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## Gainesville celebrates Women's March anniversary

*About 450 protesters participated*

**By Amanda Rosa**  
Alligator Staff Writer

A year after women marched in Washington, D.C., following President Donald Trump's inauguration, protesters slipped their pink-knitted hats back on, picked up handwritten signs and marched down West University Avenue on Sunday afternoon.

About 450 people met on Bo Diddley Community Plaza, which was covered in chalk-written messages, including "Destroy the hetero-patriarchy" and "#IM-PEACH." Genevieve Curtis, the event organizer, told the crowd they were "fighting the good fight."

Twelve speakers, including education advocate Chanae Baker and domestic violence survivor Alexandria Davis, shared inspirational messages and talked about women's issues, such as voter involvement and gender equality.

Then, the crowd marched down West University Avenue to Southwest 13th Street and back.

As the marchers paraded on sidewalks, restaurant employees stood outside clapping and drivers honked. One motorcyclist loudly revved her engine to show support.

Organizations tabled on the plaza, including Be the Kind, a local volunteer group accepting donations of menstrual products and undergarments for homeless women.

"There are often women who choose between buying food or buying hygiene products," said Lisa Merlo Greene, the group's founder. "To us, having to choose between your dignity and eating just seemed like such a horrific choice to make."

Molly Ayers, a 16-year-old dual-enrolled Santa Fe College student, sat on the grass with her family and listened to the speakers. She attended last year's March for Science and Women's March in Tallahassee with her mother and enjoys being politically active.

"I like to do these marches because I like to make a difference," she said. "Someday I'll tell my grandkids, 'I was at the women's marches, and I made a change.'"

Ayers hopes to one day become a marine biologist and work for a sea turtle conservation. In the meantime, her concerns range from North Korean missiles to depleting environmental protections under the Trump administration,

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Women's rights supporters march along the sidewalks of West University Avenue chanting and holding signs during Gainesville's "Celebration of Women". The event commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Women's March.

## UF students organize for free tampons, pads initiative

**By Amanda Rosa**  
Alligator Staff Writer

After a Student Government committee rejected a proposal to provide free menstrual products to students, some took to Facebook to organize protests and temporary alternatives to the proposal.

Nikita Bozicevic, a 20-year-old UF linguistics sophomore, posted on a Facebook page for UF students Wednesday and suggested students create a "take what you need, leave what you can" system for menstrual products in campus bathrooms.

"I figured we can come up with some way to help people, because that's the goal," she said.

The SG Budget and Appropriations Committee unanimously voted against a code revision to use students' activity and service fees to pay for pads and tampons Jan. 15 after about 20 minutes of deliberation, according to Alligator archives.

Bozicevic said she read about the decision on Facebook and decided to take action. She said she was skeptical about how popular her idea would be. She put her phone down for an hour after she made the post and came back to find likes and comments. She created a Facebook group "Accessible Menstrual Products at UF," which has 137 members, as of press time.

Sophia Ahmed, a 20-year-old UF mate-

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## Birds dying after crashing into UF buildings, windows

SO FAR, 117 BIRDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AROUND CAMPUS.

**By Christina Morales**  
Alligator Staff Writer

As Ana Castro sat in her accounting class in Gerson Hall on Thursday, she heard the consecutive thumps of birds flying into the glass doors outside her classroom.

"Sometimes, two or three times in a row you just heard thumps, and you'd see the birds falling or just flying away," the 20-year-old UF accounting sophomore said.

Throughout the duration of her class,

she heard 20 thumps and found 10 dead birds on the ground after class.

Castro said there was nervous laughter and jokes like "accounting kills," echoing in the classroom. Eventually, the class moved on.

"A lot of us didn't know how to react," she said. "It was really hard to concentrate in class, and I really thought it was something so sad to see."

University spokesperson Janine Sikes said UF Environmental Health and Safety picked up seven dead birds Thursday and is looking into the issue.

The Bird Collision Project, a group on campus to account for birds flying into UF

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## Local Events / News in Brief

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Spring SG Elections

Spring Student Government elections are almost here. To learn more about qualifying or running for office, attend the informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Reitz Union Chamber. Qualifying and slating for candidates will be on the second level of the Reitz Union on the following days/times: from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 29 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 30. Spring SG elections will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and Feb. 21 at locations across campus. For more information, visit [sg.ufl.edu/elections](http://sg.ufl.edu/elections).

## UF Study Abroad Fair

The UF International Center will host the Spring Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday on the 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. Most financial aid can be used for study abroad programs. In turn, the programs can be used to fulfill Summer residency requirements. For more information, stop by the Hub, located at 1765 Stadium Road, in Suite 170 or visit online at [abroad.ufc.ufl.edu](http://abroad.ufc.ufl.edu).

**Latinx Studies Lecture Series**  
**Talk: The Great Recession & Precarious Wealth Among Middle-Class Mexican-Origin Entrepreneurs**

Dr. Zulema Valdez, an associate professor of sociology at the University of California, Merced, will visit UF on Thursday. She will speak in Grinter Hall, Room 376 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. In addition to her academic pursuits, she participates in several organizations and activities aimed at advancing social justice, diversity and inclusion efforts in higher education and the sustainable food environment and volunteers with the Insight Garden Program at Chowchilla Women's Prison in California's Central Valley.

**Let's Talk: Meaningful Dialogue in Difficult Times**

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere is hosting Libby Roderick, the associate director at the University of Alaska and associate editor of *Difficult Dialogues* National Resource Center, for a public lecture regarding difficult dialogues in the humanities at 2 p.m. Feb. 3. This lecture, which is free and open to the public, will offer several strategies for effectively and respectfully engaging with fellow citizens on the most important topics of our times. For more information on the event visit: [intersections.humanities.ufl.edu/index.php/upcoming\\_events/libby-roderick/](http://intersections.humanities.ufl.edu/index.php/upcoming_events/libby-roderick/).

**Words on Canvas: Harn Museum Writing Competition**

A picture is worth a thousand words. You can no write yourself into the art museum. Words on Canvas is a poetry and prose writing competition at the Harn Museum of Art, located at 3259 Hull Road, for UF and Santa Fe College students inspired by art.



Have an event planned? Add it to the **alligator's** online calendar: [alligator.org/calendar](http://alligator.org/calendar)

The selection of artwork features a variety of media, which come from the Asian, African, Contemporary, Photography and Modern collections. Winning contestants will be awarded prizes. See guidelines at [harn.ufl.edu/wordsoncanvas](http://harn.ufl.edu/wordsoncanvas). The deadline is Feb. 25.

**Florida Museum of Natural History to host 5K race Feb. 10**

Registration is now open for the Watch Your Step! 5K race on from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Early registration ends Tuesday, and it's cost is \$25, or \$20 for UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card. Late or race-day registration is \$30, or \$25 for UF students with a valid Gator 1 card. For more information, visit [www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/watch-your-step-5k](http://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/watch-your-step-5k) or call 352-273-2055.

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# BBQ Fundraiser



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Left to right: Gainesville locals Jeff Boissoneault, 32; Molly Barlow, 25; Hayden Anderson, 25, and Catherine Boissoneault, 30, taste some of the various foods offered at the Winter BBQ event held at the Depot Park event space on Saturday afternoon. A portion of the proceeds from the barbecue, which was hosted by local restaurant The Top, will benefit Grace Marketplace, a nonprofit homeless assistance shelter in Gainesville.



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Left to right: Gainesville residents Cody Wilson, 28, and Wil Fady, 27, hang out at the Winter BBQ event sponsored by The Top restaurant at the Depot Park event space, located at 200 SE Depot Park Ave. on Saturday afternoon. The two men are using the Kendama, which is a Japanese toy.



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# Cookiegasm hosts grand-opening for downtown location

## *It's used to be in Omi's Tavern*

**By Catie Wegman**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Cookiegasm started as two UF students in 2015 making cookies in their apartment for some extra cash.

Aaron Seemann, who was 21, and his friend Daniel Leal, who was 19, made cookies for their friends and neighbors, Seemann said. However, the Cookiegasm name spread quickly.

On Saturday into early Sunday, more than 600 people came to the company's grand opening for their brick and mortar store, located at 12 SW 2nd St., in downtown Gainesville.

"We have plans to go to a national level," Seemann said.

In January 2016, Seemann said Cookiegasm worked out of Omi's Tavern, located at 101 SE 2nd Place, for about a year and

a half. In August, they had a soft opening for their own store.

But now they're ready to tackle this next step, so they hosted the grand opening to let people know that they can come in, sit down and enjoy a cookie.

Kayli Bryant, a UF marine science and Spanish freshman, who orders Cookiegasm every two weeks, waited in line for about 25 minutes to satisfy her sweet tooth with one of their delicious cookies.

"It's so good, and the cookies are unique," the 18-year-old said.

Seemann said he never thought Cookiegasm would become this big.

Although there is competition in the area, Seemann said he believes Cookiegasm will continue to do well due to their student-oriented mindset and location.

"I think that's what differentiates us from Midnight Cookies, is that we sell more than cookies — we sell Cookiegasm," Seemann said.

### The Alligator staff's top favorites

- **Slutty chocolate chip**
- **White chocolate macadamia**
- **S'mores**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Cookies and cream**
- **PB&J**



Courtesy to The Alligator

Daniel Leal, 22, founder of cookie-delivery company Cookiegasm, poses with a batch of his cookies in October 2016.

# More than 500 students participate in 36-hour hackathon

**THE HACKATHON ATTRACTED MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS.**

**By Jessica Giles**  
Alligator Staff Writer

To the tapping of keyboards, Sneha Patel fell asleep under a table in the basement of Marston Science Library Friday night.

The UF computer science freshman wasn't cramming for a big exam or racing to finish an essay. She was one of more than 500 students who participated in a 36-hour hackathon.

"I realized that I could not sleep for so many hours," the 17-year-

old said. "I didn't believe that."

The fourth annual SwampHacks attracted 532 students from schools around the Southeast to develop programs from scratch, attend workshops and meet new people, said co-organizer Chandler Griffin, a 20-year-old UF computer science junior. This year's hackathon also included Swamp Tank, an opportunity for professionals in the computer science field to mentor participants.

Students could work to win prizes and internships from SwampHacks' sponsors including Facebook, Microsoft and Real-Truck, or just explore their interest in computer science.

"Each year we're just trying

to create more of an environment for not only computer science students but also non-computer science students and engage them in this type of world that's just constantly growing," he said.

Edwin Carvajal, a 20-year-old UF computer engineering junior, made a mad dash for a spacious table with plenty of outlets when the hackathon began Friday, he said.

He worked until 4 a.m. Saturday developing a program that stores data in a decentralized way, which would make it more difficult for personal information to be stolen, he said. The weekend of uninterrupted coding gave people the opportunity to create some-

thing groundbreaking, Carvajal said.

"This really creates, like, a hub for spontaneous growth and creativity," he said.

Jeremiah Lantzer, a software engineering junior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, and his three teammates walked away as first-place winners for their program Wi-Fido, an app that can recognize security breaches in home internet services.

If the app finds a certain device transferring significant amounts of data outside of the home, it shuts down its connection and gives users the option to block the device, he said.

"It's really a way for the user to take control of their own cyber security rather than letting somebody else do it for them," the 20-year-old said.

The team won Amazon Echo Show smart speakers and Xbox One game consoles for developing the program, but developing something that could help others was the most rewarding part of the experience, he said.

"Every now and then you build a hackathon project that just feels really good," he said. "Something like this, if it were ever to be released, could really help a lot of people."

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## *Some buildings have been more problematic than others*

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buildings, has counted 117 bird deaths caused by collision since 2016, Mark Hostetler, a professor in UF wildlife ecology and conservation said. During winter, when birds are migrating to South America and fly through Florida, it's problematic, he said.

He said people are seeing the birds, called cedar waxwings, crash into buildings on the west side of campus.

"Cedar waxwings are everywhere, and they go in flocks," he said. "Sometimes they just can't recognize what they're seeing."

Hostetler said the project has determined what buildings are most problematic for birds on campus, including Newins-Ziegler Hall, Broward Dining Hall, Jennings Hall and the Harrell Medical Education Building.

"When they're flying about foraging, sometimes they can't discern the highly reflective

windows, the sun's just right — they think they can fly through them," he said.

To try to solve this problem, Hostetler said he and his team hung cords from the top of the window to the bottom every four inches apart, which is less than the average wingspan of the birds. He said this treatment helps break up the image the birds see reflecting on windows.

Hostetler said the treatment, which is currently on the third floor of Newins-Ziegler Hall, is effective. Since its installation at the beginning of Summer, there has been zero strikes.

"Imagine when they see a tree in the sky with no bars through it, they think they can fly into it," he said. "But when you see those black lines on it, they think there's something there and they can't fly through it."

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## *A protest is planned this week*

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rials science and engineering sophomore, joined the campaign's Facebook group and organized her own "bleed-in" protest, called "Are you seeing red?"

Participants plan on meeting on Turlington Plaza and painting washable fake blood on the back of their pants Tuesday at 9 a.m., Ahmed said.

While the group's plans are still in the beginning phases, Ahmed said she wishes SG could have done more.

"It pisses me off," she said. "We advertise all the time that we're a top-10 public institution, and a lot of other public institutions give out free menstrual products. Why can't we be similar like them?"

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### What Facebook users have to say about the issue:

**Jennifer Smith Pitman:** "Really? There is a CVS and a Target just across from campus. How about you buy something ahead of time and carry it with you?"

**Megan Morey:** "Let me just say they do provide free condoms. Sex you can say no to. They do not provide free menstrual products. Periods I can't say no to. It happens whether i want it to or not, just saying."

**Joanie Trapp:** "Personally I think it's lame that they use the "It only benefits 50% of the UF population," as a "con" argument. How about, wow...if the number is roughly 50%, that is a lot of students using that benefit, probably a higher percentage than use bike racks, or maybe just as many who use urinals. Imagine!"

# Newnans Lake park reopens after Hurricane Irma damage

**THE PARK WAS CLOSED FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.**

**By Jessica Giles**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Earl P. Powers Park on Newnans Lake reopened Friday after four months of repair from damage caused during Hurricane Irma.

The park, located at 5910 SE Hawthorne Road, experienced severe flooding, damaging the boat ramp and fishing pier. Fallen trees and debris blocked canal access to the lake, said county spokesperson Mark Sexton. The boat ramp was rebuilt, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission cleared out vegetation from the canal. The parking lot and restrooms reopened Friday, but the playground, picnic area and fishing pier will remain closed for further repairs, he said.

"It was quite a complicated process and big job to make sure that access to the lake was safe," he said.

Sexton said the county hopes the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay for the repairs, a sum they do not yet know.

Gainesville resident Tony Ivey sat on the sparkling metal boat ramp and lobbed his fishing line into the murky waters of the canal Saturday morning. The park has been the 59-year-old's favorite fishing spot since he was 5 years old.

"It means a lot," he said. "(Being) around the water is really relaxing."

Ivey said flooding left most of the park underwater. Even the picnic tables were floating, he said.

Despite the damage, Ivey said he was grateful to have his fishing spot back.

"I really missed it the months that it's been down," he said. "I really missed it."

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Pictured is Earl P. Powers Park on Newnans Lake, which reopened Friday after Alachua County officials spent about four months repairing damage caused during Hurricane Irma.

## CRIME ROUNDUP

**By Robert Lewis**  
Alligator Staff Writer

### GPD: Man stops police chase to tell police to turn off lights and sirens

**POLICE SAID THE MAN HAS NEVER HAD A FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

A Gainesville man, who was being followed by police, stopped his car and yelled at the officer he was almost home — then kept going, Gainesville Police said.



Curtis

Jordan Lee Curtis, 19, was speeding in a dark-colored Honda at about 1 a.m. Friday through Northwood Pines when a police officer turned on emergency lights and tried to pull Curtis over, according to the report.

Curtis continued to drive west on Northwest 53rd Avenue, ignoring the lights and sirens behind him, police

said.

Curtis stopped only long enough to open his car door, lean out and yell at the officer to turn off his lights and sirens because he was almost home, according to the report. Curtis closed the door and continued to drive for nearly a mile from where the officer started following him to his home, police said.

The officer handcuffed Curtis and searched his car, finding less than two grams of marijuana in two plastic bags, according to the report.

Curtis said he didn't stop because he didn't have a driver's license. The officer found Curtis has never had a Florida driver's license, according to the report.

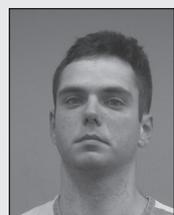
He was charged with having no valid driver's license, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and attempting to elude an officer. He was taken to the Alachua County Jail where he was released Friday morning on his own recognizance.

He could not be reached for comment.

### Former UF student drove into traffic, had drugs in car, police said

**HE TOLD POLICE THERE WAS POSSIBLY A CRACK COCAINE PIPE IN THE CAR, POLICE SAID.**

A former UF student was pulled over Friday afternoon with marijuana, cocaine, Xanax and paraphernalia in the car, Alachua police said.



Evron

Matthew Scott Evron, 22, stopped traffic at the intersection of Northwest 140th Street and Northwest 143rd Place when he turned right onto Northwest 143rd Place and drove over the sidewalk, nearly into a light pole and into oncoming eastbound traffic, according to an arrest report. A police officer saw Evron turn and pulled him over.

Evron told police he was driving from Gainesville to Gainesville, according to the report. Police said his eyes were glazed. He admitted there was possibly a crack cocaine pipe in the car, police said.

Police found a marijuana grinder with residue in it, 20 Xanax bars, two pieces of cocaine and a crack pipe with cocaine residue in the car and 15 Xanax bars on the person, according to the report.

Evron told police he smoked marijuana and took two Xanax pills earlier, APD said.

Police gave Evron a field sobriety test and took a sample of his urine.

He was charged with driving under the influence, possession of drugs equipment, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine and possession of Alprazolam. He was taken to the Alachua County Jail and released after paying a \$34,000 bond.

Evron received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry in Fall 2017, John Hines, a university spokesperson, wrote in an email.

Evron could not be reached for comment.

### Gainesville man arrested for hiding stolen pork chops in his pants, police said

**THE PAIR HID SIX PACKAGES OF PORK CHOPS, WORTH \$42.31, POLICE SAID.**

A Gainesville man walked out of Walmart on Thursday night with three packages of pork chops in his pants, Gainesville Police said.



Roberts

Kevin David Roberts, 56, and a woman he was with each took three packages of pork chops from the meat department of Walmart, located at 1800 NE 12th Ave., at about 6 p.m., according to an arrest report. The woman hid the pork chops in her purse, and Roberts hid them in his pants, police said.

The pair walked to the exit with the concealed pork chops, worth \$42.31, but were stopped by a Walmart security officer, according to the report. The woman threw the packages on the ground, and both left in a blue Ford Focus, which police pulled over a mile away, according to the report.

Police patted Roberts down and felt a bulge in his pants. An officer asked Roberts what was in his pants, and he said, "meat," according to the report.

Roberts tried to run from officers but was caught a short distance away and arrested.

Roberts declined to say anything else to police, but the woman admitted to taking the pork chops and then leaving them at the store, police said.

Roberts, who has two prior theft convictions, including a felony, was charged with petty theft and taken to the Alachua County Jail where he remains, as of press time, in lieu of a \$10,000 bond. The woman was not charged.

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## Editorial

## Doctors shouldn't deny treatment based on religion

**N**ews headlines last week were dominated by the government shutdown and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program deals. These big ticket items, as important as they are, have taken away focus from another just as infuriating issue in President Donald Trump's administration.

According to Reuters, the U.S. government wants to increase the protection of the "conscious and religious freedom" of health care workers whose beliefs may inhibit them from carrying out specific procedures.

In a press release Friday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced its Office of Civil Rights (OCR) proposed a new rule to enforce 25 existing statutory conscience protections for Americans involved in HHS-funded programs, which protects people from being coerced into participating in activities that violate their conscience. This often includes performing procedures such as abortion, sterilization or assisted suicide.

This announcement followed one released the day before, stating the OCR will add a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its office. The purpose of the division is to implement proposed regulation of freedoms within HHS-funded programs and to enforce statutes that protect individuals and organizations from being compelled to participate in procedures when it would violate their religious beliefs or moral convictions.

This new division of the OCR will reverse former President Barack Obama-era health care rules that disallowed health care workers from denying treatment.

While we certainly support religious freedom and encourage workers to stand up against things they feel are morally wrong, we can't say we agree with the revamp of these rules or the installment of this new office.

When a person chooses a profession, they do so with a full understanding of their duties. They do so knowing they may not always agree with the needs of their clients and not everyone shares their beliefs. This is true of every profession — not just health care. We believe if a health care provider is not willing to perform all of their responsibilities, they should choose another field or another health specialty.

When health care providers refuse care requested by a patient, they not only put their patient at a disadvantage, but they put them in potential danger. The moral justifications of this are something we cannot fathom.

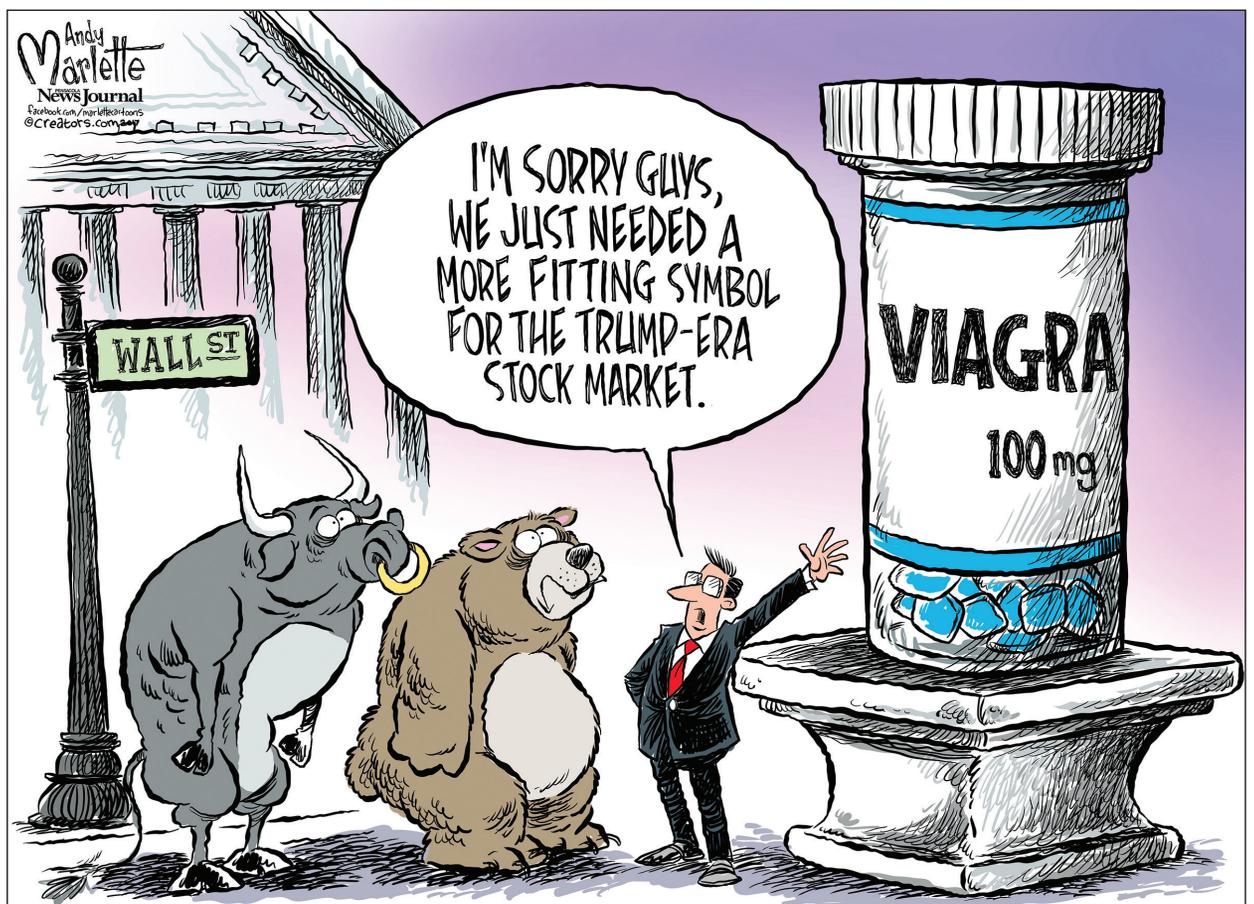
Moreover, the new rules have the potential to lead to a rise in discrimination based on things like gender, race or sexual orientation. For example, according to The Washington Post, in 2015 a Michigan pediatrician refused to treat a baby solely based on the fact its parents were lesbians. In areas where health care providers are scarce, the results of these new rules could prove detrimental. Should the local pediatrician, OB-GYN or primary care doctor deem someone morally wrong to treat, clients could be forced to travel far distances for health care or find themselves with none at all.

We believe if you are a health care worker and you deem it morally acceptable to perform controversial procedures, get trained in every possible one.

We are living in an age where it could soon be rare for an American to find a doctor willing to perform procedures they need or who are even willing to see them at all. These people who could soon find it challenging to receive necessary health care are in need.

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## Column

## We should encourage children to explore art, music

**D**oes anyone else remember those little "karate belts" we tied to the ends of our recorders in music class? Perhaps a tiny white ribbon for a successful rendition of "Hot Cross Buns," or a bead hung on a black string for the advanced version of "Ode to Joy?"

When I attended elementary school in Miami, I had the privilege of having at least one hour of music or art class each week. During that time, teachers would show us how to read sheet music and let us play bongos and tambourines. We would try our hands at recreating Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night" and mush clay in our palms to make fantastical creatures and beasts. And in my 9-year-old head, I thought, "Sure, PE is fun, but this is the best part of the day."

Too often we see dramatic drops in funding for arts and music education, and the discrepancy in our priorities only becomes starker as we get older. We let elementary-schoolers play make-believe but only for a little while. Once those kids hit middle school, it's time for them to "get ready for high school," take challenging math classes and leave some of that artfulness behind. And by high school, it's all about Advanced Placement, Advanced International Certificate of Education and dual enrollment classes — after all, it's almost time for college, right?

Of course, general education is important. Standard English, science, math and social studies classes are not only a necessary component of well-rounded academics but also can prove equally, if not more, stimulating than some humanities electives. That being said, a well-educated population requires investment in subjects like art, music and poetry that we so often discard the second someone whispers the phrase "budget cuts."

So, what can we do when politicians and school districts divert money away from the humanities? On some level, we must take matters into our own hands. If you volun-



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teer with students in your community, whether in elementary, middle or high school, ask them about their favorite subjects and hobbies. If they're excited about art and drawing, ask them to see their sketches — or better yet, make time to draw with them. If you have the time, volunteer in mentorship or after-school programs.

Contact your elected officials and write to your local papers. Advocate for the kid next door who really wants to learn a musical instru-

ment. Recommend ways of beautifying your neighborhood schools or improving the educational programs in your area. If you don't see it, suggest it!

Unsure of who to talk to? Here are some tips, tricks and fun facts. The website resist.bot allows you, through Facebook Messenger or text message, to find out who your representatives in Congress are and message them quickly and safely.

Don't know what to say? Add your own personal anecdote — a positive or negative experience you've had with public education that you want officials to know — and tell them why you think they should emphasize public education and the humanities during their tenures. Some quick facts you may find useful: According to PBS, increased music education has led to higher IQs in elementary-school children, as well as heightened test scores and improved spatial intelligence. Sometimes the results truly are tangible.

My final suggestion is as follows: Fellow college students, quit shaming people for having majors outside our favorite or chosen fields. Whether you enjoy engineering or physics, architecture or culinary arts, what have you — let's all just celebrate that we're in college and we've made it this far, huh?

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

## Column

## Mental health problems do not correlate to poor leadership skills

Earlier this week, President Donald Trump underwent a four-hour examination of physical and cognitive health. As of late, some were concerned about Trump's erratic speech patterns, exhibited narcissism, often poor judgment and rash decision making. He was deemed healthy, passing the cognitive test — the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, widely used to test for early signs of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia — with a reportedly perfect score. This test is fairly high in validity but is not used to assess psychiatric disorders such as narcissistic personality disorder, anxiety or depression.

I'm not going to sit here as an undergraduate psychology student and give a definitive list of which mental disorders or impairments should preclude a person from being president and which should not. For that matter, I will not even try to craft a list of which should inhibit a person from functioning in any role of influence or leadership. What I will do, however, is discuss the difference, in my opinion, between cognitive impairment and psychological disorders. They should be examined and treated differently, in terms of both care and attitude.

According to a study by the Duke University Medical Center, in which biographical sources for the first 37 presidents were analyzed, half had been afflicted by mental illness. To add to that finding, more than a quarter met the criteria for mental illness while in office. About 24 percent met the criteria for depression, including former Presidents James Madison and Abraham Lincoln. Nearly 8 percent showed evidence of anxiety disorders, including former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Woodrow Wilson. And close to 8 percent showed signs of bipolar disorder, including former Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Theodore Roosevelt.

None of these men were perfect. Not one is. Did these mental disorders make their lives harder? Probably. Could these mental disorders have impacted their ability to lead? Maybe.



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Here's the thing, though: We cannot let mental disorders rule people out of positions of power. There is a theory that a high percentage of upper-level executives are psychopaths. I'm in no way saying being a psychopath is a good thing, but this clearly is not hindering their success and ability to lead.

I know a vast majority of you probably hate Trump or at least dislike him. You're allowed to hate him and to be dissatisfied with his leadership style and/or his personality. You can wish that he be impeached or decide to resign. However, what you should not do is make a blanket statement that people affected by psychiatric disorders (whether officially diagnosed or merely theoretical) are unfit to do their jobs.

I think I've given Trump more than enough attention for the time being, so let's talk about you, dear reader. I don't know what you're struggling with or what is going on inside your mind. I hope you have someone in your life — a friend, parent, mentor, therapist or whomever it may be — that you can talk to about what's happening in there.

While a certain level of cognitive ability is desired depending on your role, you should not feel as though you are incapable of achieving what you wish based on a diagnosis. Don't let anyone say you are less capable because your brain is wired differently than others'. We live in a time with a wide range of available treatment options, from behavioral-cognitive therapy to medication and so much more. Take advantage of whatever your resources allow you to. I hope you can embrace and conquer what your mind decides to throw your way. What Trump does a lot of the time is unnerving and, quite frankly, terrifying. But I hope he, like all of us, can play to his strengths and overcome his weaknesses to be a better, more stable leader.

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## Column

## The power of nuclear weapons shouldn't be underestimated, and we need to act

On Jan. 13, Hawaii experienced 38 minutes of fear from a supposed incoming ballistic missile attack when a state employee clicked the wrong item from a drop-down menu. One would think the U.S. government would handle nuclear prevention programs with the same degree of sophistication that makes these weapons possible. Instead, the warning for the inescapable likelihood of thousands of deaths and the beginning of nuclear war was determined by the same interface that students use to save their homework.

Since the end of the Cold War, the idea of mutually-assured destruction has allowed people to develop the ill-conceived notion that the possible use of nuclear weapons can be overlooked. America's leaders fall into the trap of using an empty threat of nuclear weapons as a magical tool to achieve foreign policy goals. Today, in a time when the U.S. should be a paragon for diplomacy, it has become an origin for rising international tension.

Just this past Tuesday at a Vancouver conference composed of 20 nations, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson warned if North Korea does not give up on their nuclear program, "they themselves will trigger an option." The American public must understand the danger of nuclear weapons to pressure government officials to handle nuclear policy as cautiously as possible as the weapons are dangerous.

Although today it may seem absurd that people in the 1950s hid under desks to protect themselves from nuclear attacks, contemporary views on nuclear power are just as clouded about current technology. The average American probably thinks of the mushroom cloud from the attack on Hiroshima or Nagasaki to represent the power of nuclear weapons, but technology has dramatically developed since then. A modern-day hydrogen bomb can be at least 1,000 times more powerful than the type of atomic bomb dropped in Japan. In 1945, scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory estimated it could take as few as 10 hydrogen bombs to end the human race.

Conventional thermonuclear weapons are not the only nuclear weapons to threaten civilization. It took about 120,000 people to build the first atomic bomb, but it no longer takes such scientific genius and manpower to harness the power of nuclear weapons. Small extremist groups have the potential to turn conventional



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explosives into a nuclear weapon in the form of a radiological dispersion device, or "dirty bomb," to release radiation. According to the Institute for Science and International Security, a nonprofit organization that monitors global nuclear threats, groups like the Islamic State have long discussed the possibility of using easily obtainable radioactive material, such as cobalt-60, in a dirty

bomb. Cobalt-60 is a highly radioactive isotope used in medical technology that can be dangerous in relatively small amounts. Leo Szilard, a scientist who worked on the Manhattan Project, calculated that just one-tenth of an ounce of cobalt-60 present on every square mile of earth would make the planet uninhabitable. Science has developed over time to create scarier and deadlier weapons; nuclear policy has yet to match today's technology.

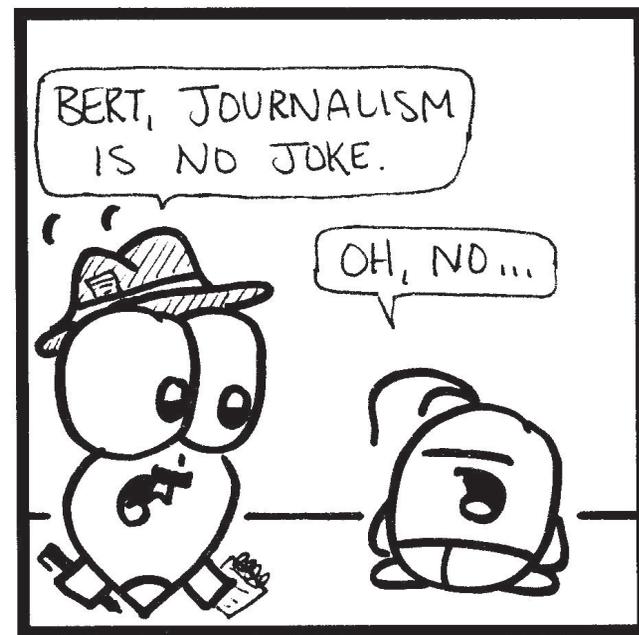
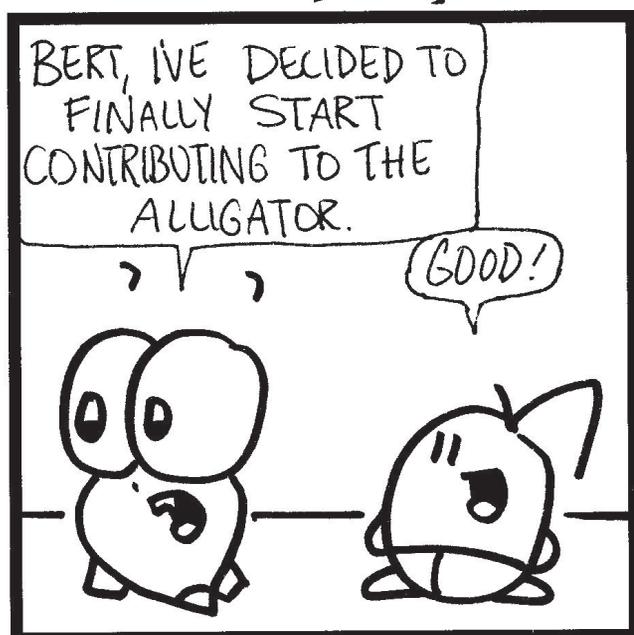
Like all aspects of government, it is important for experts to be part of the discussion to make the best decisions. However, nuclear policy is different. Unlike topics like education or health care, if someone says uninformed decisions on nuclear policy could destroy millions of lives, it is not an exaggeration. Scientists and policy experts who focus on nuclear power can provide insight even the brightest politicians could not understand on their own. Secondly, Congress must reform the procedure for a U.S. nuclear strike. While there are checks and balances within the federal government for other political actions, the president currently has the ability to order a nuclear strike without the influence of another branch of government. In an era where a president holds such a polarizing view on a choice with grave consequences, Congress should be required to approve a nuclear strike to better represent the views of the American people.

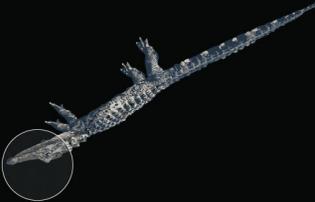
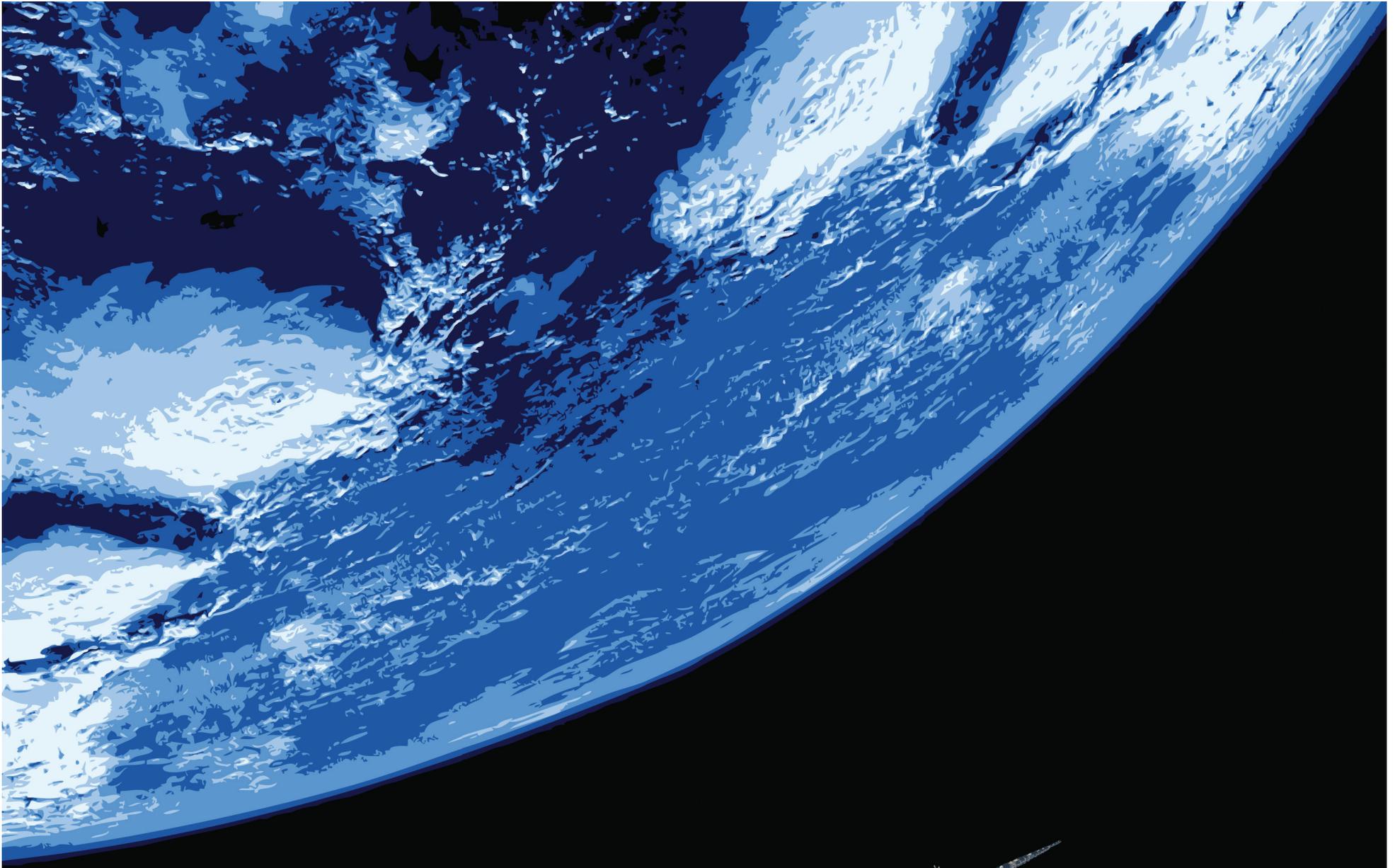
Due to dramatic shifts in political culture, words and actions that would have been considered extreme in the past are now commonplace. When President Donald Trump threatens to use his "much bigger and more powerful" nuclear button, he threatens to kill hundreds of thousands of people. As a part of the world's community, Americans cannot stand for such threats to innocent human life.

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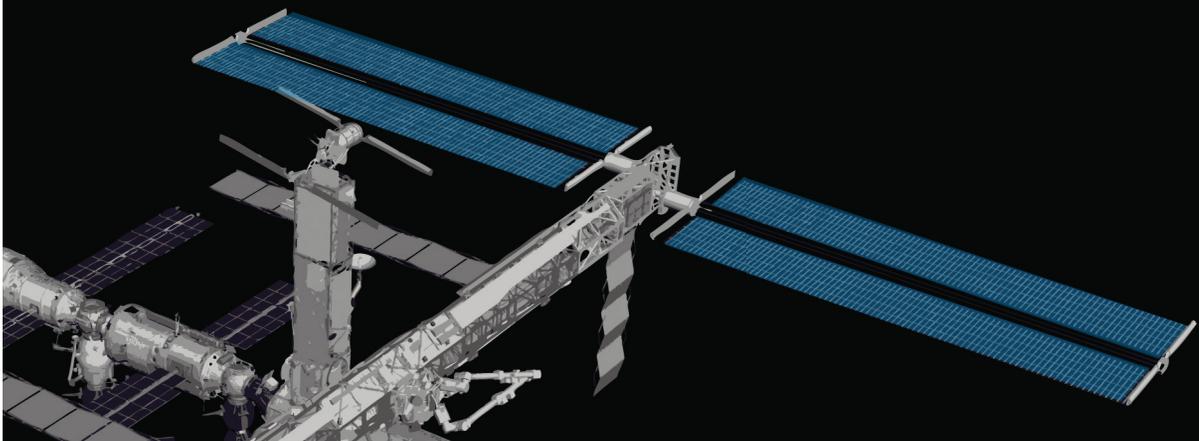
## Lifeless Joey

By Michael Smith





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# The event featured 12 speakers who spoke about gender equality

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she said.  
She wore a handmade pink beanie and carried a sign depicting Trump as a dinosaur about to be hit by a Korean missile.

“We have a tyrant for a president,” Ayers said, explaining her drawing. “He has political beliefs that don’t belong in the modern world.”

Curtis said she had never organized an activist event before Sunday, but she began planning this march a month ago after noticing a lack of Women’s March events in Gainesville. She said she will host the event next year, and it will be “bigger and better.”

“I think what we saw today was an absolutely inspiring declaration of the community that they’re not gonna tolerate the lesser treatment of women,” she said. “We’re going to speak power to truth, and we are going to remove people who abuse their power.”

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A large crowd gathered on Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Sunday for Gainesville’s “Celebration of Women” event commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Women’s March in Washington, D.C.



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**LEFT:** A woman wearing the signature pink knit hat of the Women’s Resistance movement sits among a crowd of protesters on Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

**RIGHT:** Megan Wardell, a 19-year-old UF public relations and political science freshman, carries a sign quoting Michelle Obama’s speech from the 2016 Democratic National Convention during the march portion of Gainesville’s “Celebration of Women” event.



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# Feminists meet to speak about Roe v. Wade anniversary



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Amy Coenen and her daughter, Ella, share the stage with another member of the National Women's Liberation right before announcing the first winners of the raffle inside The Woolly, located at 20 N. Main St., on Saturday night. The anniversary show was put together to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision.

**By Victoria Salomon**  
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In celebration of the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, about 300 people met and spoke about advances and obstacles in women's rights Saturday night.

The local chapter of the National Women's Liberation held the event at The Woolly, located at 20 N. Main St. It's the fifth year they've held the event, said Brooke Eliazar-Macke, a member of the organization's steering committee and one of the event organizers. She said the intention was to celebrate the decision and feminism itself.

"We want to show this decision was not the gift of a judge," Eliazar-Macke said. "It was the effort of organized feminist demand, and its historic impact remains significant."

At the event, attendees could

give donations to the organization or pay for tickets for raffles such as local businesses' gift cards. The organization is working on advancing women's abortion rights by making sure local clinics are properly licensed for the procedure.

The event is one of the many carried out by the National Women's Liberation to ignite social change, Eliazar-Macke said. They also hold seminars and classes focused on historically successful ways of organizing social movements.

Erica Bales, another member of the organization and the steering committee, said they're working on making affordable birth control more readily accessible to local communities. In the future, Bales said she hopes more locals get involved with the organization and engage in activist action.

"Find the cause you believe in and work for that," she said.

## Victoria's Secret Pink holds workouts, gives away bras

**THIS YEAR'S EVENT  
FEATURED NEW  
ZUMBA AND HIP-HOP  
FITNESS SESSIONS.**

**By Kaylee Weber**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students worked up a sweat as they ran up each step at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Friday evening in hopes of winning a free Victoria's Secret Pink sports bra.

About 200 students came to Gates 13, 14 and 15 for Pink's annual "Too Fit To Quit" event. Following free workout sessions, the company's campus representatives gave attendees

more freebies than previous years, including 100 Pink Ultimate Sports Bras, valued at \$25 each, said Sara Preston, a UF Pink campus representative who helped organize the event.

"We actually chose the title of this event, 'Too Fit to Quit,' because we wanted people to really stick to their New Year's resolutions," the 20-year-old UF telecommunication junior said.

In addition to stadium workouts, this year's event featured two new types of fitness sessions: Zumba and Latin-infused hip-hop taught by UF student instructors.

This year's event featured a challenge-by-choice approach to the fitness sessions, where

students could fluctuate between workouts and difficulty levels as needed, Preston said.

Bryan Alava, a 21-year-old UF biochemistry junior, instructed about 50 students in his Zumba workout session.

"However hard the class may be, there's always ways to make it at everyone's level," Alava said.

While some attendees just came for the free goodies, others like Maria Paula Vargas, a UF accounting senior, said she took the workouts to heart as she followed Alava's Zumba moves.

"I canceled my gym class today to come here instead," the 22-year-old said.

## UF study: People regain weight faster than expected

**By Rachel Porter**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF study found people who lose weight are likely to regain weight faster than previously thought.

The study published in December led by Dr. Kathryn Ross, a UF College of Public Health and Health Professions assistant professor, followed 75 participants, who had lost weight for 12 weeks, over the course of nine months after an initial weight loss period.

They found a majority of participants regained the weight they initially lost, in contrast to the former belief that people were able to maintain weight loss for a period of time, Ross said.

Participants reported data using digital scales that would automatically send

data to the researchers, Ross said. Researchers then looked at the data to figure out when people's weight began to switch from maintenance to regain.

Initially, researchers believed they would find three stages in a person's weight: loss, maintenance and regain, Ross said. But in reality, participants did not experience a maintenance stage.

According to Ross, the study found those who were older, female and married had a slower rate of weight regain.

Next, researchers will study what people do before they begin to regain weight and why they do it, Ross said.

"This supports an emerging model of obesity treatment that weight management really needs to be seen as more of a continual care model or chronic disease model," Ross said.

## UF mobile clinic continues efforts to serve immigrants

**By Eman Elshahawy**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Ten-year-old José carefully poured cups of flour and rice through a funnel attached to a balloon to create his very own stress ball.

"His name is Timmy," he said, after drawing a green smiley face on his new handcrafted creation.

José was one of the 25 people who went to the free community health fair Saturday afternoon at Iglesia Hispana de Alachua, located at 13719 NW 146th Ave. José's mother declined to give his last name, citing privacy concerns. The event was held by Children Beyond Our Borders, a Florida nonprofit organization focused toward ensuring the social well-being of immigrant children, their families and additional under-represented groups.

This was the fourth time the event has been held, but the first with dental volunteers from UF Dentistry, said Juan Leon, a volunteer director for the nonprofit.

The 20-year-old UF biomedical engineering sophomore said he helped organize the event to provide free health care to anyone in the community who might need it.

"Health care should be a human right given to all," he said.

The UF Mobile Outreach Clinic provided checkups and assessments, said Dr. Diana Montoya-Williams, a UF Health pediatrician and board member of Children Beyond Our Borders.

Mariana Piedrahita, a 21-year-old UF international studies senior and Child Beyond Our Borders intern, leads children activities.

"The overall importance is reaching out to the community and educating them about their health resources," Piedrahita said.



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Nurses prepare to see the list of patients who signed up for free clinic services on the UF Mobile Outreach Clinic, in front of Iglesia Hispana de Alachua, located at 13719 NW 146th Ave. in Alachua.

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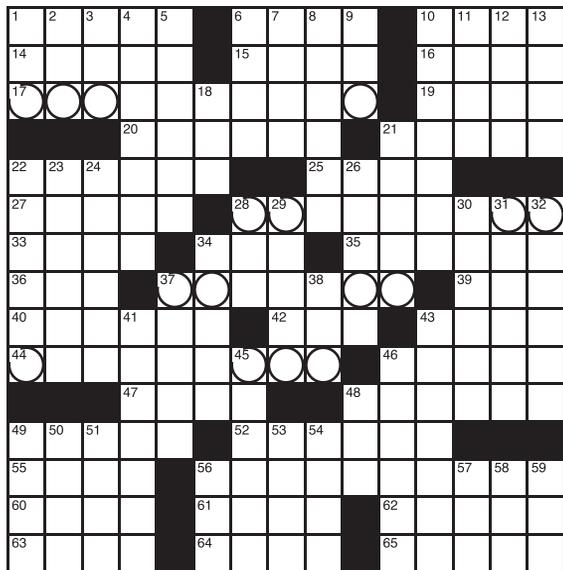
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|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>   | 34 Lays an egg on stage                                       | 48 Classroom stand-in        |
| 1 Cried on cue, say   | 1 1980s TV ET                                       | 37 UPS alternative  | 49 Happy hour places         |
| 6 Nimble-fingered Auntie on Broadway  | 2 Corporate VIP                                     | 38 Word before or after pack                                  | 50 Mirror shape              |
| 14 Africa's Sierra  | 3 Also  | 41 Nudged sharply   | 51 Ran like mad              |
| 15 Butterlike topping   | 4 Tiresomely long                                   | 43 Best Western competitor                                    | 53 Smoke detector?           |
| 16 Beatnik's "Understood"   | 5 Downfall  | 45 Lazy   | 54 PC corner key             |
| 17 "Grocery store   | 6 Nerdy sort  | 46 Underwood who performs the "Sunday Night Football" opening | 56 Calico coat               |
| 19 Join the chorus  | 7 Sommer of cinema                                  |   | 57 Put down                  |
| 20 Like the chains in a chain necklace  | 8 Get nourishment from                              |   | 58 Oxlike antelope           |
| 21 Camp beds  | 9 Trike rider                                       |   | 59 Barely manage, with "out" |
| 22 Swear (to)   | 10 Applies incorrectly                              |   |                              |
| 25 Pair in a dinghy   | 11 Score after deuce                                |   |                              |
| 27 Employee's reward  | 12 Ermine cousin                                    |   |                              |
| 28 "Vessel for a cheesy dip   | 13 They're often scrambled                          |   |                              |
| 33 Cone-dropping trees  | 18 Tiny farm denizen                                |   |                              |
| 34 Recycling receptacle   | 21 Main impact                                      |   |                              |
| 35 Maps within maps   | 22 Repetitive barking                               |   |                              |
| 36 Therapists' org.   | 23 Taiwan's capital                                 |   |                              |
| 37 "Ballroom dance that's also a phonetic alphabet "F"  | 24 Rabble-rousing outburst                          |   |                              |
| 39 Shatner's "War"  | 26 "Hasta la vista"                                 |   |                              |
| 40 Cash in, as coupons  | 28 Predicament                                      |   |                              |
| 42 "I ___ only kidding"   | 29 Quarterback's "Snap the ball at the second "hut" |   |                              |
| 43 Shoulder muscle, for short   | 30 Fizzles (out)                                    |   |                              |
| 44 "All-terrain high shoe   | 31 Verdi opera with Desdemona                       |   |                              |
| 46 Sandburg and Sagan   | 32 "You should be ashamed!"                         |   |                              |
| 47 Highest in quality   |   |   |                              |
| 48 Gives a thumbs-up  |   |   |                              |
| 49 Wrinkle-removing injection   |   |   |                              |
| 52 Acquires, as debts   |   |   |                              |
| 55 State firmly   |   |   |                              |
| 56 Stream crossing for pedestrians ... and what is literally provided by the interior letters in the answers to starred clues |   |   |                              |
| 60 Filet mignon order   |   |   |                              |
| 61 World power initials until 1991  |   |   |                              |
| 62 How contracts are signed   |   |   |                              |
| 63 Iditarod vehicle   |   |   |                              |
| 64 Fishing rod partner  |   |   |                              |
| 65 Occur as a result  |   |   |                              |

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F <sub>4</sub> L <sub>1</sub> A <sub>1</sub> T <sub>1</sub> T <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> P <sub>3</sub>	RACK 3 = <b>62</b>
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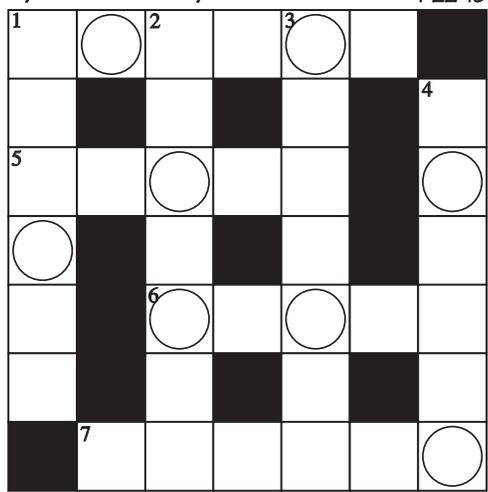
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5. Pass out	N A T F I
6. ___ station	R A T N I
7. Damaged, shattered	E N R O B K

<b>DOWN</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
1. Baby	F T N N A I
2. House ___	A T I P N R E
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## Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

- When Boston's David Ortiz had 127 RBIs in his final season in 2016, whose record did he break for most RBIs in his last major-league season?
- In how many consecutive seasons did the Dodgers' Sandy Koufax toss a no-hitter?
- When was the last time before 2016 that the University of Michigan's football team scored at least 45 points in each of their first four games?
- San Antonio's Tim Duncan, in 2016, became the third player in NBA history to win at least 1,000 games in a career. Name the other two.
- Who was the first U.S.-born coach to win the Stanley Cup?
- Name the winningest coach in U.S. men's national soccer team history.
- Who was the last American woman before Mikaela Shiffrin and Lindsey Vonn to be the Alpine skiing overall World Cup champion?

**Answers**

- "Shoelless" Joe Jackson had 121 RBIs in his last season in 1920.
- Four seasons — 1962-65.
- It was 1947.
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1,074 wins) and Robert Parish (1,014).
- Bill Stewart, with the Chicago Blackhawks in 1938.
- Bruce Arena was 81-32-35.
- Tamara McKinney, in 1983.

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FLORIDA 61, OLE MISS 60

## Gators stage late comeback, defeat Ole Miss at O'Dome



Emma Green / Alligator Staff

After losing its first five SEC games, the Florida women's basketball team is on a current two-game winning streak, defeating Ole Miss 61-60 on Sunday afternoon.

By Morgan McMullen  
Sports Writer

With a raucous home crowd surrounding them, the Gators broke their huddle and trotted out for one more defensive possession. Eight seconds remained in the game, and Ole Miss needed a bucket to pull back into the lead.

Junior guard Alissa Alston dribbled to her right, sped into the paint and elevated for a potential go-ahead layup.

But Florida forward Haley Lorenzen met her under the rim, forcing her shot off the backboard and into the arms of Dyandria Anderson with one second to go.

The defensive stop capped off on a near-perfect fourth quarter for UF (10-10, 2-5 SEC) on Sunday, as it won its second consecutive conference game in a 61-60 sequel to the two teams' double-overtime thriller two weeks ago.

After the stop, the Rebels' bench erupted, believing Alston had been fouled. While the replay was unclear on if there was contact on the attempt, Lorenzen said she and her teammates executed their defensive strategy to perfection.

"I just let the instincts take over," Lorenzen said. "I just did my best to not foul her and contest the layup."

The game itself was a tale of runs. The Gators jumped out to a 10-point lead early in the second quarter before allowing Ole Miss (11-8, 1-5 SEC) to go on a 15-2 run to end the half. In the third, the Rebels used a 13-4 stretch to extend their lead to 11 with six minutes remaining in the quarter.

Long-range droughts haunted UF throughout. Florida did not make a three-point shot in both the second and third quarters for the first time this season. The team made just five shots from distance all game, its second-lowest output of the year. It was the third consecutive game that the Gators have failed to make more than seven three-pointers in their new offensive scheme, which encourages long-range shots.

However, Florida appeared to break out of its recent shooting slump from the field as whole. UF connected

SEE WOMEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 16

### GYMNASTICS

## Florida moving on from first SEC win

By Alana Gomez  
Sports Writer

After completing its third meet of the season, the Florida gymnastics team added another win to its record, putting up its first SEC victory of the year.

Florida (2-1, 1-1 SEC) overcame Kentucky (4-1, 1-1 SEC) 196.325-195.950 on Jan. 19 in Lexington to clinch its second victory on the road. UF's win comes after a loss in its home opener against No. 1 LSU by a margin of 0.125 on Jan. 12.

The meet between the Gators and Wildcats marked the first time both teams entered with top-10 rankings in 84 total meetings. The Gators only trailed Kentucky once at the end of the first rotation and didn't fall behind again as they outscored UK for the 20th year in a row.

"The team was able to keep their confidence up and keep moving through most of the lineup," coach Jenny Rowland said in a release.

The meet featured Florida leading in three of its four events. In vault, senior Rachel Slocum landed a season-high 9.925, good enough to tie 2017 SEC Freshman of the Year Mollie Korth for first as well as get her her first vault title of the year. UF's other two victories came from sophomore



Gowey

Rachel Gowey, who claimed first in uneven bars with a score of 9.825. Gowey also tied two Wildcats on balance beam. Her score of 9.900 helped boost the Gators standing in the event after senior Kennedy Baker fell off

the beam earlier in the lineup.

All-Americans Baker and Alicia Boren were able to work their way into the all-around rankings, placing second and third, respectively, behind Korth.

In addition to the team taking three events, Florida also saw a multitude of personal victories. A total of five gymnasts left the Memorial Coliseum on Friday night with season-best scores and another five matched their previous season-highs.

"We worked better together as a team," Rowland said. "The energy was fantastic."

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Staunch defense sparked UF's win over Kentucky

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Kentucky guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander collected a rebound on a missed KeVaughn Allen layup with just over five minutes remaining in the game. Eight seconds later in transition, Gilgeous-Alexander turned the ball over, allowing Florida to respond with two free throws to cut the Wildcats' lead to 56-55.

During the Gators men's basketball team's 66-64 win over Kentucky at Rupp Arena on Saturday night, Gilgeous-Alexander's turnover was just one example of what went wrong for the Wildcats. They finished the game with 16

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Which UF team does columnist **Ethan Bauer** think is "the model sport" at Florida? Find out, pg. 16

### Three Gators head to Super Bowl LII

With the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles winning their respective conference championships on Sunday, former UF football players **Mike Gillislee** (Patriots), **Trey Burton** (Eagles) and **Jaylen Watkins** (Eagles) are set to compete in the Super Bowl on Feb. 4.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Home away from home: Woolcock's decision to leave Australia paid off

By Mari Faiello

Sports Writer

It was a once-in-a-lifetime moment Belinda Woolcock never saw coming.

Standing on the courts of the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Georgia, on May 23, 2017, Belinda had just won the final singles match of her dual-match career as a college tennis player, notching a 6-1, 6-3, victory over Stanford's Caroline Doyle.

Belinda waited on the sidelines of the dimly lit playing area, keeping her eyes trained on teammate Ingrid Neel as she got closer and closer to finishing off her opponent.

When a forehand from the Cardinal's Taylor Davidson went out of play to clinch the win for Neel, Belinda sprinted toward her teammate, her arms opened wide in celebration as Gators fans screamed and cheered from the stands.

The first few seconds after the Florida women's tennis team won the 2017 NCAA championship — the seventh national title in program history — is a memory Belinda will never forget.

Belinda's experience with the collegiate sports world in the United States wasn't necessarily a life-long goal of hers, but a pro tennis career certainly was in the forefront of her mind.

This was one of the reasons why she decided to travel 9,685 miles away from her native country of Australia. But the decision certainly came with its difficulties.

Belinda developed a strong background in tennis during her childhood years in Melbourne — a city in Victoria, Australia.

She was introduced to the sport when she was 5 and began competing in tournaments when she was 7.

Eleven years later, after becoming one of the top amateur tennis players in Melbourne, she had a decision to make: Did she want to pursue college tennis or enter the professional circuit?

There were pros and cons to both choices.

Belinda's primary focus as a young talent was improving her world ranking to gain opportunities as a professional.

While college tennis would help her hone her skills, she wouldn't receive the level of global recognition competing in the NCAA that she would if she went pro immediately.

Australia's attitude toward col-

lege athletics was also a deterrent.

According to Belinda, the country looks down upon playing sports at the university level.

"If you really cared about tennis, you played professional," she said.

However, Belinda found herself in a rut with Tennis Australia, the governing body for tennis in her home country.

She noticed minimal improvement in her game, which she largely blamed on her training environment. There weren't many women her age competing at the same level she was, limiting her practices to one-on-one sessions with a private coach.

Belinda's father, Geoff, noticed her lack of development under Tennis Australia as well, attributing it to her isolation from competing at a high level with others.

"Belinda thrives in a team environment," he said. "The whole idea of competing for somebody, whether it's a college or your country, really gets her going."

In April 2013, Belinda realized the United States was the best option for her. She began reaching out to schools including Florida, Duke, Texas and Tennessee and told her parents she wanted to play college tennis abroad.

While Geoff was elated, her mother, Jane, did not share his same level of excitement.

Jane feared that college wouldn't be a good fit for Belinda and was concerned she wouldn't get to witness her daughter improve.

Belinda assured her that she could still play professionally after leaving school, but Jane's insecurities weren't eased immediately. It took a lot of research for her to fully support the idea of a collegiate experience for her daughter.

Belinda showed her mother research she'd done on the schools she was interested in, organizing lists of information in spreadsheets and sending her mother videos of tennis players who'd competed at the university level before playing professionally.

After watching the videos and examining Belinda's research, Jane's perspective changed. She gave her daughter full support and the green light to start visiting schools. Soon after, Belinda committed to Florida.

The night before she left for the U.S., her nerves started kicking in.

Her mind lingered on the fact she didn't know anyone in Gainesville and wasn't sure what to do when she arrived.

Belinda was flying to the other side of the world all by herself and



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

Former Florida women's tennis player Belinda Woolcock went from an apprehensive 18-year-old nervous about leaving home to an NCAA champion full of confidence.

not coming home.

The anxiety quickly got the best of her.

While Belinda was in the process of packing her things, her sister, Sarah, walked into her room and found her crying.

Belinda wanted to be welcomed and liked, but the fact she was moving to a foreign country created a lot of unknowns.

Sarah helped Belinda calm down by giving her some final reassurances. The next day, Belinda was off to the U.S.

During her first semester in Gainesville, Belinda thrived in a team environment. The constant companionship and competitive setting instilled passion back into her tennis game.

However, the homesickness she felt in her first six months of college overshadowed the excitement surrounding her new classes and teammates.

Belinda felt an uneasiness that could only be calmed by talking to her family.

Geoff said frequent FaceTime calls became the go-to solution to keeping Belinda grounded. They kept her reassured that she'd made the right decision any time she was

down on herself or questioned if she'd made a mistake.

The first time Belinda came home during her freshman year, Jane realized her daughter had made a good choice.

Belinda was playing with more confidence, at a more upbeat tempo and seemed happier overall.

Before she moved to Gainesville, she would allow her emotions to boil over if she wasn't playing well.

But after enrolling at UF, she matured under the guidance of coach Roland Thornqvist, becoming more accepting and composed when she lost.

Halfway through her collegiate career, however, Belinda hit a breaking point.

She returned home to Australia during the summer between her sophomore and junior seasons questioning if the United States was still the right option for her.

Belinda was frustrated that her pro career rankings had come to a halt while she competed at the collegiate level.

In the NCAA, tennis teams use the fall semester to compete in exhibition tournaments to prepare for the spring season, limiting players opportunities to participate in professional events.

It became a gut-wrenching situation for Belinda.

If she competed in college tournaments, her personal ranking in the pro circuit would suffer, but if she competed in pro tournaments, Belinda risked losing her spot in Florida's lineup.

After spending the summer back home training, Belinda realized not much had changed in Australia.

The only thing keeping her there was her family, as a lack of organization and structure in Tennis Australia had put the program in disarray.

Belinda realized she couldn't think of a reason to leave UF.

It was important to her that she completed her degree. If she put a halt on her education to play pro tennis, it would be difficult to go back to the U.S. later to finish her education.

When Belinda came back to Florida for her junior season, she set her eyes on finishing her collegiate career strong, specifically claiming a national title with her teammates.

Two years later, the Gators clinched their seventh NCAA title in program history with their 4-1 defeat over Stanford in Athens.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## UF hosts UCF tonight in season opener of dual-match play

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The Florida men's tennis team kicks off its dual-match season today against UCF as the No. 9-ranked program in the country. The Gators have won all 16 previous matchups with the Knights, including a 7-0 sweep in 2013 when the teams last met.

Sophomore Johannes Ingildsen and junior



Perez

Alfredo Perez open the season with top-10 singles rankings and will play together as the No. 1 doubles pair in the nation.

Seven players on UF's roster are returning from last year, but it's the freshmen who have impressed coach Bryan Shelton. Du-

arte Vale, Oliver Crawford and Andy Andrade made up the nation's second-best recruiting class in 2017.

"I think that all three of our freshmen have certainly done enough to deserve a place in the lineup," Shelton said.

Andrade went 14-3 in the fall season and won the Ivy-Plus Invitational in his debut as a Gator. Crawford and Vale both competed in the main draw at last week's City of Sunrise

Pro Tennis Classic. In his second match of the qualifying rounds, Vale defeated UCF's No. 1 singles player, senior Kyle Lovett, in straight sets (6-4, 6-4).

In five seasons under Shelton, Florida has never lost its season-opening match. Today's contest will be played at the Ring Tennis Complex at 6 p.m.

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## Sweet and Bauer / Opinion

*UF gymnastics is the model sport at Florida: Competitive. Compassionate. Fun.*

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All-American gymnast Alex McMurtry celebrated after her team lost a competitive match to LSU on the evening of Jan. 12. Or, at the very least, she didn't care at all about the loss.

Neither did her teammates Alicia Boren, Rachel Slocum and Kennedy Baker, who joined her on the podium at the team's post-match press conference in the bowels of the O'Connell Center. The quartet laughed, joked and smiled until coach Jenny Rowland arrived.

"Literally nothing matters," one of the athletes sang. "It's only January 12th."

Rowland joined in and giggled as well.

If you follow any other sport at UF — especially the revenue-producing sports of men's basketball and football — you know this attitude is uncommon. It's one thing for a coach to take positives from a loss. It's another to joke about the loss as if it didn't happen.

If Mike White laughed and joked after what will probably end up being an inconsequential loss to Loyola-Chicago on Dec. 6, half the fan base would've been on the verge of aneurysms.

That wasn't the case following the gymnastics team's loss, and that's part of what makes it the best sport at UF, as well as a model for what a great team looks like. But of course, its spirit isn't the only thing. A better place to start making the case for the gymnastics team



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Florida's gymnastics team has reached the Super Six 11 times since 2006.

as a model for teams everywhere is the traditional barometer for athletic achievement: Competition. Or, better yet, success.

Florida's gymnastics team flourishes year after year. Despite the loss to LSU, this year's group is still expected to contend for a national title, having lost little from last year's talented group while hauling in the nation's top-ranked recruiting class.

That's no surprise considering the team has made the NCAA Super Six 11 out of the last 12 years and won three consecutive titles from 2013-15. That's beyond competitive — it's borderline dominant.

But the team doesn't let that success and the accompanying pressure and prestige get to it. The athletes haven't lost sight of the power of sports to transcend balance-beam falls and perfect 10s alike. That's clear from the group's adoption of Bailey, a young girl with an inoperable brain tumor.

On first glance, that probably sounds predictable. How many stories have you heard about athletes going to visit sick children in the hospital? Don't get me wrong — it's a great thing to do. But that's often where such relationships end.

That isn't the case with UF's gymnasts and

Bailey.

Team members like Rachel Govey and Slocum — who Bailey calls "Gumball" — FaceTime Bailey regularly. Team higher-ups allow her to attend practice. And against LSU, UF's first home meet of the 2018 season, Bailey was introduced alongside the rest of UF's gymnasts before the competition.

When's the last time you heard about a football or basketball team doing something like that?

That isn't to say it doesn't happen. It is to say it'd be nice to see it happen more because sports have the potential to be more than a final score.

The UF gymnastics team understands that. Finally, aside from its regular excellence on the mat, the team is also just fun to watch.

I don't think I have to tell any sports fan attending the University of Florida how miserable it feels to watch a bad basketball or football game. Gymnastics, however, is consistently delightful.

Every routine carries the potential of a fall as well as the refined grace of athletes who are at the pinnacle of their craft.

Those three elements — competition, compassion and fun — combine to make gymnastics the best sport at Florida. They also make it OK to be happy after a loss, whether from confidence in improvement given their history of success, the realization that one match doesn't matter very much in the grand scheme of life and death, or the fact that competing was enjoyable regardless of the outcome.

That's an attitude other teams at UF — and teams everywhere — would do well to embrace.

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*UK had nine second-half turnovers***MEN'S HOOPS**, from pg. 14

turnovers, just two players in double-digit figures (10 points each) and the second-lowest point total of the season.

"I feel like we were so much more poised than they were," UF guard Jalen Hudson said. "I feel like the experience helped."

Florida benefitted from a poor shooting night for Kentucky. Prior to facing the Gators, the Wildcats were shooting 48.6 percent from the field and 35 percent from beyond the arc. On Saturday, UK shot 40 percent from the floor and just 23.5 percent from the three-point line, both of which were still better than Florida, which also struggled to knock down its shots.

Kentucky's turnovers, however, limited its offense. In the game's final 20 minutes, the Wildcats turned the ball over nine times. While it only led to six points for the Gators, the miscues kept the ball out of Kentucky's possession.

"We showed a lot of resiliency," UF coach Mike White said. "Turned them over enough (and) defended at a pretty high level."

Florida's defense played a huge role in keeping the

Wildcats at bay. Two of Kentucky's leading scorers — Gilgeous-Alexander and guard Kevin Knox — only put up 10 and nine points, respectively, on a combined 8-of-22 shooting from the field.

The scoring troubles from deep forced Kentucky to work the ball inside, where it dropped 38 points in the paint, good for over half of its 64 total points.

UF coach Mike White praised his team's ability to play a good defensive game.

"This team's gotten a lot better," White said. "I know we're a hell of a lot better defensively than we were in October."

While their defense stepped up in a big way on Saturday, the Gators were able to get by because of the Wildcats' mistakes. Kentucky collected more rebounds, made more shots from the field and received more points from its bench.

But the turnovers and the limited scoring helped a smaller Florida team secure the win.

"Every game we go into, we're the smaller team," Hudson said. "We kind of take the underdog mentality."

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UF men's basketball coach Mike White was pleased with his team's defense against Kentucky on Saturday. "We showed a lot of resiliency," he said.

*Lorenzen made 6-of-10 shots from the field***WOMEN'S HOOPS**, from pg. 14

on 45.3 percent of its shots, its highest mark since its game against Jacksonville on Nov. 28. Sophomore guard Delicia Washington was efficient from the field, hitting 7-of-12 shots while pulling down 10 rebounds for her fifth double-double on the season. After the

game, her voice was audibly wavering.

"I was hype," Washington said, attributing her diminished voice to shouting assignments to her teammates. "Communication plays a big role. It led us to the win."

Lorenzen's 6-of-10 shooting — including 2 for 2 from beyond the arc — and 13 rebounds secured her 11th double-double of the year.

In the fourth quarter, Florida found itself

down by 13 and seemingly running on fumes. But the Gators came out on fire, exploding for a 16-0 run in just over seven minutes. After a pair of Ole Miss layups reclaimed the lead for the Rebels, Lorenzen grabbed an offensive rebound after a missed three-pointer from Washington and banked it home to reclaim the lead for good.

Coach Cameron Newbauer said he appre-

ciated the energy and enthusiasm from the crowd. During his team's fourth-quarter run, Newbauer tried to pump the fans up, waving at them from the sideline to get out of their seats.

"That's one of those moments that you want everyone to see it and understand what we just did," Newbauer said.

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