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## FEATURE FRIDAY

# Back to school: At UF, a job can come with an education

By David Hoffman  
Alligator Staff Writer

For the first time in more than 30 years, Colette Cimino is a college student again.

And the biggest change she sees is the technology.

"I submitted a small essay this week online, and my professor gave me feedback later that night," Cimino said. "They didn't have that in 1985, let me tell you."

As a full-time employee with UF, Cimino, who works as an administrative assistant in the UF Health Cancer Center, can take up to six credit hours per semester tuition-free as part of UF's Employee Education Program.

Anywhere between 500 and 800 full-time employees, who have worked for UF for at least six months, use the program to study at either UF or Santa Fe College, said Kenya Williams, the program's director.

Most are working toward their associates or bachelor's degrees, but some — about 25 percent of last Fall's participants — use the program to get their master's degrees, Williams said. The program gets about \$305,831 each year, wrote UF spokesperson John Hines in an email.

Aside from working 40 hours per week for their jobs, many of the students have families and children of their own to raise, Williams said.

"They're juggling everything," Williams said. "The whole balance of life — and then adding school on top of it."

But for Cimino, 53, the program

is a second chance, she said.

When she was last in school in 1985, Cimino was 21, married, pregnant and pursuing business administration at Nassau Community College in Long Island, New York.

Her plan was to deliver the baby when it was due in June, finish her degree and start a career to support her child.

But instead, her daughter, Kara, was born 2 1/2 months premature.

For the first few weeks she tried to balance it all. Cimino divided her time between her part-time job at a nearby dentist's office, college classes and the hospital wing where nurses watched over Kara.

It quickly became impossible, she said.

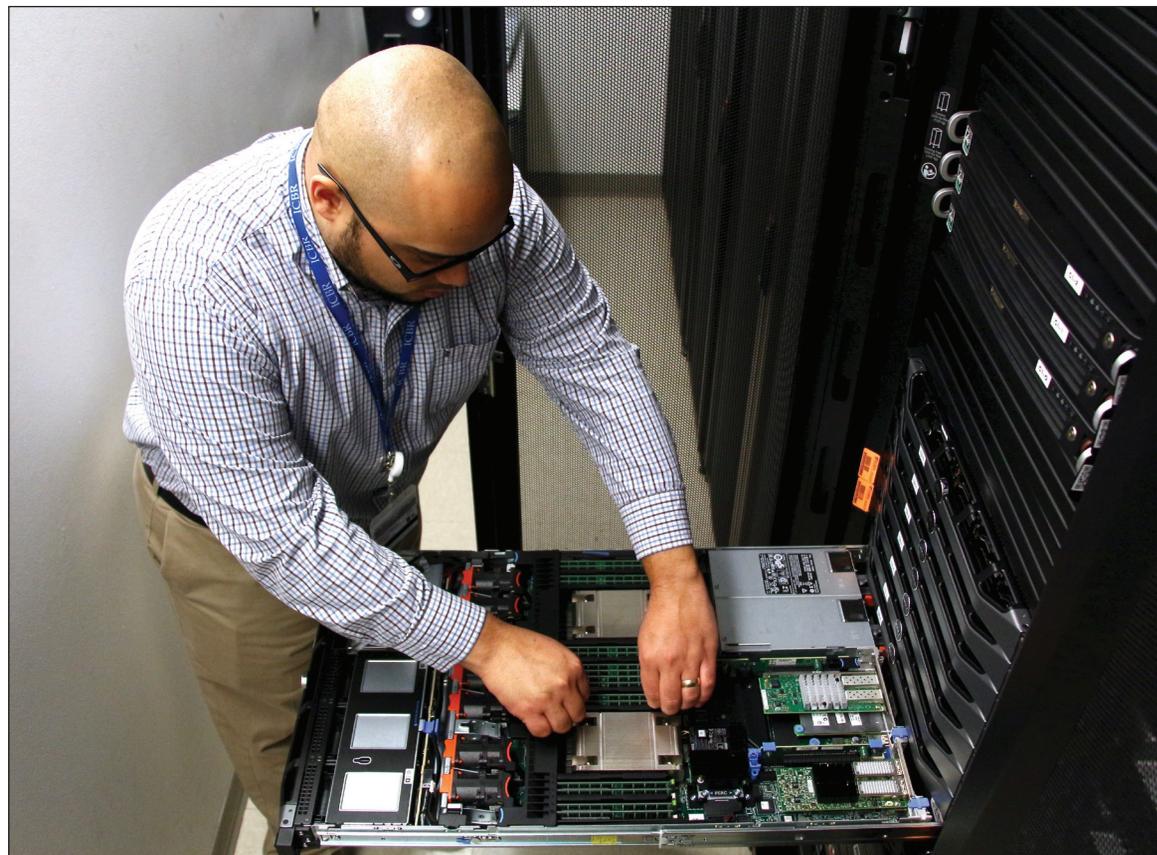
"Life got in the way," Cimino said. "And I cared way more about my baby girl than making everything work at the time; she was my priority."

From there, she and her husband divorced; she moved in 1986 with Kara to Gainesville, after Cimino's father took a job flying the UF Health Shands Hospital helicopter.

"Try being a single parent, working full time with high-stress jobs," she said. "As much as I would have liked finishing school, it was never really an option."

Cimino always had the idea of returning to school in the back of her mind but didn't think of it as a possibility until her co-worker at the Cancer Center told her about UF's Employee Education Program. Cimino realized she could transfer her credits from Nassau Community to Santa Fe and use the program to help subsidize it.

"It was a big possibility all of a



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

Omar Lopez, a lead scientific systems developer with the UF Center for Biotechnology Research, is enrolled in UF's Employee Education Program, which allows full-time employees to take up to six credit hours tuition-free. Lopez, 25, hopes to get his associates degree by the end of the year.

sudden," she said. "I was thinking, 'Well that would just be really stupid if I didn't do this.'"

Now, five days into her first semester in more than three decades, Cimino said she feels proud fulfilling her long-standing personal goal. She said her only fear is having to take math again.

"Honestly, I don't even remember much algebra or calculus, and

I'm going to have to do algebra II, probably," she said. "But it'll be worth it."

Omar Lopez is finishing what he started.

In 2012, during Lopez's sophomore year at UF, he went from studying on campus to struggling to hold his family together and managing unexpected poverty.

His mother Omarya's health de-

clined to the point where she could no longer walk on her own. The arthritis in the 45-year-old's back and her spinal stenosis, which causes strain on the spinal cord's nerves, were the worst they had been since being diagnosed as a teenager.

"The thing with parents is that they'll never say to their child, 'I need help.' That's just not who

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# County wants reimbursement for Richard Spencer event

**UF PRESIDENT FUCHS RECEIVED AN INVOICE FOR MORE THAN \$300,000.**

By Jessica Giles  
Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua County is requesting more than \$300,000 from UF to reimburse the cost of public safety resources provided for Richard Spencer's event on campus in October.

The county mailed UF a letter and invoice for \$302,184 Wednesday morning asking to be reimbursed for the cost of provided public safety resources, said Mark Sexton, the communications and legislative affairs director for Alachua. Sexton said the reimbursement has no due date.

The City of Gainesville will discuss charging UF for security costs in a general body meeting Jan. 25, said city spokesperson Chip Skinner.

"It's my understanding that UF ap-

proached the county and asked for resources to help and that there was an expectation of reimbursement," Sexton said.

UF spokesperson Steve Orlando said the university had not received the letter but was aware of it. He said the issue is under review.

Security costs, split between UF and other agencies, were estimated to be about \$600,000, according to Alligator archives.

Alachua's law enforcement — totaling \$260,494 — accounts for most of the Wednesday invoice, while fire rescue ser-

vices costs just under \$20,000.

The invoice also lists \$15,829 for the Alachua County Combined Communication Center services, which includes overtime pay for 911 and non-emergency operators and radios that were rented for public safety officers to use, Sexton said. Court security and jail services combined made up \$6,343 of the invoice.

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**Gators lose fourth consecutive SEC game**

The Florida women's basketball team fell to Kentucky 56-53 on Thursday night at the O'Connell Center, pg. 14



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## Local Events / News in Brief

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### GatorNights: Welcome back

Today, the Reitz Union will hold its New Year's rendition of GatorNights. Start the semester with the Stuff-A-Gator activity (which is only available for the first 300 people and they must check in first) or dance all night in the atrium with live music from DJ Mr. Magnum. We'll have a special performance by comedian Moses Storm at 9:30 p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. GatorNights is always Friday and always free for UF students with their Gator 1 Card at the Reitz Union from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Attendees must be current students to participate and are allowed to bring a maximum of one guest to the event.

#### Science photo contest entry deadline Monday

The Elegance of Science art competition is now accepting entries and is open to UF students, faculty and staff. Submit your two-dimensional research images or

photos that incorporate scientific tools or concepts for a chance to win cash prizes. The contest is organized by the Florida Museum of Natural History and Marston Science Library. Submissions are due Monday. For contest rules or to view past winners; visit [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/eos](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/eos) or call 352-273-2013.

#### Study Abroad Fair

The UF International Center will host the Spring Study Abroad Fair on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Reitz Union North Lawn. Study abroad programs help students discover new cultures, increase global awareness, enhance foreign language skills, make new friends and establish new contacts. Overseas internship opportunities are also available. The International Center encourages prospective "Global Gators" to stop by the Hub, located at 1765 Stadium Road, Suite 170 or visit online at [abroad.ufic.ufl.edu](http://abroad.ufic.ufl.edu).

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# NPR correspondent talks Venezuela, democracy

**By Eugenia Soto**

Alligator Contributing Writer

An NPR Latin American correspondent told UF students Wednesday about a time in Venezuela he had to wait several days to convert \$40 into Venezuelan currency due to the country's inflation.

UF's Center for Latin American Studies and the College of Journalism and Communications hosted John Otis, who is based in Bogotá, Colombia, and has been covering Colombian and Venezuelan events for more than 20 years.

He gave his talk "Venezuela: Using Democracy to Crush Democracy" in Pugh Hall. About 45 people attended — most of the audience was Venezuelan, shown by a raise of hands.

Otis discussed the transition between President Hugo Chavez to President Nicolas Maduro. When running for president, Chavez started as a seemingly humble military and self-

proclaimed people's man.

When Chavez was elected in 1998, he used that momentum to change the constitution, which disrupted the country's checks and balances, Otis said.

Over the years, this caused a critical deficit of everything, from democracy to food and currency, he said.

"You go through the motions of democracy, but you deliberately violate the spirit of democracy," he said.

Rosana Resende, a UF Latin American Studies lecturer, helped organize the event because she wanted to give students an opportunity to hear real-world information from someone who is in the field covering news as it happens.

"Universities are places where we are dedicated to learning, but that learning comes in many different ways," she said. "You go to the horse's mouth."



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# Santa Fe College could see changes if Florida bill passes



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Pictured is the Santa Fe College clock tower. Santa Fe College could see changes in performance metrics measurement and name if a bill passes.

**By Jessica Giles**

Alligator Staff Writer

A Florida Senate bill could bring some changes to the Florida College System, including Santa Fe College.

Senate Bill 540, also known as the “Community College Competitiveness Act of 2018,” would make changes to performance metrics, limit bachelor’s degree program enrollment, change the name of the Florida College System and re-establish a government-appointed board to oversee the system. If it passes, the bill would go into effect Oct. 1. Although the legislation may have a large impact on other state colleges, Santa Fe President Jackson Sasser said its impact on Santa Fe would be limited, given the college’s partnership with UF and high performance rates.

“All of it applies to us but with less restriction than some of the other (colleges),” Sasser said.

The bill, which is currently under review by the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, is a revised version of SB 374 that was vetoed by Gov. Rick Scott last year, according to a WLRN article.

The bill would change the name of the Florida College System back to the Florida Community College System. Sasser has no problem with the name change, he said.

“As a matter of fact, if I could have kept ‘Santa Fe Community College’ as the name when we started off with baccalaureate degrees, I would’ve done that,” he said. “That’s what we are.”

Jacobi Bedenfield, 21, a Santa Fe organizational management junior, feels the term “community college” fails to encompass everything state colleges have to offer.

“It’s because we have kind of moved on from the traditional mission of community colleges,” he said.

Despite his disapproval of the name change, Bedenfield is in favor of the Supporting Students for Academic Success program that the bill would create. This program would assist students in an associate degree program with succeeding in college classes and transferring to a baccalaureate program.

“The program will be used to help all students, but especially non-traditional students and under-prepared students,” he said.

The bill proposes to restrict the

growth of baccalaureate programs by placing a 20 percent cap on enrollment. Currently, 4 percent of Santa Fe students are enrolled in a baccalaureate program, Sasser said. The restriction would be a non-issue for the college because of the connections it has with universities throughout the state, particularly UF, he said.

The bill would also change performance metrics to place greater emphasis on an on-time graduation. Although this could be harmful for other state colleges, it would likely benefit Santa Fe since they consistently perform well, Sasser said. The college received the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and was one of the few state colleges that received an increase in funding based on their performance, he said.

“I think it’s a fair way to measure Santa Fe but it’s not fair juxtaposed against the others,” he said.

If the bill passes, Sasser isn’t worried about the future of Santa Fe.

“I think it’ll be business as normal,” he said.

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# Between 500 to 800 UF employees use the program each semester



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Colette Cimino, an administrative assistant with UF Health's Cancer Center, last attended college in 1985 but left to raise her daughter, Kara. Now, with UF's Employee Education Program, which allows full-time employees to take up to six credit hours tuition-free, she's back in school and taking three credit hours at Santa Fe College.

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they are." Lopez, 25, said. "But I knew she was getting sick, I knew she needed me there for her."

That's when Lopez, then on a four-year track to getting a bachelor's degree in political science, made one of the hardest decisions he's ever made: putting his education on hold.

Lopez had it in mind even then he'd eventually use the program to resume his classes, so it never felt like the end of his education. Besides confiding in his closest friends, Lopez never wanted to make his withdrawal public.

"I felt shameful leaving," he said. "My friends didn't judge me, but I didn't want it out there known."

He transferred from his part-time job at the UF Housing and Residence Education help desk, where he was making only \$8 to \$9 hourly, to a full-time position with benefits so he could cover his mom's expenses.

Lopez had sent his mom to their native hometown Bayamon, Puerto Rico, to rest and recover with family. Eventually, Lopez said he had to give up their home in Orlando and everything in it. They had too much of a financial strain to keep

the house where they would have spent the holidays together. As Lopez worked, his younger brother Bryan lived in a friend's home to finish out high school.

They had barely anything left, he said.

"Either you work more or you go hungry; you learn how to make hot-dog soup," Lopez said of what his meals would entail when he fell short on money. "I had a big tub of oatmeal, and made anything you could imagine on oatmeal."

Only when his mom returned from Bayamon, healthy again at the end of 2012, did Lopez feel the burden lift and sought to return to his studies.

Having never stopped working full-time with UF, now as a lead scientific systems developer with the UF Center for Biotechnology Research, he started classes again in Summer 2015 using the program and plans to get his associates degree by the end of this year, he said.

"It felt like a second chance," Lopez said. "I left in such an ugly way. I was always disappointed in myself, so being able to go back and start over, even if it was only one class at a time, I feel like I am moving along."

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# Online programs at UF are top ranked in annual list

By Robert Lewis  
and Amanda Rosa  
Alligator Staff Writers

U.S. News and World Report ranked UF College of Education's online program No. 2 and UF Online's bachelors program No. 12 on lists published Tuesday.

The ranking for the College of Education was down from No. 1 on last year's list of America's Best Online Graduate Education Programs while the UF Online's bachelors program rose eight places on a list of U.S.'s Best Online Bachelor's Programs, according to two UF press releases.

U.S. News and World Report considers student engagement, student services and technology, faculty credentials and training and peer reputation when it calculates its rankings, according to its website.

"We are thrilled with the rankings," said Evangeline Cummings, the assistant provost and director of UF Online, which was also ranked first in Florida.

Cummings said the program will continue to improve year after year until it's No. 1 nationally.

"I think (the ranking) reflects years of work and effort to provide a program of the same, or of

an even higher quality, of that of our residential students," Cummings said.

Cummings said UF's online program is unique in the U.S. because courses are taught by the same professors who teach on-campus, and every online student has their own academic adviser.

UF College of Education's online program carried its streak as best in the state on the list released Tuesday but was replaced by Clemson University as No. 1, ending UF's two-year streak as the best in the nation, according to Alligator archives. The list ranks the top 40 online graduate

education programs of 292.

UF and Florida State University, which tied with Auburn at No. 13, are the only two Florida schools to make the list.

Tom Dana, the UF College of Education senior associate dean, said quality interaction between students and faculty sets UF apart from other online programs.

"We're thrilled that for three years in a row we're considered among the best in the nation, and we're good role models for other colleges of education," Dana said.

The online graduate program, which offers nine web-based degree programs, caters to teachers,

counselors and superintendents looking to improve their certification.

Director of E-Learning Jason Arnold said the college cares more about the students' experiences than rankings.

"We're very meticulous about making sure that each experience students have in the online course is positive," Arnold said.

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# Monkeys at Silver Springs State Park have virus, study says

THERE ARE BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 175 MONKEYS IN THE PARK.

By Jessica Giles  
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An invasive species of monkey in Silver Springs State Park isn't just a nuisance. A study shows they also pose a public health risk.

Many of the invasive rhesus macaques monkeys in Silver Springs State Park, east of Ocala, carry the herpes B virus and can

transmit it to humans, according to a study that will be published in February by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The park, which has about 175 macaques, is still considered safe for visitors, but park officials have urged visitors to avoid monkeys, wrote park manager Sally Lieb in an email.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission released a statement saying it supports the removal of the monkeys in order to eliminate the threat they pose to humans.

Transmission is most likely to occur when humans come into contact with a macaques' bodily fluids, the report said.

Although there have been no reports of human infection from the macaques at

*"...we must consider the presence of the population of invasive rhesus macaques in Florida to be a public health concern."*

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Silver Springs State Park, the CDC still considers there to be a risk.

"Given the current information available, we must consider the presence of the population of invasive rhesus macaques in Florida to be a public health concern," the report said.

Catholic Gators Outdoors Ministry might move its hiking trip from the park to avoid the macaques, said Nick Lomas, a UF religion sophomore.

"That, as a trip leader, would make me hesitate and probably go to another spring," the 19-year-old said.

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Ah, syllabus week. For some, this five-day period is used for organization and recalibration after a long month free of classes and responsibilities. For others, the infamous syllabus week is a nonstop bar crawl through Midtown and a chance to sow their wild oats before the stress and pressure of their 18-credit schedule crushes their very soul.

This semester, you chose to fall somewhere in the middle. After attending all of your early morning classes and completing all of your monotonous syllabus quizzes, you decide to reward yourself with a night on the town.

After what felt like nearly an hour of standing in line outside the Rowdy Reptile, you have finally reached the promised land: the front door. You flash the bouncer your ID, waltz in, grab a drink and head outside to your favorite spot on the picnic table.

It's been a while since you had the time to make it out to the bars, so you take a second to see what new phrases have been etched into the wooden table. You scan the surface and notice some writing you've never seen. You lean in closer so you can read it better. The words say...

## Darts & Laurels

As usual, the first **dart** of this week is dedicated to our one and only **commander in chief, President Donald Trump**. Earlier this week, the Department of Homeland Security announced the Trump administration plans to end protection for natives of El Salvador.

Previously, those from El Salvador, as well as several other nations, have been able to live in the U.S. under Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, a program the U.S. started after their countries suffered humanitarian crises. The termination of TPS will force nearly 250,000 Salvadorans to either find another way to remain in the U.S. legally or find a different country to move to within the next 18 months.

This news comes after nearly 300,000 Central Americans and Haitians living in the U.S. were told they no longer had protection from deportation in early November 2017.

Luckily, however, according to the Associated Press, six senators say they've reached a bipartisan deal protecting young immigrants and bolstering border security. If this deal comes to fruition and is all it appears to be, it could be the laurel we have all been waiting for. Although we are still waiting for this story to develop, we can only hope the results are positive.

On a more local level, UF students this week were struck with a devastating reality when Student Senate Pro Tempore Janae Moodie resigned, claiming her party — Impact — and Student Government as a whole tokenize minority students. This **dart** is awarded to **organizations like SG and the people** who make it hard for minority voices to be heard. Even in 2018, we are struggling to achieve inclusivity and avoid bias based on race and gender. We can only hope Moodie's speech makes those few in power positions reconsider their tactics.

On a lighter note, an obvious **laurel** we may all be taking for granted right now is that **we are back in the Swamp**. Sure, this might mean we're back to stressful afternoons in Marston Science Library and an influx of forgotten responsibilities, but nonetheless, we are lucky to be here and lucky to have an opportunity to further our education at a top 10 public university.

At least for us, the past few weeks of vacation allowed us to retreat into a coma of relaxation but also into a stupor of seclusion. As we ease back into our social lives, we have once again been reminded of how great it is to live and learn with our best friends by our sides and to have so many wonderful opportunities at our disposal.

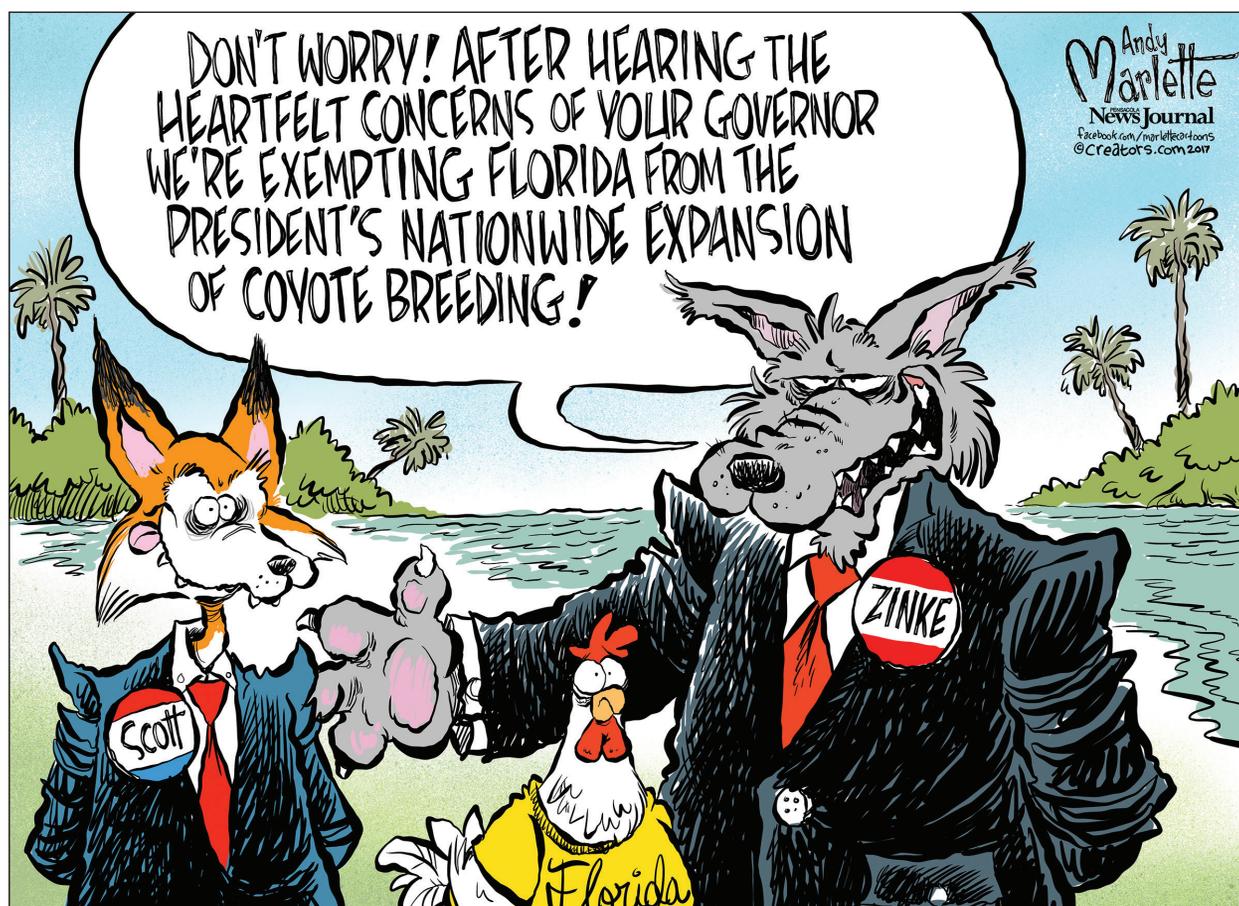
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### Column

## Having high-speed rail in America would be a dream, but right now it's simply not practical

**A**nbody who's ever traveled across Europe has likely experienced the marvels of a well-connected high-speed rail network. Within a few hours, passengers can traverse entire countries, all while being able to relax along the way. All major cities have proper and up-to-date infrastructure and stations, and the lines have been constructed in such a way that nearly any town or village either has its own stop or is a relatively short drive away from one.

The problem isn't that the U.S. lacks the funds to go through with such an audacious infrastructure plan; it's instead a matter of serious practicality and feasibility. The country of France is smaller than the state of Texas, and the entire western portion of Europe could fit comfortably within the continental U.S.

Europe still has some of the same geographical barriers as the U.S. (mountains, rivers, lakes) and has certainly overcome what they can, so I doubt the Rockies or Mojave Desert would cause a system-halting obstruction over here.

One could assume initially the discrepancies are a result of one resource Europe has in abundance over the U.S. — history. Despite Europe having been populated and developed for far longer than the U.S., the locomotive was still invented at a time in history in which both locations could accommodate it, and both Europe and America's first rails were not incredibly far apart. The steam locomotive ride in Europe occurred in 1804, while the first in America was only 23 years later, in 1827.

I understand 23 years is a relatively long time in modern history, but I also know laying down rail lines was not a very expedient process in the early 19th century, for either side of the Atlantic.

It's not like the U.S. was lazy in the 19th and 20th cen-



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tries or lackluster in its railway development. The U.S. still operates more than 140,000 miles of rail in the 21st century. Yet despite having the largest network of rails of any country on Earth, the U.S. still has hundreds of millions less travelers via rail than the European Union.

The EU might have 300 million more citizens than the U.S., but the data is quite convincing on the per capita level. A piece by the Economist states "per capita, the Japanese, the Swiss, the French, the Danes, the Russians,

the Austrians, the Ukrainians, the Belarusians, and the Belgians all accounted for more than 1,000 passenger-kilometers by rail in 2011; Americans accounted for 80."

The Economist article does a great job briefly explaining all of the main reasons for this discrepancy; however, I think some factors might be more important than others.

For one, the immense geographical size of the U.S. makes travel by rail unreasonable in both the dimensions of time and money. A three-hour train ride in Europe can take you across entire countries, while the same amount of time in America couldn't get you out of Texas. A train ride across the width of France (Brest to Strasbourg) takes less than seven hours, which is about the amount of time an Amtrak ride from Boston to Washington, D.C. would be. Cross-country journeys take days, and unless you are on vacation and have the time and interest to enjoy several days on a train, they are simply not reasonable.

Because train travel covers so much distance and is so lengthy in the U.S., it is, as an expected result, quite expensive. And when it may cost less time and money to fly between cities, why would anyone opt for rail?

*Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His column appears on Fridays.*

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

## Column

## Don't be afraid to make a resolution, even if you have failed in the past

**H**appy New Year, dear reader! Welcome back to Gainesville, to school and to your unbridled independence. Did you miss it? Judging by my extensive Twitter research, it would appear that a lot of you did. While I was conducting my all-important social media research, I also came across another common thread. Many people seem to have already crashed and burned in the pursuit of their New Year's resolutions. This trend is not unique to 2018 — nearly every year I have been a user of social media I have noticed this. People exit the year with big plans and lofty goals for self-improvement. We set goals to accomplish everything from going to the gym to eating healthy, from stopping bad habits to being more positive. And each year, we get upset when we are unable to meet these goals.

New Year's resolutions are unavoidable. Not everyone makes them, but enough people do that it is nearly impossible to make it through the transition between years without someone bringing them up. We ask each other if we have made any, and even if no one asked us, we can often find ourselves bringing them up as conversation or simply to make them more real. If everyone you know knows you resolve to go to the gym three times each week, you feel a lot worse if you stop going. Not only are you letting yourself down, but everyone else knows you are failing. I hate that this is true — that we habitually care more about other people's images of us than we do about our own — but we cannot deny that often it is the truth.

I have seen many people saying they are choosing not to make a resolution. When asked why, they say it is because they know



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they will be unable to keep it. They had never been successful with one before; why would this year be any different? Well, that is the whole point of resolutions: to be different, to make changes, to improve, and to become even just a little bit closer to the person we want to be. In order for this to happen, we have to be different. We have to be motivated

and convinced that this is truly what we want. If you decide along the way that you have done enough or that you really don't want to keep up with your resolution, that is fine. It's your choice; it's your life. However, you should not avoid making a resolution simply because you are afraid to fail. If we didn't do things simply because we were afraid to fail, we would never accomplish anything at all.

We cannot forget that Jan. 1, while signaling the start of a new year and a new calendar, is truthfully just another day. It is a great day to start living your life the way you want, but, then again, so is any day. Any day is a great day to pick a new goal, start a new hobby, stop a bad habit or generally start being who you want to be. However, don't let this knowledge or any fear or apprehension diminish your desire to improve yourself and your life. Make and chase a New Year's resolution, or make a resolution any day. Get that gym membership or go to that group fitness class. Make something healthy to eat. Call your mom more. Study more. Be nicer. Just as any day is a great day for this, so is Jan. 1. So is Jan. 12. Here's to 2018, Gators. Let's get it.

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## Column

## Don't pick just any summer internship

**S**ince kindergarten, we have been asked the question: What do you want to be when you grow up? Although each of our predictions may have changed over time, we will soon have that answer.

Let's be clear: As alluring as the life of a college student may be, the entire point of attending college is to get a job. We often become consumed by classes and clubs, only to soon forget those classes and clubs are what prepare us for the jobs we aim to get after graduation. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, recruiters ranked internships as the most important factor when hiring recent graduates. Internships provide a temporary window to the real world, but the importance of searching for a quality internship is sometimes overlooked.

Preparation for summer internships becomes a problem when people like to reside on extreme ends of the spectrum. One poor choice is to wait until the very end of this semester to begin to look for an internship. By that time, all the good internships will be taken, and the late arrivers will be forced to settle for leftovers. On the other end of the spectrum, some choose to find an internship by the middle of Fall semester, so they no longer have to worry about summer plans. The weight is lifted off their shoulders, but they may miss out on a better opportunity available later in the academic year. Whether from premature decisions or lack thereof, months of limitless possibilities can transform to a wasted summer. According to LinkedIn data, the first three months of the year have the highest activity for the hiring of summer interns. Now is the perfect time to begin searching.

I wanted to share this column because of my internship experience this past summer. I am an engineering student who took one of the first job offers received. From finger painting to mechanics of materials, it was time for years of schooling to contribute to

the real world.

Hopeful perceptions quickly vanished by the first day. "Conducting risk analysis on product performance" translated to calling customers about their satisfaction with the company's equipment. The first person I called was dead. I was expected to get references from past customers, but most customers hadn't been contacted since the 1970s. After a month had passed and I finished calling everyone on my list, my position was eliminated. No one at the company had any investment in teaching me; I was temporary labor to complete a task no one really wanted to do.

Blinded by the opportunity to have a job in my career field, I chose an internship before appropriately weighing my options. I hoped to finally establish a bridge between college courses and practical application. Instead, I only have advice on how to avoid a bad experience this summer. Search online for employee reviews on the company. Ask if the company has an established internship program or if this is the first time it's offered. Most importantly, apply to multiple positions, but only ones that actually seem interesting. Although it may seem any option is a good option, especially when seeking the first internship, avoid internships that perfect scanning skills and implement the optimization of coffee preparation.

No one can predict the future. One can prepare with full effort to find the ideal internship and still have a bad experience, but the chances of a bad experience only increase with a lack of effort and dedicated time. The knowledge from 14 years of education can be applied to pursue a passion that could have been approved by one's kindergarten self. Preparation for the real world has been a lifelong pursuit up until now; don't allow a three-month experience to dictate the future.

*The writer of this column would like to remain anonymous.*

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# Students unite to start Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations

**By Josephine Fuller**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

With rain drizzling down and colorful handmade signs in tow, students marched across campus, singing, “This Little Light of Mine.”

About 90 students gathered at the Reitz Union amphitheater Thursday evening for the Multicultural and Diversity Affairs’ annual Martin Luther King Jr. March. Diana Moreno, an assistant director of MCDA, said the group hopes to revive the celebration of King’s legacy. The Black Student Union, Hispanic Student Association and the Black Graduate Student Association also contributed to the planning of the event.

Prior to the march, students made their signs, writing out some of King’s famous quotes or writing about social issues that pertained to them.

Maite Torres, a first-year College of Education graduate student who helps oversee high school classes, carried a sign that read, “If you don’t fight for all womxn, you fight for no womxn.”

“I’m out here because a lot of my students talk to me about this, and I think it’s important to support those students in the role that I’m in,” she said.

As the march began, participants passed by students reenacting civil rights movements, including Colin Kaepernick kneeling and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals protests.

Dwayne Fletcher, the president of BSU, spoke at a gathering after the march about being active in times of discrimination and offered to help students get involved in activism.

“It’s not just about marching — make sure you do your part,” he said. “What are you going to be doing on Monday?”



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People march at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March and Kickoff outside Reitz Union on Thursday evening.

## MLK EVENTS

- Jan. 19 - Moment to Movement Workshop at 6 p.m. at Pugh Hall
- Jan. 20 - MLK Day of Service at 8 a.m. at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
- Jan. 23 - MLK Keynote — Quinta Brunson at 7 p.m. at Reitz Union Rion Ballroom
- Jan. 25 - Advocacy in Action Panel at 4:30 p.m. at Ustler Hall
- Jan. 27 - Campus Multi-Faith Progressive Dinner at 6 p.m. at UF Hillel



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Diana Moreno, the assistant director of UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, rallies peaceful protesters to march at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March and Kickoff.



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UF students gather to create signs for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March and Kickoff at Reitz Union on Thursday evening.



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Edward Zambrano, a 22-year-old UF political science senior, and Grace Burmester, a 30-year-old faculty member from the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, create signs for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March and Kickoff.

# ACPS announces school days will be extended next week

**STUDENTS LOST 600 MINUTES IN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME WHEN THE DISTRICT CLOSED FOR COLD WEATHER.**

**By Meryl Kornfield**  
Alligator Staff Writer

The school day just got longer for Alachua County Public School students — but only by seven minutes.

On Tuesday, the district announced the school-day extension will last from Jan. 17 to June 1, a day before school lets out, to make up for the 600 minutes missed last week.

The added time will make up for the two days of classes lost due to cold weather and possible black ice, according to a press release. The National Weather Service and local emergency management informed ACPS driving school buses in the conditions would be hazardous, said ACPS spokesperson Jackie Johnson.

“For safety’s sake, the decision was made to close schools,” Johnson wrote in an email.

The state mandates the time is made up, but the schools decide how to distribute the extra minutes, the release said.

During Hurricane Irma, the school system

anceled school for six days and the state required it make up four. ACPS scheduled school on three days that are built into the academic calendar in case school needs to be canceled — Dec. 18, Dec. 19 and April 2 — and Jan. 2, according to the press release.

Parents had mixed reactions to the daily extensions. After the district posted the extension to social media, Facebook commenters thought the extra time was insignificant in the school day, while others praised school district officials for not adding on days to the end of the year, June 4 and 5, which was considered.

Lisa Worthy said her daughter, a Gainesville High School tenth grader, Rachel, watched movies during the days added in December and would likely do the same during the added days in June. While Worthy said the one minute added to each class period won’t have a large impact on Rachel’s education, it is a better option than sending students to school after finals.

“I think this was a good decision on the part of the district as a solution to making up the missed instructional time,” Worthy said.

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Kevin Masaro (left), 23, co-founder of Always True Co., speaks with attendees of The #Unlitter Project. This event was hosted to repurpose Always True’s inventory and to bring the community together.

# County plans to boost economy with new park, bike trails

**By Jessica Giles**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua County is moving forward on constructing two projects intended to promote economic development: a park to recycle garbage into resources and a county-wide bike trail system.

Although the projects are diverse in nature, both are meant to stimulate economic growth, said Edgar Campa-Palafox, the county’s economic development coordinator. The Alachua County Resource Recovery Park will serve as a breeding ground for manufacturing companies and provide an an-

anticipated 200 new jobs, while the implementation of the Trail Towns Program is intended to grow ecotourism in the county.

The county is seeking a \$1.5 million grant from the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to help with the construction of a 37-acre Resource Recovery Park, which will be adjacent to the Alachua County Transfer Facility. The grant would cover 33 percent of the project’s costs, and the county would supply the remainder of the funding, Campa-Palafox said.

Regardless of whether grant money is secured, the county plans to break ground on the park by

the middle of this year. The park is planned for North Waldo Road, about two miles from Gainesville Regional Airport, and will be particularly helpful for east Gainesville’s economy, Campa-Palafox said.

The eco-industrial park will include sewers, roads, utilities and stormwater facilities necessary to attract manufacturing businesses that specialize in processing recyclable materials, he said.

“That way it’s going to help us not only train jobs in our community but also increase our recycling rate in Alachua County,” he said.

The county is also working to-

ward establishing a Trail Town Program — an extensive network of bike trails that will connect cyclists with businesses in the area.

“What we’re trying to do with the program is really capitalize on that growing tourism industry,” Campa-Palafox said.

Although the county hasn’t applied for any grants regarding the Trail Town Program, they have begun looking into various funding options, Campa-Palafox said.

Amanda Brown, a 27-year-old UF alumna, fell in love with cycling during her time at UF because of the trails Gainesville has to offer.

“I know that a lot of people visit

Gainesville just for (the Gainesville-Hawthorne) trail,” she said. “And continuing to expand upon that and connecting more of the city through bike trails — that’s huge for the economy.”

Brown said she believes investing in more bike trails is worthwhile for the city not only economically, but also for its environmental benefits.

“Cars aren’t sustainable,” she said. “The way in which we’re going we’ve got to look to alternative transportation methods.”

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# UF Supreme Court: It can review Senate rules, procedures

THE DECISION WAS 5-0.

By **Christina Morales**  
Alligator Staff Writer

At a Student Government Supreme Court hearing Wednesday night, the court reaffirmed their ability to oversee unconstitutional Student Senate rules.

Senator Michael Hoffman (Inspire, Hume) petitioned the UF Supreme Court on Oct. 30, arguing that Senate rules and procedures are not considered Student

Body law, and therefore can't be regulated by the judicial branch.

"I wouldn't want the Supreme Court to interpret the Senate's rules for it, just like the Senate can't interpret the Supreme Court's internal rules," Hoffman said.

In his speech, Hoffman said the Court would be violating the separation of powers doctrine if it had the power to interpret rules that affect the internal operations of the Senate.

But the Court disagreed and unanimously ruled 5-0 that they can interpret the Senate rules and procedures if it found

a part of it to be unconstitutional.

Hoffman said the court didn't rule against his position, but rather said they couldn't interpret Senate's rules and procedures unless they found something to be unconstitutional.

"I'm optimistic that the opinion will balance the need for the Supreme Court to prevent unconstitutional actions while allowing the legislature to operate independently," Hoffman said.

Chief Justice Meagan McCarthy said Hoffman was asking the court to explain if they had the power to rule on the Senate

rules and procedures.

"The Supreme Court needs to have the ability to check power," McCarthy said. "We are not saying the Senate can't make its own rules and procedures, but we're saying that in the case there is something unconstitutional or in the case that a student wants to bring a petition, that the Supreme Court has the jurisdiction to hear that."

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"Somewhere Along the Way" is downtown Gainesville's newest coffee shop and art gallery. The art collection features glassware, paintings, wood sculptures and handmade pottery.

## UF researchers toward new weight-loss

By **Katherine Jones**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF researchers are making strides toward reducing obesity by stimulating the brain.

The College of Medicine conducted research on the role of the central nervous system in relationship to metabolism that can trigger fat loss, said UF professor Philip Scarpace, who headed the research lab. Scientists at the UF Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics published a study Monday with information on potential methods to combat obesity in the future.

"This (study) is demonstrating that you can maintain body weight that has first been lost with a diet by just increasing metabolism," Scarpace said.

In the study, researchers treated one group of rats with a drug called Mela-

notan II, which caused the animals to suppress their appetite, and compared it to a control group, Scarpace said. Throughout the study, as the treated rats' appetite grew, they managed to maintain lesser weight than the untreated rats.

"The goal would be to develop a similar type of drug that does the same things, but which can be given orally and does not have any side effects," Scarpace said.

Isabelle Côté, a postdoctoral associate in the lab, said the research is limited because the translation between the administration of the drug to rats and that to humans isn't comparable, which is still under review.

"(We) found it interesting that the food intake was back to normal for the animals as they were before but they maintained their weight loss," she said.

## Free tuition for children of fallen servicemen, group says

By **Paige Fry**  
Alligator Staff Writer

If Spencer Baker died on duty as an active commander in the U.S. Navy, with five children and as the sole-income earner, his family would suffer deep emotional and financial hardships.

So when his eldest son, UF student Reilly Baker, realized his tuition wouldn't be compensated by the state if something happened to his father while serving, he was shocked.

But now, Florida's Constitution Revision Commission, a group that meets every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose

measures to be put on the 2018 ballot, is considering a proposal that would provide free tuition to families, like the Bakers, of fallen military members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency-medical technicians.

"I was a little bit taken back that it wasn't something already covered," Baker said. "I guess I already assumed that college being paid for was under (the GI Bill) umbrella."

Gov. Rick Scott supported the measure during his State of the State Address on Tuesday.

"These brave men and women died as heroes and it is important that the state does everything possible to take care of the families who

lost a loved one who was working to protect our communities," Scott said.

The proposal was filed in October by Commissioner Emery Gainey, who is director of the Law Enforcement Relations, Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs for the Office of the Attorney General, according to the commission's website. He also is a 25-year veteran of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Gainey said law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers' families tuition are already covered by Florida statutes in case of death while on duty. The goal of his proposal is to cover them and add EMTs, paramedics and Flor-

ida military members in Florida's constitution, which is more difficult to change.

The child of a fallen officer will be able to receive the benefits until his or her 25th birthday, Gainey said.

"If their father or mother was killed in the line of duty, the chances of them going to college has been reduced substantially," he said.

UF doesn't track students who come from military or first-responder families, UF spokesperson Margot Winick wrote in an email.

Gainesville Police spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias said parents put on the uniform for work every day, knowing they might not come home. He said even though law enforce-

ment officers are covered by Florida statutes, statutes are malleable by legislators. Adding the proposal to the state's constitution would be more concrete.

"It's just got to be a blessing in disguise to have that taken care of," he said.

The department's most recent loss of an officer while on duty was Lt. Corey Dahlem, who died April 4, 2007 in the hospital 19 hours after a drunk driver hit him while on foot patrol, according to Alligator archives. He was survived by his wife and two young-adult children.

"Thankfully, these truly tragic instances don't happen as much as they possibly could," Tobias said.

## GPD: Two Gainesville teens robbed, pawned cell phones

ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND  
FACES 16 CHARGES.

By **Paige Fry**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Two Gainesville teens who were accused of breaking into a smartphone repair store to steal thousands of dollars worth of phones and then selling them to another phone-repair store

have been identified by police.

Police arrested 19-year-old Brian Keith Johnson Jr. on Tuesday on 16 charges including grand theft, dealing in organized stolen property and fraud, according to a Gainesville Police arrest report.

A sworn complaint has been issued for the second suspect, 18-year-old Corey Motanise Larry.

Early Dec. 22, the two men broke into Orange Phone Care on Southwest 34th Street, the

report said. In addition to taking phones, they caused more than \$3,000 worth of damage.

Later that day, Johnson sold an iPhone 6 16GB to Re-Tech Repair Experts on Southwest Archer Road for \$50, the report said. He gave a photo ID and thumbprint to sell the phone.

The following day, Johnson and Larry went to the Oaks Mall's food court and used an ecoATM kiosk, an unmanned kiosk that allows customers to sell their used phones, police said. Johnson sold an iPhone 6 128GB for

\$95, and Larry sold an iPhone 7 128GB at a kiosk for \$205, according to the police report.

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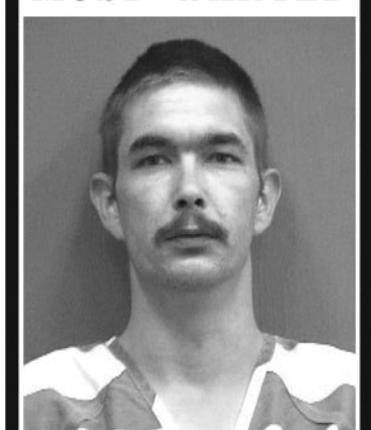
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by Linda Thistle

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UK 56, UF 53

## Florida's shooting woes continue in fourth consecutive SEC loss



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

By Justin Ahlum

Sports Writer

Trailing by two with less than seven seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the Gators inbounded the ball in front of their bench. After a cross-court pass from forward Haley Lorenzen found guard Funda Nakkasoglu open on the right side of the court, Nakkasoglu attempted an off-balance three-pointer.

Her shot bounced off the left side of the backboard and ended Florida's hopes of picking up its first SEC win of the season as UF came up short against Kentucky, 56-53, at the O'Connell Center on Thursday night.

When asked about the decision on the final play, coach Cameron Newbauer reaffirmed his support in Nakkasoglu, who's leading the team in scoring this season with 15.2 points per game.

"She makes tough shots. It's what she can do," Newbauer said. "So that's why we went to her."

The loss moves Florida to 0-4 in SEC play, despite the team holding a lead in the fourth quarter or overtime in three of the four contests.

"Obviously, it's frustrating," Newbauer said. "You don't wanna focus on the results, but tonight we felt like we had a chance. We've just got to keep getting better, keep fighting."

The Gators have failed to shoot over 40 percent from the field in every SEC matchup this season and continued their struggles against Kentucky on Thursday.

In the first quarter alone, UF made only 4-of-17 shots, scoring 10 points in the process. At half-time, Florida was shooting 23.3 percent on 30 attempts from the floor.

"It's coming out ready to play from the start," senior Haley Lorenzen said. "We've gotta fight

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Florida guard Funda Nakkasoglu missed a potential game-winning shot in UF's three-point loss to Kentucky on Thursday. "She makes tough shots. It's what she can do," coach Cameron Newbauer said. "So that's why we went to her."

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Koulechov finding his rhythm at start of conference play

By Jake Dreilinger  
Sports Writer

Florida guard Egor Koulechov received a pass at the top of the arc five minutes into the game and drained a three-point shot to tie the score at seven apiece. In the early stages of UF's 71-54 win against Mississippi State on Wednesday, Koulechov scored the Gators' first 13 points of the contest.

He finished with a game-high 23 points, 17 of which came in the first half.

"It's nice to see him playing with confidence," Florida coach Mike White said.

At times this season, confidence seemed to elude the graduate transfer. Against

Gonzaga on Nov. 24, Koulechov shot a seasonlow 11.1 percent from the field. His next six games were full of inconsistency, scoring eight points or less in three of the contests while also recording a 21-point performance against Cincinnati.

White told reporters on Dec. 31 that Koulechov was dealing with plantar fasciitis, providing a possible explanation for his struggles.

But in Florida's last four games, the native of Volgograd, Russia, has reemerged as a scoring threat. He's leading the Gators in points per game (19.8) during SEC play and is shooting 65 percent from the three-point line.

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### GYMNASTICS

## UF faces LSU tonight at home

By Alana Gomez  
Sports Writer

It's been seven years since the Florida gymnastics team overcame No. 1 LSU in a regular-season meet. But after opening the 2018 season with a win over West Virginia on Jan. 5, a night that saw junior Alicia Boren register the highest all-around score ever to open a season in program history, No. 7 UF is hoping to end that streak.

The Gators will open SEC play against the Tigers tonight at 6:45 p.m. at the O'Connell Center.

LSU enters Gainesville with six All-Americans and the No. 5 ranked freshman class in the nation. It began regular-season action on Jan. 5 at home against then-No.19 Ar-

kansas, with a 197.150-195.350 win. Florida faced the Tigers twice last year, falling to its conference rival by 1.55 points in the regular season and by 0.15 points in the SEC Championships.

For the Gators' four freshmen, tonight's meet will be their first time competing at the O'Connell Center. Ranked as the No. 1 recruiting class in the country, the group started off strong against West Virginia, with at least one freshman posting a top-five score in each of the four events.

"I'm excited for the team as well as the freshmen," Boren said. "It's such a big competition being that its against LSU."

Florida's first-year gymnasts are led by Jazmyn Foberg, who earned third place in

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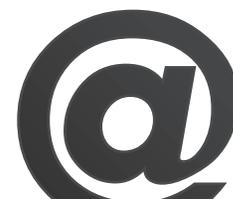
**Josie Kuhlman** and the Florida women's tennis team begin their spring season today at the UNLV Invite, pg. 15

### Mullen finalizes coaching staff

Florida football coach **Dan Mullen** completed his coaching staff on Thursday after hiring Ron English as his safeties coach. Mullen also announced the position assignments for his 10 assistants. Billy Gonzales and John Hevesy will serve as co-offensive coordinators, while Todd Grantham will be defensive coordinator.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## UF opens season today at City of Sunrise Pro Tennis Classic



Alligator File Photo

Gators men's tennis coach Bryan Shelton and eight of his players kick off the spring season today in Sunrise, Florida.

By Benjamin Brandt  
Sports Writer

Eight members of the Florida men's tennis team will compete in the qualifying rounds of the City of Sunrise Pro Tennis Classic this weekend in Sunrise, Florida. The tournament marks the start of UF's spring season after earning a pre-season ranking of No. 9 in the nation.

Of those competing, sophomore Johannes Ingildsen and freshman Duarte Vale both hold national singles rankings in the ITA preseason poll at No. 7 and No. 39, respectively. Junior Alfredo Perez holds the No. 8 ranking but will not participate this weekend.

One hundred twenty-one players from around the world will join the Gators and fight for 14 remaining spots in the tournament's main draw, which is set to begin on Tuesday. Last season, the team played in a similar event in Plantation, Florida, where both Ingildsen and Perez advanced to the main draw but lost

in the opening round.

Florida held off-campus practices this week to prepare for the clay courts at the Sunrise Tennis Club, where the tournament is being held.

Dual-match play will begin for the Gators on Jan. 22 when they host unranked UCF at the Ring Tennis Complex. The Knights are one of six non-conference opponents UF will face before SEC play opens in March. Of those six teams, three hold top-25 rankings: No. 2 Ohio State, No. 17 Michigan and No. 21 Florida State.

UF finished 19-10 in dual matches last season and advanced to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament, where eventual national champion Virginia swept Florida 4-0.

When they returned to action in the fall, the Gators had an encouraging two months of play. Ingildsen won his draw at the Gator Ranked +1 Tournament and competed in the Oracle ITA National Fall Championship in November, where he

went 2-2. At the same tournament, teammate and All-American Perez went 3-1. The two played together as a doubles pair and won the ITA All-American Championship, earning themselves the No. 1 doubles ranking in the nation.

In his first tournament as a Gator, Vale won the singles and doubles title at the Gator Ranked +1 Tournament. Vale is currently ranked No. 39 in singles.

Freshman Andy Andrade also won his first collegiate tournament with his undefeated performance at the Ivy-Plus Invitational in September.

In the coming months, coach Bryan Shelton's roster of young stars and experienced leaders will fight for the program's first national championship. Last fall, Shelton outlined the Gators' competitive perspective.

"We have to continue to approach every single day the same way as if there is no tomorrow," he said.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Gators moving on from NCAA title, begin 2018 at UNLV Invite



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Florida women's tennis player Josie Kuhlman earned All-SEC First Team honors last season on the way to UF winning its seventh national championship in program history.

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The Florida women's tennis team ended 2017 as NCAA champions and the No. 1 ranked team in the country. But in 2018, nothing is guaranteed.

UF lost several of its top players this off-season, including seniors Belinda Woolcock and Kourtney Keegan, as well as freshman Ingrid Neel. Neel, who won the clinching singles match in Florida's 4-1 national championship victory over Stanford on May 23, decided to forgo the rest of her collegiate career and turn pro.

Despite the departures of key contributors, the team has high hopes for freshmen Victoria Emma and Katie Kubicz. Emma's resume includes competing in the U.S. Open Junior Championships in 2015 and 2016 and winning the Florida Player of the Year award in 2015, while Kubicz was ranked seventh in the 18-and-under division in Poland and placed second in the doubles portion of the Polish Winter Championships in 2016.

Meanwhile, Florida's returning cast of

players — all of whom are seniors — are aiming to bring the Gators back to the NCAA title match for the second year in a row. Josie Kuhlman, an All-American in 2015, is looking to improve on last year's performance after earning a nod to the All-SEC First Team.

Brooke Austin returns to the fold after a 2017 campaign that didn't live up to expectations. Austin earned SEC Player of the Year and was the NCAA doubles national champion with Keegan as a sophomore, but ended last spring excluded from the ITA top 125 singles rankings.

The No. 3 Gators will kick off the spring season at the Freeman Memorial Women's Tennis Championships beginning today at the Fertitta Tennis Complex on UNLV's campus.

The three-day event will feature three other top-10 teams in No. 1 Stanford, No. 5 North Carolina and No. 6 Pepperdine. The tournament is set to begin this morning at 10.

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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Florida hoping to build off early-season success in Nashville

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The Florida men's and women's track and field teams will compete at the Commodore Invitational in Nashville, Tennessee, today and Saturday for UF's second meet of the 2018 indoor season.

The men's team, ranked No. 1, and the

women's team, ranked No. 6, combined for five first-place finishes Saturday at the Orange and Purple Classic in Clemson, South Carolina.

The men's team is led by senior KeAndre Bates and sophomore Grant Holloway, both of whom were named to the Bowerman Preseason Watch List on Tuesday.

Both were semifinalists for the Bowerman award last season, which is given to

the top student-athlete in collegiate track and field.

Freshman Benjamin Lobo Vedel, coming off a first-place finish in the 300-meter in his Gators debut Saturday, was named the USTFCCA Division I Men's National Athlete of the Week on Tuesday.

The Denmark native's 300-meter time of 32.80 seconds tied the fourth-best mark in collegiate history and broke the Danish

record of 33.07 seconds run by Nick Ekelund-Alexander in 2013.

The women's team features senior Lloydcia Cameron, an SEC champion in the shot put, who took first place in the event in the Orange and Purple Classic.

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Florida guard Egor Koulechov has bounced back from his early-season shooting struggles, connecting on 65 percent of his three-point attempts over UF's previous four games.

## Gators face Rebels on Saturday

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His play is one of the main reasons UF (12-4, 4-0 SEC) is on a six-game winning streak and is undefeated so far in conference play.

Koulechov's 65-percent shooting from beyond the arc during SEC action is a vast improvement from the 19-percent mark he averaged in eight games between Nov. 24 and Dec. 22.

Although Koulechov is providing the spark Florida's offense has been looking for, he's still prioritizing the team over himself.

Following Wednesday's win, he drew attention away from his performance and instead focused on UF's shooting as a whole.

"We're really confident right now, but we don't let it get to our heads," he said.

The grad transfer's confidence in himself and his teammates will be needed when UF faces Ole Miss (9-7, 2-2 SEC) in Oxford on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Rebels are a middle-of-the-pack team in almost every statistical category, but have a higher average in rebounds per game (37.9), blocks per game (5.4) and assists per game (15.8) than Florida thanks to guard Terence Davis and forward Marcanvis Hymon.

Both Davis and Hymon lead the team with 5.9 and 5.8 rebounds per game, respectively. Hymon also leads Ole Miss with 20 blocks, while Davis and forward Justas Furmanavicius have 16 each.

On offense, the Rebels are led by guard Deandre Burnett, who's averaging 14.4 points and 4.7 assists per game.

Like Florida, Ole Miss relies heavily on its backcourt, with five guards averaging at least 8.8 points per game, something White knows the Gators will need to look out for on Saturday.

"We've got to be very aware of who does what from what spot on the floor," White said. "I think they're a lot more dangerous than their record indicates."

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## Boren, McMurtry leading team

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the floor routine against West Virginia with a score of 9.825. Foberg was named SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week on Tuesday following the solid performance.

"I think my favorite part is just the team altogether," Foberg said in a release after the WVU meet. "Having fun, dancing, singing (and) just cheering each other on."

In addition to standout showings from the team's freshmen, the meet against West Virginia was also led by Boren, who placed first in floor and beam, and

senior Alex McMurtry, who placed first in bars and vault. McMurtry shined in the Gators' first matchup against LSU in 2017, posting a perfect 10.0 on vault. The team will look to Boren and McMurtry to continue to shine when Florida makes its home debut tonight.

"I'm so excited definitely to get back in front of our home crowd," Boren said. "They bring a lot of energy."

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## Hersler tied career high with 19 points

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how we fight in the second half. And not just when we're down, but when we're up, when we're even, we've gotta fight all the time."

A 15-6 run to start the second half — led by the Gators knocking down 5-of-6 shots from beyond the arc in a four-minute span — helped Florida jump out to a seven-point lead.

But two three-pointers from Kentucky's Amanda Paschal in the fourth quarter helped mount a Wildcats comeback, and another perimeter jumper from Taylor Murray with 54 seconds left in the game helped UK increase its lead to five.

For Florida, Lorenzen finished with nine

points and 10 rebounds, nearly grabbing her ninth double-double of the season, and graduate transfer Paulina Hersler tied a career high with 19 points while also grabbing eight rebounds.

Over the next two days, Florida will be back on the practice court in preparation for a visit from LSU on Sunday.

"Going into practice (Friday), it has to be a positive mindset of 'we are getting better,'" Lorenzen said. "Even though we keep losing, we're just that much closer."

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