win against Georgia Southern on Aug. 29 in the O'Connell Center. The Gators open their Southeastern Conference schedule tonight at 8 after finishing non-conference play with a 6-3 record.

Florida returns home to play Georgia

UF PLAYED ITS LAST SIX GAMES ON THE ROAD.

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For Florida fans, beating Georgia is a big deal. And although the Gators

football team does not play the Bulldogs until Nov. 1 in Jacksonville, the other Florida football team will take to the pitch against Georgia tonight at 7 at James G. Pressly Stadium.

UF Soccer

In soccer, the Gators are 25-

2-1 all-time against the Bulldogs, including a 5-1 win in Athens, Ga., last season. UGA also has never defeated UF in Gainesville, something that gives the No. 7 Gators an edge as the home team this evening.

But Florida (6-2, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) knows getting the victory will not be

easy.

The Bulldogs (6-1-1, 1-0-1 SEC) enter the game ranked No. 22 in the country while riding a five-game winning streak, which was kept alive after a come-from-behind victory against Vanderbilt Sunday. During the streak, Georgia has

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Senior Eric Banks brings experience to the UF men's golf team. Read the story on Page 16.

UF swimming returns to the pool

The Florida women's swimming and diving team opens its season Saturday against Arkansas on Saturday in the O'Connell Center at 11 a.m.

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Road experience has helped Florida grow

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outscored its opponents 14-2 and has scored first in every game except its win against Vanderbilt, meaning starting slow is not an option for the Gators.

But the players and coaches said they feel confident that the difficult early season road trip – which included visits to Tallahassee against then-No. 2 Florida State and Palo Alto, Calif., against then-No. 4 Stanford – has prepared them to take on any challenge the Bulldogs may throw at them.

“We just saw so many different things,” coach Becky Burleigh said. “We saw different types of teams, the styles of play, playing in different parts of the country – all those things just add to the experience

that we have to start the season.”

For junior defensive back Claire Falknor, one of Florida’s most experienced players as well as an anchor on the back line, the return home came at the right time.

“It’s definitely hard to travel, when you’ve got a lot of adversity thrown at you,” Falknor said. “But I think from the losses and wins, we’ve taken something out of each game.”

Falknor and the rest of the back line will be tasked with shutting down Georgia’s impressive sophomores, which includes leading scorers Marion Crowder and Gabby Seiler. Each has five goals on the season, and Seiler has seven assists as well.

Georgia also has five freshmen on its roster who play for their respec-

tive youth national teams.

But for Florida, to be the best, you have to beat the best.

“We always say, when we play against a team, we always want them to bring their best, because it brings out the best in us,” said Liz Slattery, a sophomore midfielder who scored her first goal of the season in Florida’s last game against Alabama. “And so when we beat them, it feels that much better to know that we beat them at their best.”

Florida hosts Missouri on Sunday afternoon, which is coming off its own four-game winning streak. But Slattery said she hopes only one team leaves this weekend on a hot streak.

“We’re hoping to keep going on that roll,” Slattery said. “And maybe end theirs.”

Alhassan leads the Gators with a .510 hitting clip

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And with SEC play beginning, Florida will be looking at it as a clean slate, and in Wise’s mind, a whole different season.

“We’re approaching this part as what we call the second season,” Wise said. “There’s the preconference, which is season No. 1, conference is season No. 2 and postseason is season No. 3. So now we have more time to improve as a team as we go from the end of September to the end of November.”

Florida will be hard-pressed in its first conference match of the season.

Unlike Florida’s preconference schedule, the Gators will be facing a familiar team that, like every other SEC school, will be determined to get a win against the Gators.

“Everybody hates the Gators,” Wise said. “We used to say that we were a band team. A band might not play every home match, but they’ll play when the Gators are there.”

But with Mackenzie Dagostino — the player Wise said is most improved — Holly Pole and a strong outside hitter and middle blocker squad, Florida looks to capitalize on a young Auburn team, which holds six freshmen on a 12-player roster.

Florida’s biggest threat going into Auburn is freshman outside hitter Courtney Crable, who leads the Tigers in kills (2.78 per set, 136 total through 13 games), service aces (15) and dig attempts (17).

In comparison, Florida’s outside hitter Alex Holston leads the team in kills with 116 with a .319 hitting percentage, while 6-foot-4 freshman middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan leads Florida with a .510 hitting proficiency and 46 total blocks.

The Tigers boast an 8-5 record, but are 5-1 when competing at home, but Dagostino said facing Auburn will be no different from Florida’s nonconference schedule.

“Volleyball is volleyball,” Dagostino said. “No matter what conference we’re in, no matter what team we’re playing. It’s just really important that we remember that it’s volleyball. We have to play the same as we would play against a Final Four team as we would maybe a team that wouldn’t make it to the Final Four. It’s just making sure we’re doing the same thing and competing the same way as we do on the practice court.”



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Florida (front) and Miami huddle prior to the start of the Gators’ 3-0 win against the Hurricanes on Aug. 22 at James G. Pressly Stadium. UF faces UGA tonight at 7 in its first home match since Aug. 24.

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BFE, Georgia so you can log onto Sakai. Hope it wasn’t down when you went to submit.

And now, somehow, we have a freaking FIVE-WAY TIE for dead-ass last this week, all sporting a piss-poor record of 14-16.

First is alligatorSports editor Jordan “Just keep throwing my pitches” McPherson, who talked with the Alabama student newspaper sports editor in the Bryant-Denny Stadium press box about softball for what seemed like an eternity. Really, man? Hopefully it was better than your average interview with Hannah Rogers. But in this case, your defense (read: your fellow football writers) will not have your back.

Next up is alligatorSports.org

Editor Richard “#FreeOJ” Johnson, who tweeted out that hashtag without context when referring to Alabama tight end OJ Howard, who had not caught a pass all season prior to facing the Gators. Or was he? I guess we’ll never know.

Third is alligatorSports writer Morgan “Booster Seat” Moriarty, who has to sit on a cushion in order to see above the wheel when she drives. And on top of that, she had no problem driving close to 90 miles per hour on the way to Alabama. Were you trying to kill us, Morgan?

Fourth is Gator Country’s Nick “Girl you got the beat right, killin’ in your Levis” de la Torre, who played “American Kids” by Kenny Chesney and “Leave the Night On” by Sam Hunt at least 20 times each on the car rides to and from Tuscaloosa last weekend. Nick, we un-

derstand you enjoy making out on living room couches and blowing that smoke on a Saturday night, but Jesus Christ.

And finally is 247sports.com’s Thomas “I’m not the only one who sucks at the Picks Column” Goldkamp, who has been in dead-ass last since the first round of picks

this season. While you may not be at the bottom of the Picks Column totem pole by yourself anymore, Goldkamp, you’re still in dead-ass last.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Gators to play in ITA pre-qualifying

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The men's tennis team will be back on the court in the ITA Saint Francis Health System Men's All-American Championships pre-qualifying tournament this weekend in Tulsa, Okla.

Sophomores Elliot Orkin and Maxx Lipman are both ranked in the NCAA Division I singles rankings — Orkin No. 39 and Lipman No. 100.

Orkin's second year on the team has already begun with tremendous success as of Monday. The Georgia native won the singles title at the Southeastern Conference Fall Classic after defeating teammate Diego Hidalgo in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

"Physically, he's changed probably more than any guy on our team," coach Bryan Shelton said. "When you look at the boy that he was when he arrived and the man that he is now, he looks like two totally different people. ... He may not be the biggest guy in the world, but he's the toughest little son of a gun you've ever seen."

With two tournaments already under its belt, Florida knows it still has room to improve as the Fall season progresses.

"It's the first couple of weeks, so everything needs to be tightened up a little bit," junior Gordon Watson said.

The ITA All-Americans are one of three fall events in place for Division I players - ITA regionals and the ITA National Indoor Championships are the other two events. The ITA championship is one of the top tournaments Florida will compete in this fall. The qualifying events will be held Saturday, and the regional draw will be held Oct. 16-19.

Banks brings leadership to Florida men's golf
UF placed second in last tourney

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An indication of a team that is progressively getting better is overcoming disappointment and adversity.

And it's happening with the Florida men's golf team so far through the fall.

After finishing second-to-last in their first tournament, the Gators bounced back and came in second place at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate.

And while coach J.C. Deacon is happy with Florida's improvement, he feels the team has to get better so they can compete with the top teams in the country.

"We still got beat by 30 by Illinois, so that's where my mind is at is trying to be one of the best teams in the country," Deacon said. "We have the players to do it I really believe that we just need to get our expectations back to competing at the highest level."

Illinois went into the tournament as the No. 2 team in the country and had the only two players in the field to finish under-par.

The Fighting Illini are now the new No. 1 team in the country with a record of 28-0.

Florida will have to keep progressing throughout the fall, if they want to be ready for the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA's.

UF had two new players in its lineup in Zionsville. One of them being freshman Ryan Celano and the other, senior Eric Banks.

Banks was an important

member to the team last season, as he competed in all but one tournament and collected four top-20 finishes.

Banks finished at 10-over-par and was the third best



Alligator File Photo

Eric Banks tees off during Day 2 of the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Feb. 16 at the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

player over the weekend for the Gators by ending the tournament in a tie for 13th place — his highest finish since tying for 13th at the Old Waverly Collegiate on April 8.

Deacon said Banks' experience is invaluable to the team.

"Eric brings a great element to the team, he's got a little bit of fire in him, he's very competitive," Deacon said. "He wants to be great and he's been around, he has experience and I really noticed it. It was a pleasure to have him on the road and his scores helped us all three rounds."

The Gators will now have a few weeks off before heading to Orlando for the three-day Tavistock Collegiate Invitational.

Having a good week of practice and playing well in qualifying will be key for Florida before heading into its third tournament of the year.

"I think we just need to go and compete in qualifying and the guys are out there practicing a lot and playing a lot," Deacon said. "I'm starting to see where I need to work with the guys, so that really helps me, because when you watch them in tournaments it's a different story, you see some different things, so watching that I'm able to kind of pick the parts of their games that I want to improve."

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