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FEATURE FRIDAY

'Privacy, not confidentiality': reporting sexual assault at UF

By Romy Ellenbogen
Alligator Staff Writer

When the knock on her door came, Avnee Mistry was prepared.

Two of the girls from Mistry's Beauty Towers hall, where she was a resident assistant, stood outside under the fluorescent lights, hoping someone was on the other side of the door.

There was an incident, one of the girls explained, in shock. Without words, Mistry knew something bad had happened.

The second girl was quiet, letting her friend speak for her. She had been crying.

They wanted to talk, so they chose their RA, someone they felt close to. Going to the police felt scary for the freshmen, and they didn't know what else to do.

"You don't want to assume the worst, but it's always in the back of your mind as a worry," Mistry, 21, said.

But before they could speak, Mistry had to disclose the limits of her confidentiality. Their next words would have to be reported, Mistry explained.

"I can promise you privacy, but I can't promise you confidentiality," she said.

As an employee of UF, she had a legal obligation to report to

UF's Title IX office, the office that manages sexual harassment and sexual assault investigations.

When students tell their professors, club advisers, resident assistants or more about a sexual assault that happened to them, that information must be passed forward. Only three resources on campus, the Office of Victim Services, the Counseling & Wellness Center and the UF Student Health Care Center, offer complete confidentiality.

Hailey Brown, a victim advocate with the Office of Victim Services, said students may not know what resources are confidential and which aren't. If they seek a confidential resource first, they can learn all their options and choose the path that feels most comfortable. But if they confide in another employee first, they may be set down one path without realizing it.

"Once you tell someone that maybe isn't confidential, it kind of spirals out of your hands," she said.

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Russell Froman, the director of the Title IX office, said they always work with the student to make them as comfortable as they can be.

"I make sure they are aware

There are only three places on campus where you can get confidential help in reporting a sexual assault

Counseling & Wellness Center
3190 Radio Road

Office of Victim Services
1515 Museum Road

UF Student Health Care Center
280 Fletcher Drive

Source: Dean of Students Office
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of the situation when we begin," Froman said. "There's no 'gotchas,' there's no surprises."

When the Title IX office gets word of an assault, they put together a preliminary report outlining who is involved and the in-

cident's details. A student doesn't get to choose whether to have the initial report put together if the information is already with the office, but they can choose what next steps to take, Froman said.

"I think people think they are

going to be forced to move forward, which is not the case," he said.

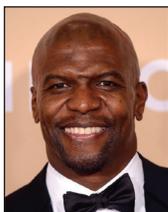
The Title IX office will work with the victim to help get them resources like academic accom-

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'White Chicks' star Terry Crews speaking at UF next month

He will be paid \$40,000 to speak on Feb. 6

By Christina Morales
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Alligator Staff Writers



Crews

"White Chicks" and "Everybody Hates Chris" actor Terry Crews will be speaking at UF on Feb. 6.

Crews will be Accent Speakers Bureau's first speaker this year, said Accent chair Shelby Buchanan. On Feb. 6 at 8 p.m., he'll be speaking at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, located at 3201 Hull Road, for about an hour before opening up the floor for a 15-minute Q&A. UF journalism department chair Ted Spiker will moderate

the talk. Crews will be paid \$40,000 for the engagement, Buchanan said.

About 1,200 tickets will be available for the event, Buchanan said. Students with a valid Gator 1 Card can pick up a maximum of two free tickets from the

bureau's office on the third floor of the Reitz Union on Feb. 5 between noon and 5 p.m. This will be the first show for which they're bringing ticketing to students on campus.

The public can pick up tickets at the Phillips Center Box Office at noon on the day of the event.

Crews will touch on topics including his football background, acting career and lessons he learned, Buchanan said.

"I think he's just a really positive person, but he's also really eloquent about issues that people face," Buchanan said. "I'm really excited to see how he's maintained his positivity and sense of humor even when life kind of gets him down."

Crews has been on Accent's list of wanted speakers for a long time, she said. The organization also conducted a student poll over the summer that helped guide their speaker choice.

"When we got the opportunity to bring him here, we jumped at the chance," she

said.

Jordan Brown, a 19-year-old UF sustainability and the built environment sophomore, said she used to watch "Everybody Hates Chris" a lot as a child. Crews' character, Julius Rock, was always her favorite. The actor's car dancing scene to "A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton in "White Chicks" was iconic.

"Terry Crews is this big guy that you don't expect to be as, like, funny and gentle and sort of loving," she said. "He can't be anybody but himself, even when he's acting."

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GATORS CRUSHED BY BULLDOGS

The Florida women's basketball team fell to No. 2 Mississippi State 90-53 on Thursday night, pg. 14.



SG parties announce candidates for election

Two parties announced candidates. A new party announces today, pg. 3.

City announces cost of Richard Spencer at UF

The city announced it won't charge UF, pg. 5

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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The UF Social Justice Summit: For the Gator Good

UF will host a Social Justice Summit with a focus of Allyship today and Saturday. Keynote speakers will include Dr. Zulema Valdez and Tim Wise. Breakout sessions, a UF panel and a community panel will round out the summit. "Voices from the March," an original student-written play about the Women's March on Washington, D.C., will close the summit. This event is open to all with an interest in social justice. For more information and to register, visit education.ufl.edu/socialjustice-summit.

Fulbright Lecture Series

As part of the Fulbright Lecture Series, Maya Stanfield-Mazzi will talk about indigenous textiles in colonial Latin America at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the UF International Center in the Hub. Stanfield-Mazzi is a UF associate professor of art history, specializing in art of colonial Latin America. This first 2018 Fulbright lecture, entitled "Indigenous Textiles in the Colonial Latin American Home: Luxury, Lineage and Leisure" is a free event and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Tango Classes

Want to learn Argentine tango? The UF Argentine Tango Club will hold free classes for all UF students. No dance experience is necessary. Join them from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Sundays at the Reitz Union, Dance Studio A.

Florida Museum to host 5K race Feb. 10

Registration is now open for the "Watch Your Step!" 5K race Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Late or race-day registration is \$30, or \$25 for UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card. For more information, visit floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/watch-your-step-5k or call 352-273-2055.

Stomp the Swamp for Autism

Impact Autism, a UF organization, is holding "Stomp the Swamp for Autism" to benefit UF Center for Autism and

Related Disabilities (CARD) at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Autism is a developmental disorder that affects one in every 68 children and their families. In the Gainesville and surrounding areas alone, over 3,500 families are affected by autism. CARD supports individuals with autism and their families through training and assistance. To learn more about autism and register for "Stomp the Swamp," visit card.ufl.edu or check them out on Facebook.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers' race

Registration is now open for LifeSouth Community Blood Centers' "Five Points of Life Race Weekend" on Feb. 17 and Feb. 18 at fivepointsoflife.com. Gainesville's largest running race begins on the UF Cultural Plaza. There will be free coffee and pastelitos from Mi Apá Latin Café from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Feb. 18. All proceeds go to the Five Points of Life Foundation, which educates and raises awareness for the five ways to share life with others through the donation of blood, apheresis, marrow, cord blood, organ and tissue.

Free Citizenship Classes

The Latina Women's League will offer free citizenship classes from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 29 at the Millhopper Library Branch, located at 3145 NW 43rd St. To register, email info@latinawomensleague.org.

Words on Canvas: Harn Museum Writing Competition

A picture is worth a thousand words. Write yourself into the art museum. Words on Canvas is a poetry and prose writing competition at the Harn Museum of Art for UF and Santa Fe College students inspired by art. The selection of artwork features a variety of media including Asian, photography and modern collections. Winning contestants will be awarded prizes. See guidelines at harn.ufl.edu/wordsoncanvas. The deadline to apply is Feb. 25.

Spring SG Elections Qualifying and Slating

Spring Student Government Elections are almost here.



Have an event planned? Add it to the **alligator's** online calendar: alligator.org/calendar

Qualifying and slating for candidates will be in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, Suites A and E, on the following days/times: from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. 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.

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 free lecture 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/.

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Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to jtavel@alligator.org. To request publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after the above events, and keep them to 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

Correction: In a story published Jan. 16 titled "GPD: FGCU student pulls out knife in a fight at midtown," The Alligator incorrectly reported Jose Javier Navas Heredia was released to U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, as originally told to reporters by jail staff. The magistrate's report does not include that information.

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Impact, Inspire and new party release executive tickets

By Christina Morales
Alligator Staff Writer

A former Student Government Pro Tempore who accused Impact Party of tokenizing minorities wants to be the next Student Body president.

In an announcement to the Alligator on Thursday, Janae Moodie said she is running for Student Body president with a new party.

The party's name, president and executive ticket will be announced Friday afternoon. The party also intends to begin slating Sunday, said Wayne Selogy, the party's campaign manager.

"We encourage students of all backgrounds and any or no affiliations to slate with Janae Moodie's party," Selogy, a UF African American studies senior, said. "We're looking for driven students who want to make a difference."

Selogy, 22, said the party is a grassroots movement.

"There will be a clear distinction throughout this campaign of Janae's ability to lead, her experience in leadership and her ability to bring issues that candidates have been very afraid to bring up in the past that are necessary to move our university forward," Selogy said.

Moodie, a UF psychology senior, said she decided to form the party last week after the new party president wrote to her on Facebook.

"It was actually because I had overwhelming support from people from both parties asking me to step up," Moodie said. "The party president actually reached out to me and told me about a vision he had of serving students and that aligned with what I said in my speech. I felt like that was the answer I was looking for on how to serve the students best."

Moodie said people are excited about the prospects of the party, and so she is.

"Transparency is so important to me but also increasing diversity initiatives to make it more representative of the campus demographic," she said.

Impact Party

Impact Party announced their executive ticket Tuesday morning on Facebook.

The ticket includes Ian Green running for Student Body president, David Enriquez running for Student Body vice president and Stefan Sanguyo running for Student Body treasurer, Enriquez said.

Enriquez denied to comment further.

This will be the second year the Impact executive ticket will not have a female candidate.

Omarley Spence, Impact president, said even though there's no female on the ticket, everyone in the party is excited for the candidates.

"I really strongly believe you don't have to be a female to advocate for female issues," Spence, 20, said. Impact will introduce the candidates Friday at 1 p.m. on Plaza of the Americas.

Spence, a UF economics junior, said they decided on these individuals because they've given back to UF in different ways.

"We felt that each of them not only has experience serving the university, but also they can serve the university in the capacity as candidates that they're running for," Spence said.

Spence said he's fortunate to get to know the people on this ticket.

"I'm very optimistic about us being able to do very well in this campaign going forward," he said.

Inspire Party

SG Senator Ben Lima announced Inspire Party's executive ticket Tuesday afternoon by sending an email to The Alligator and through Facebook.

The ticket includes Revel Lubin running for Student Body president, Bijal Desai running for Student Body vice president and Alyssa Bethencourt running for Student Body treasurer.

Lubin, a UF criminology and African American studies sophomore, will serve as the Student Body treasurer until April. Lubin disaffiliated with Impact Party, the party he ran with last year to become treasurer, over a week ago and announced he would affiliate with Inspire.

Lima, 19, who also serves as the Inspire president, said they decided on the executive ticket this month.

"We're really happy that we're able to get these three extremely passionate and qualified individuals to run with Inspire Party," Lima said. "We're seeing the enthusiasm and positive reactions on social media."

Lima, a UF political science sophomore, said he's excited to have Lubin on board because of the experiences he gained from serving as treasurer.

"Revel is someone who does what he thinks is right in his heart," he said.

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In 2016, only 10 reported sexual assaults to law enforcement

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modations or rooming changes, he said. They'll also conduct an investigation to send to the Student Conduct Office if a victim chooses.

Tanja Philhower, the assistant dean of students, said there's nothing new about people reporting their sexual assaults to people other than the police.

"Reporting to law enforcement feels really significant and really overwhelming," she said.

Philhower, who used to be a victim advocate, said people may worry they would ruin the life of the person who assaulted them by reporting to police, especially if the person was a peer.

She also said people naturally seek out those they're close with, like RAs and professors, thinking they're confidential.

"I think it is difficult to provide that clarity for people about where there are confidential resources and where there are not," she said.

Philhower works with the U Matter, We Care team — but she said having a victim of sexual assault email them directly isn't the best option, because they then have to disclose the information, when the victim may not have known all their choices.

Sometimes, it's not even the student who sends an email, but a friend or a parent. A report on the student will still have to be filed — even if they didn't know about the email. A well-meaning parent can put the student through a process they didn't expect, Philhower said.

"It still can feel really outing and feel re-traumatizing when there's a mandatory report that has to be made," she said.



Brown said more people tend to seek action with UF rather than with law enforcement if they move forward, but there's no one way someone processes sexual assault. Some seek the law. More seek disciplinary action. And some just don't want to think about it.

But they may not know all of the options, or the best option for them, if they don't go to a group like Victim Services first.

In 2017, Brown's office saw 67 people come through to discuss sexual assaults in confidence, 60 of them students. From 2014 to 2017, nearly 200 people came to the office to discuss sexual assault.

The office helps victims with anything they may need — they'll sit with them in court rooms and hospital rooms, answer their late-night calls and tell them whatever they need to know.

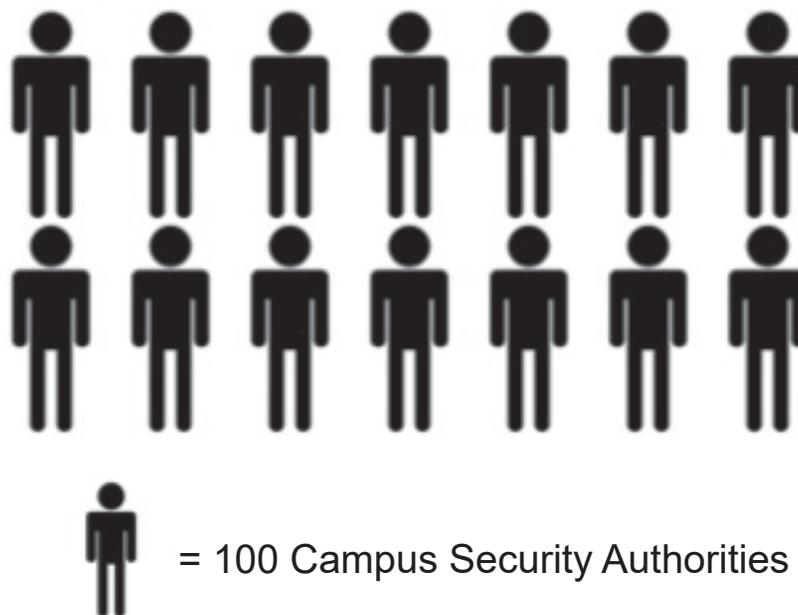
"You can come here and explore all your options," she said.

The only thing Victim Services passes along are details of an on-campus assault, without names or identifying information, to University Police through the Campus Security Authority program.

The Campus Security Authority program was created under the Clery Act, a federally mandated program that requires colleges to report on-campus crimes.

Major Brad Barber from UPD said not all victims, especially with assault, come to the police.

About 1,400 Trained CSAs are at UF each Year



Source: University Police

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UF has about 1,400 Campus Security Authorities. They go through training and are mandated by the federal Clery Act to report incidents of sexual assault on campus.

Some of UF's 1,400 Campus Security Authorities — people like professors, housing staff, security guards and Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol drivers — pass along information about on-campus crimes so the police have a better count.

Of reported on-campus sexual assaults in 2016, only 10 of a total 23 individuals reported directly to the police. Eleven were passed through Campus Security Authorities. In 2015, a year with

18 reported on-campus sexual assaults, seven students reported to the police.

Barber said Campus Security Authorities encourage victims to go to the police, but it's a personal decision.

"We have seen a slight increase (in reporting to Campus Security Authorities) over the years, which I think is a direct result of our continuing efforts to assist those in need and provide alternatives to reporting to law

enforcement," Barber said.

Rita Lawrence, the Interpersonal Violence Coordinator at GatorWell, said she knows when someone is assaulted, they almost always turn to a friend first.

"Criminal justice numbers are ever only going to catch a small portion of people reporting because most survivors choose not to report to police," she said.

Lawrence encourages people to go to a confidential office, like Victim Services, first to learn their options.

Gizem Toska, a licensed psychologist with the Counseling & Wellness Center, said they have emergency walk-in appointments available to students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. They also screen students' paperwork for references to sexual assault and would then call the student right away, she said.

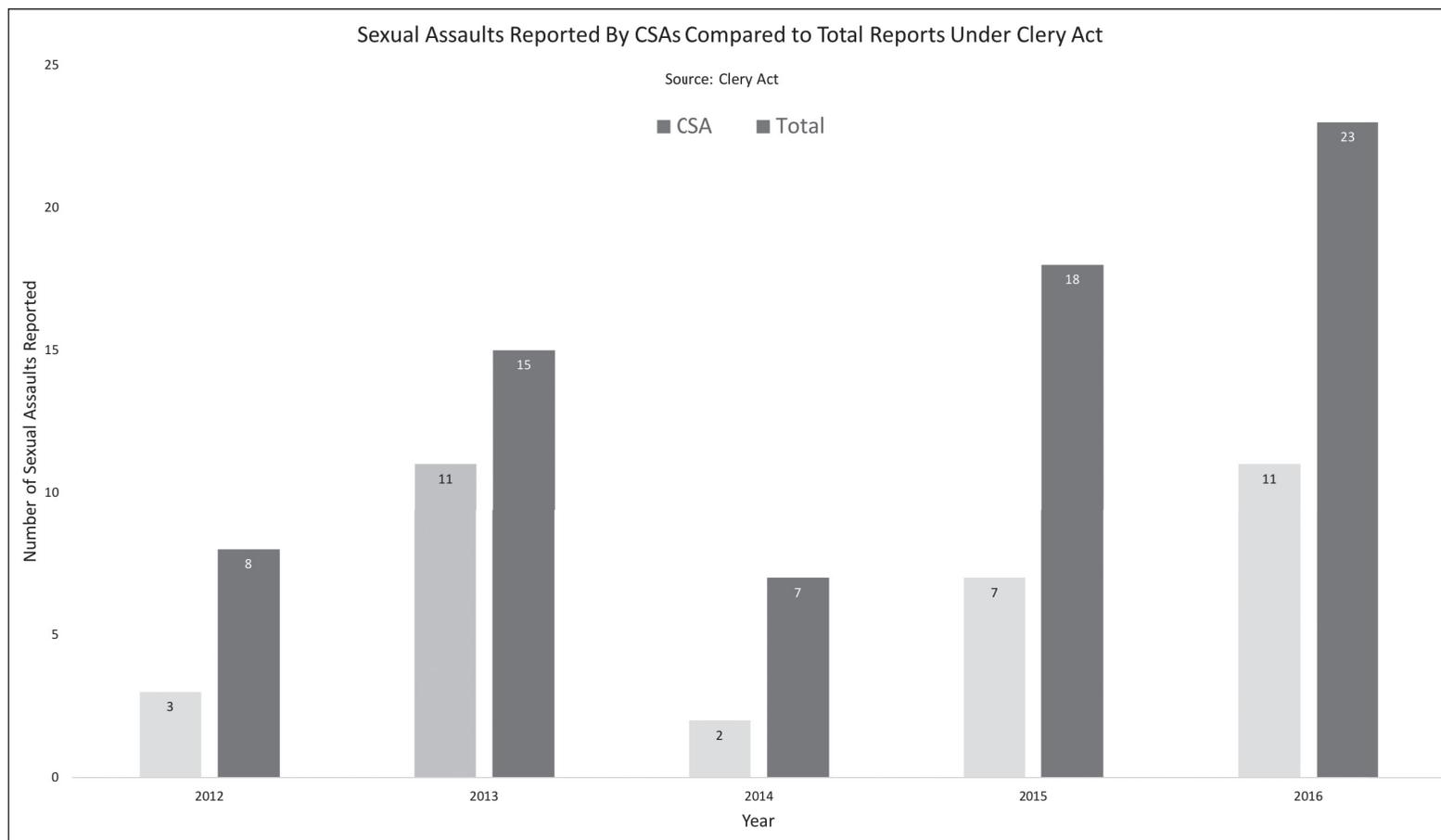
They'll never push a student to reveal more or do anything they don't want, she said — a benefit of being confidential.

"An assault is a significant boundary breach," Toska said. "So as providers, we will be as sensitive as possible to not do further harm while trying to help."

She said speaking out and leaving that confidential space happens at a different pace for everyone.

"It's okay if you're not ready, and it's okay if you are ready," she said.

Staff Writer Meryl Kornfield contributed to this report.



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Shown are the number of sexual assaults that occurred on campus and were reported, according to the federal Clery Act.

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UF student told police she spray-painted a government building

THE VANDALS SPELLED GAINESVILLE WRONG.

By Robert Lewis
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A UF student took part in spray-painting graffiti, which included the words "F--- Gainesville (sic)," onto the wall of an Alachua County building downtown early Wednesday, Gainesville Police said.

Marta Semeao Rebeiro, 19, was arrested with Kaden Charles Rhoades, 20, at about 1 a.m. for vandalizing the Alachua County Administration Building, according to an arrest report. A man witnessed the pair spray-painting on the building and told police, according to the report.

Police found multiple markings on the southwest and southeast corners

of the office, located at 12 SE First St., according to the report. They also found the empty spray can the witness said Rhoades dropped when he finished marking up the building, police said.

On the southwest corner of the building, the pair wrote an expletive and spelled Gainesville incorrectly in black spray paint on the red brick wall. "I am Inim" was written on an electrical box, and "No means no," was written twice on the building's southeast corner, according to the report.

When police arrested Rhoades, Rebeiro came up to them and said he had nothing to do with the graffiti, according to the report. She took responsibility for the spray-painting and took police to where she said she had marked the building. She did not point to the markings the witness

saw Rhoades making, police said.

Police estimated the damages to be less than \$1,000, according to the report.

John Hines, a UF spokesperson, wrote in an email Rebeiro is a UF linguistics junior.

After their arrests, Rhoades refused to answer questions and told police he was going to Colorado the next day. Rebeiro took responsibility for the graffiti.

They were both charged with criminal mischief and taken to the Alachua County Jail where they were released on their own recognizance Wednesday afternoon.

Neither could be reached for comment.

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A UF student spray-painted "I AM INIM" onto the wall of an Alachua County building downtown early Wednesday.

City will not bill UF for Spencer

By Jessica Giles
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The City Commission decided Thursday it will not charge UF for the more than \$224,000 in public security costs for the Richard Spencer event on campus.

A report, presented to the commission in a General Policy meeting Thursday, outlined both city and county costs incurred from the October event. The City of Gainesville spent \$224,105 on overtime pay, meals, travel and supplies, according to the report. The commission decided not to ask UF for reimbursement, although they may send a letter to UF detailing the breakdown of costs, city spokesperson Chip Skinner said.

UF has not disclosed its own expenses, although they were estimated to be more than \$500,000, according to an earlier UF statement.

UF declined to comment on the city's

decision to foot the bill.

Alachua County sent an itemized invoice for \$302,184 more than two weeks ago for the cost of public safety resources provided for Spencer's event on campus in October, according to Alligator archives.

City Commissioner Helen Warren felt the costs the city paid were fair, and UF shouldn't be punished for bad luck.

"I think it was the luck of the draw that this individual chose to speak on campus property," she said. "He could easily have come into the city's limits."

Warren believes providing services without the expectation of reimbursement helps maintain a strong partnership between the city and UF.

"I just feel that we are doing so much as a city to improve the town and gown relationship that this was one of those exercises," she said.

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Florida legislator want schools to display "In God We Trust"

By Jessica Giles
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All Florida schools would be required to display "In God We Trust" come July if this bill passes.

The House Pre K-12 Innovation subcommittee unanimously backed the bill, HB 839, Tuesday, which would mandate buildings used by a district school board to display the state motto, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location. It now awaits consideration in the House Education Committee. State Sen. Keith Perry, (R-Alachua), has filed a similar bill in the Senate.

The bill's primary sponsor, Rep. Kimberly Daniels (D-Duval County), is a Christian author and founder of Kimberly Daniels Ministries International. She said the bill will educate children on Florida's history.

"This motto is inscribed on the walls of this

great capitol and inked in our currency, and it should be displayed so that our children will be exposed and educated on this great motto, which is a part of this country's foundation," she said.

Daniels said the cost schools will be small.

Alachua County Public Schools spokesperson Jackie Johnson said it's too early to determine how much this bill would cost schools.

"I think it's safe to assume that (the school board) would have some concerns about whether or not it's constitutional," she said.

Jennifer Scott, who has six children in ACPS, is torn about the bill. She said, as a Christian, it is exciting to see God included in public schools but knows that not everybody has the same beliefs.

"There are a lot of people who aren't Christians, and I feel like I hate to impose my beliefs on people," she said.

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Editorial

It's the third week of the Spring semester. The poor decisions you made during syllabus week have finally caught up to you, and you're now coming to terms with the fact that your classes are going to require a lot more effort than you initially anticipated.

Once you fail your first organic chemistry quiz of the semester, you have a serious reality check that leads you back to the hallowed halls of Study Edge. After dishing out the \$50 for your coveted gold membership, you feel a wave of relief wash over you. Sure, maybe you don't have enough money for groceries this week, but at least you'll pass your classes.

Bright blue packet in hand, you make your way to Marston Science Library and find yourself a perfectly secluded desk in the basement. You plug in your headphones, sip your coffee and prepare for what is sure to be a very long night of studying.

After some mental preparation, you finally crack open your packet. Oddly enough, when you open it up, there is no scientific wording to be found. No equations, no compounds and no experiments to study. Instead, the words inside read...

Darts & Laurels

After a marathon trial in Michigan, former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar now faces a prison sentence of up to 175 years. He was sentenced Wednesday for criminal sexual misconduct, after more than 160 women appeared in court to share their stories of sexual assault at the hands of the doctor.

The utter disgust we have for Nassar is challenging to articulate. As such, we award **Nassar** our first **dart** of the week.

The New York Times reported more than 160 women have said Nassar sexually abused them. Their testimonies were both heart-wrenching and disturbing, but most importantly, they were courageous. The women who stood in the courtroom and revealed some of their most traumatic experiences did so after many of them had already reported him to no avail. Nonetheless, they persisted. They persisted to get Nassar the damnation he rightfully deserves.

We believe victim Kyle Stephens said it best in her testimony when she said, "Little girls don't stay little forever. They grow into strong women that return to destroy your world." We would like to award a **laurel** to the **strong and brave women** who grew up and returned to destroy Nassar's world.

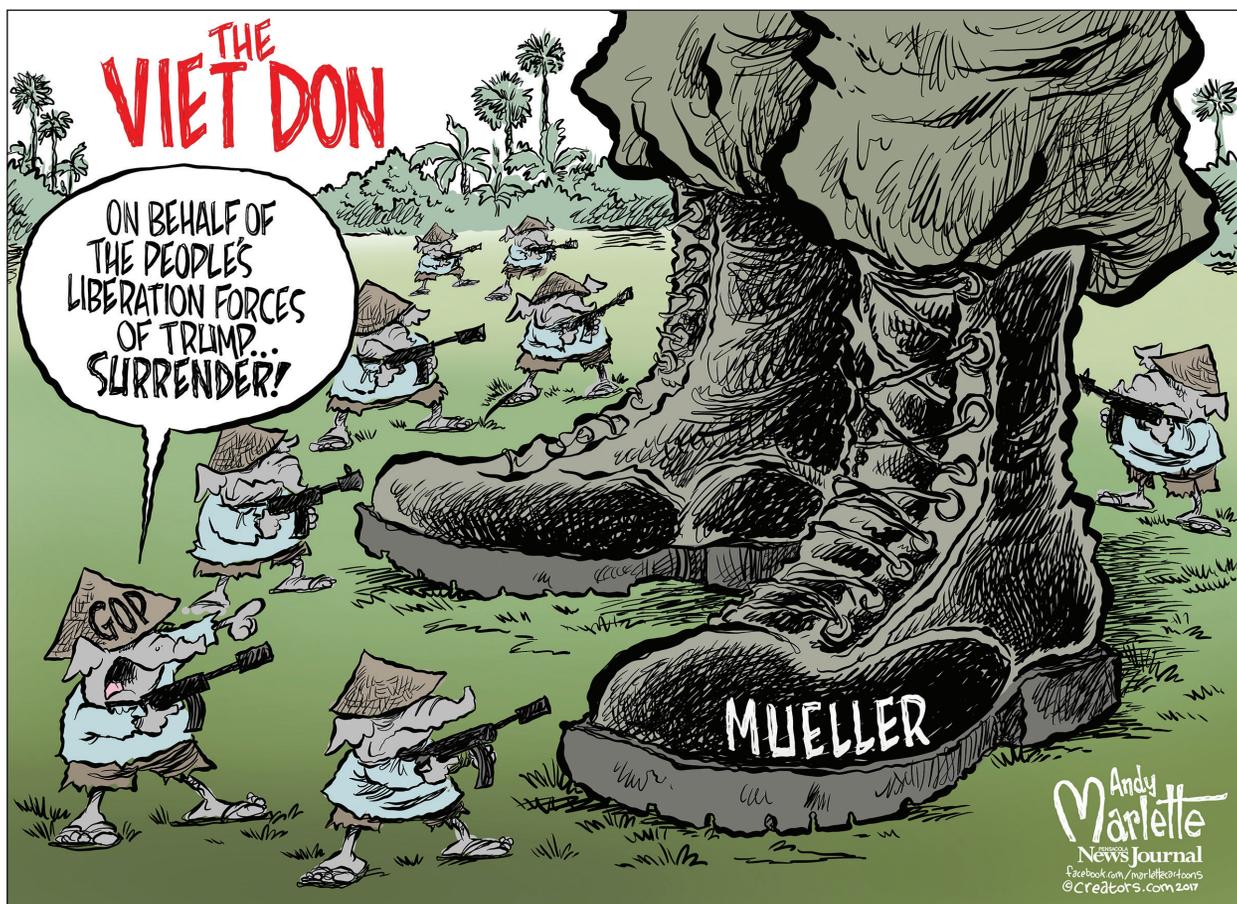
On a similar note, we must also praise the newspaper that first reported Nassar's crimes in August 2016. We shall grant a **laurel** to the **Indianapolis Star**, which carried out a five-month investigation on the topic. Without this paper's efforts, Nassar might still be abusing kids today. In a time where the media is being highly criticized by many, we must take the time to recognize good journalism matters.

Closer to home, we were once again faced with disappointment at the hands of the Impact Party. On Thursday morning, the party announced their executive ticket on Facebook. For the second year in a row, no females will appear on the ticket. The lack of female representation once again shed light on the lack of gender diversity within Student Government.

It was clear the party was cognizant of a need for diversity, as there are candidates of several different ethnic backgrounds represented on the ticket. The effort was there. We recognize that, but, in our opinion, they still fell short. Thus, we award our last **dart** to **Impact** and their lack of female representation.

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Column

Gambling and video games should never mix

Less than two months ago, video game giant Electronic Arts (EA) released one of the most highly anticipated games of the year, "Star Wars Battlefront II." Bolstered by the powerful "Star Wars" brand, the game was preordered by millions of movie and video game fans across a wide spectrum of ages. Despite being a "shooter," the game deliberately leaves out any blood, guts and cursing and is rated appropriate for teenagers, likely a move by EA to ensure THE most potential consumers can buy it.

The enforcement of age ratings in video games has always been nonexistent. A notoriously vulgar and violent game like Grand Theft Auto (rated "M" for mature), has online lobbies littered with squeaky-voiced preteens and "your mom" jokes. You have to be at least 17 to buy these games, but parents do all the purchasing because they likely do not fully understand what is actually in the game or, even more likely, do not want to deal with a whining child when they refuse to buy them a game that "all of their friends have."

The drama surrounding the release of "Battlefront II," however, was about a growing problem in the gaming industry — gambling mechanisms. Both Denmark and the state of Hawaii have taken legal action, with Belgium sending its gambling commission to investigate and Hawaii seeking legislative action to prevent such games from being sold to underage consumers.

The issue centers around "loot boxes." Loot boxes are in-game crates that reveal randomized rewards upon opening. The rewards gained from a loot box can then be used to customize or enhance your online player, essentially giving you an upper hand over those who did not receive the same goodies from their boxes. Injecting the randomized benefits and slot machine-luck mechanics into already addicting games is bad enough, but what makes it worse is that you can use real-world money to buy more loot boxes, thus increasing your odds of winning something great.

Layered within the loot box gambling debate is a com-



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pletely separate, but equally serious, issue: in-game purchases with real world money. What started on mobile apps a few years ago — the ability to enter your credit card information into a game in order to instantly buy improvements — has reached the traditional gaming consoles. Loot boxes take this connection and ease of access to the player's real-world funds and mixes it with the psychologically manipulative elements of gambling.

The problem is not that loot boxes (and the ability to use real money to purchase them) exist. EA and other video game developers and publishers are companies with their own terms of service agreements, so they can do whatever they want (within reason). The problem is that they're incredibly popular. Companies wouldn't include loot box purchases if nobody bought them.

The idea of a loot box within a game is not terribly problematic. What is problematic is tapping into the brain's susceptibility to gambling and establishing a streamline to a player's wallet. What makes everything worse is that a significant percentage of these games are played by kids, often entering parents' credit cards into the system.

Gambling quickly turns into an addiction when the player in the casino refuses to leave because he wants just "one more game," and the same phenomenon is experienced with "one more loot box." If you're an adult and want to buy loot boxes, then go ahead, but we shouldn't make these options accessible in games that are also aimed at younger audiences (like "Star Wars"). Apart from introducing a "pay-to-win" element in these online games, purchasing loot boxes introduces kids to attractive forms of gambling at a dangerously early age and, in a way, is far more tempting to them than traditional gambling games. Before companies go for this easy money grab, they must consider the implications such actions will have on their audiences.

Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His column focuses on entertainment.

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

Column

Government must facilitate research on marijuana before crafting policies

Marijuana wasn't always prohibited. Due to the 1910 Mexican Revolution, many Mexican refugees migrated to the U.S. With an influx of immigrants of a different culture came the rise of xenophobia along the Mexico-U.S. border. According to Eric Schlosser, author of the article "Reefer Madness," Texas police officers reported marijuana incited "a lust for blood" in Mexicans who used the drug that gave them "superhuman strength." To further stir fear, rumors began to spread that Mexicans were giving this "killer weed" to American children.

The origins of the illegalization of marijuana in the U.S. are pages of history some wish to skim over. Nevertheless, today we are left dealing with the consequences of uninformed decisions of those in the past century.

As states began to legalize the recreational use of marijuana in 2013, the Former President Barack Obama administration issued a memo indicating states could pursue their own marijuana laws without much federal intervention. However, Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the memo Jan. 4, which left the government's current stance on marijuana in limbo. Congress responded to Sessions by introducing multiple bills to alleviate the growing confusion over marijuana policies. One proposed bill intends to

decriminalize marijuana use and possession on the federal level. Some congressmen also hope to remove marijuana as a Schedule One substance under the Controlled Substance Act, where it currently ranks alongside heroin and above cocaine for potential of abuse.

Public opinion may push Congress to act even further. A recent Gallup poll revealed about 64 percent of the population supports legalizing marijuana for recreational use. Although it seems like the opportune time for Congress to legalize the drug, people should not anticipate the federal government making that decision anytime soon. Instead, Americans must patiently wait for scientific evidence to develop.

The only way to definitively transform public opinion to fact is through the support of scientific evidence. Lack of substantial marijuana research for the past decade stems from the difficulty in studying an illegal substance. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine recently published a 354-page report based on scientific literature surrounding the effects of marijuana. The report stressed the importance for more research to be conducted on the health benefits and risks from marijuana use. Current scientific evidence only supports three



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benefits: lessened chronic pain, reduced chemotherapy-induced nausea and relief from some symptoms of multiple sclerosis.

More benefits could come, but the government restricts marijuana research. Currently, researchers interested in studying marijuana must be reviewed by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

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If approved, researchers can then only get marijuana for research under the NIDA Drug Supply Program, which currently has only one facility. Yes, one facility at the University of Mississippi supplies all marijuana researchers with the range of strains and potency they may need. On top of that, cannabinoid products available in state-regulated markets are still unavailable at the federal level.

Research funding for marijuana currently

drives the scientific discussion on the drug itself. Most funding comes from agencies looking to study the negative effects of the drug, ignoring other areas of the debate. According to the agency itself, the NIDA, which funded around 60 percent of all cannabinoid research in 2015, only devoted 16.5 percent of annual funding to the therapeutic benefits of cannabinoids.

The Department of Veterans Affairs still refuses to authorize studies on the effects of marijuana on post-traumatic stress disorder, even though it could potentially serve as a viable alternative to prescribing opioids. Different factions of government may be divided on the question of legalizing marijuana, but all should support research to find the ultimate answer of whether it's good or bad for people.

Although many are eager for marijuana to finally become legal, Americans must stay patient. Congress doesn't mind delaying policymaking in many areas. We must support a current delay in deciding on legalization until science can properly promote policymaking.

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Letters to the Editor

Student Government Supports Gators Matter, Period.

Last week, the Budget and Appropriations Committee met to discuss the code revision for the Gators Matter, Period. initiative, and did not vote in favor of the code revision to allow student organizations to purchase menstrual hygiene products for distribution using the Activity and Service Fees. However, the de-

cision made by the Budget and Appropriations Committee does not reflect Student Government's stance on the Gators Matter, Period. initiative. Rather, SG stands firm in their support for the Gators Matter, Period. initiative, and is currently working to fund this project through Facilities Services and GatorWell.

Members from both parties, along with Student Body President Smith Meyers, Women's Student Association President Rebecca Kravitz and Gators Matter, Period. coalition leader Chase Werther, are working together to make this student idea a reality across campus. We are excited to expand access to menstrual hy-

giene products on campus. As we work toward this goal, menstrual hygiene products will be available in the Reitz Union, Newell Hall and other locations across campus by April.

Until this project is complete, students can access free menstrual hygiene products as needed through the Field and Fork Pan-

try, which is supported by SG. The Field and Fork Pantry is located east of McCarty Hall B and is available to all students with a Gator 1 Card.

Branden Pearson (Inspire, Lakeside) is an SG senator and Emily Dunson (Impact, District A) is the Budget and Appropriations Committee chairwoman.

Letter to the Editor from SG Supervisor of Elections

Hello Gators! My name is Erica Baker, and I am the supervisor of elections for Student Government. I am writing to you to discuss the importance of SG Elections. SG impacts the campus in a number of ways, through their ability to advocate on behalf of the Student Body at UF and in the state and federal government.

There are multiple ways to get involved with SG. You can run for a Student Senate position, campaign or, most importantly, you can vote. While the majority of students do not run for Senate, I do not want to diminish the importance of running for a position. That being said, I would encourage anyone who is considering it to attend the elections informational meeting today in the Senate Chamber to learn more about running for a Senate position. At this time, however, I would like to focus on the importance of being an educated voter.

Elections will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21. The Spring elec-

tion is different from the Fall election in that it is based on your credits instead of where you live. You will be considered a freshman, sophomore or you will be categorized based on your college. This means the 50 senators elected this semester will represent freshmen, sophomores and each of the colleges on campus. This election is also different because students will be voting for the next Student Body president, vice president and treasurer.

Much like city, state and national elections, it is important for people to take advantage of their right to vote in order to have their voices heard on important issues. And, like the aforementioned elections, we, as students at UF, have more than one way to vote. You can either vote at a designated polling location or you can vote by absentee ballot. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, you can find the sign up form on the SG elections page. The sign up form will be open until at 5 p.m. Feb. 7.

Beyond asserting your right to vote, it is also crucial to be an educated voter. By being an educated voter, you are ensuring that your voice is heard and properly represented. Parties and candidates may have similar stances on certain topics, but they differ on others, and I would encourage every student to ask questions and figure out who they want to represent them and their beliefs.

How can you become an educated voter? An easy way to start is to do research on the internet. With the election cycle beginning today, each party will likely have their own social media accounts where you can find more information on them. Later, once the platforms are released by the parties, you will also be able to find a PDF with all of the parties and their platforms listed on the SG elections website.

You can also talk to them in person. After the election cycle has begun, the parties and candidates will campaign around cam-

pus. You can approach them in person and learn more about them. I would encourage students to take the time to talk to the candidates in person. Some candidates will run independent of a party, and, to truly be an educated voter, you should talk to everyone who is running to represent you.

Third, you can attend the SG debate Feb. 13 at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. At the SG debate, the presidential tickets will answer various questions about their platforms and goals for the campus.

Lastly, I would encourage everyone to check out the SG elections website. You will be able to find the codes governing elections, a list of important dates and other important documents pertaining to the elections. After Feb. 12, you will also be able to find the official list of candidates who are running. One can never be over-educated when it comes to elections. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at elections@sg.ufl.edu. Thank you for taking the time to read this and being an educated voter, and, as always, go Gators!

UF alumna introduces city's first IV infusion lounge

ONE TYPE OF INFUSION IS CALLED "CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP."

By Robert Lewis
Alligator Staff Writer

For the first time in Gainesville, people feeling sick, tired or dehydrated can buy an IV infusion.

Revival IV Lounge, a business that specializes in providing customers with vitamin-infused IV solutions, opened at 10 a.m. Thursday at 3300 SW Archer Road, Suite 110. Nichole Pogue, the founder and owner, said injections range in price from \$85 to \$175, depending on the ingredients and are not covered by medical insurance.

"Our goal is to make it as relaxing as possible but also get you in and out because we know everyone has a busy life," said Pogue, a 34-year-old nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner and UF alumna. She graduated with a major in psychology from UF in 2006, she said.

Some of the featured infusions include "Migraine Buster," "MVP," and "Stress Relief," according to its website.

She got the idea for her company in October while traveling to other cities and seeing similar businesses.

"The more I researched it, the more I realized that it would benefit the residents of Gainesville," Pogue said.

Though this is the first business

of its kind in Gainesville, Pogue said the concept has been around since the 1950s. A doctor named John Myers invented the "Myers' Cocktail," which Pogue said she bases her own infusions on.

Pogue said the IVs are given by registered nurses and paramedics, and the lounge is overseen by a physician.

Pogue said coming from a hospital background has prepared her and her staff to keep the same standards followed in a hospital.

"All the vitamins come from an FDA-approved compounding pharmacy," Pogue said.

A customer will walk in, fill out paperwork, have their medical history reviewed, browse the menu of IV infusions and then wait while the chosen infusion is prepared to order. It takes about an hour to administer an infusion to a customer.

Different vitamins can help with different needs, ranging from workout recovery and hangover relief to immune system and energy boosts. Because the vitamins go straight through the IV and into the bloodstream, customers absorb 100 percent of the vitamins instead of the 30 to 40 percent they'd receive from a pill, Pogue said.

Pogue said people are welcome to come in groups or individually.

Monika Baldwin, 27, and Robyn Szabo, 39, of Gainesville were Revival IV lounge's first two customers. The two friends were excited for the opportunity after they saw the store's opening on social media.



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Revival IV Lounge is Gainesville's newest health spa that aims on rejuvenating customers through vitamin-infused IV drips. In addition to these treatments, the lounge also offers a variety of intramuscular shots that help boost energy and promote weight loss.

Baldwin said she normally has about four infusions a year at a doctor in Clearwater, Florida, or while she's traveling but may have them more often since she now has this local option.

"I haven't been sick in four years," Baldwin said.

She said she was starting to feel

the signs of a cold, so she ordered the "Chicken Noodle Soup" infusion in hopes of keeping the streak alive.

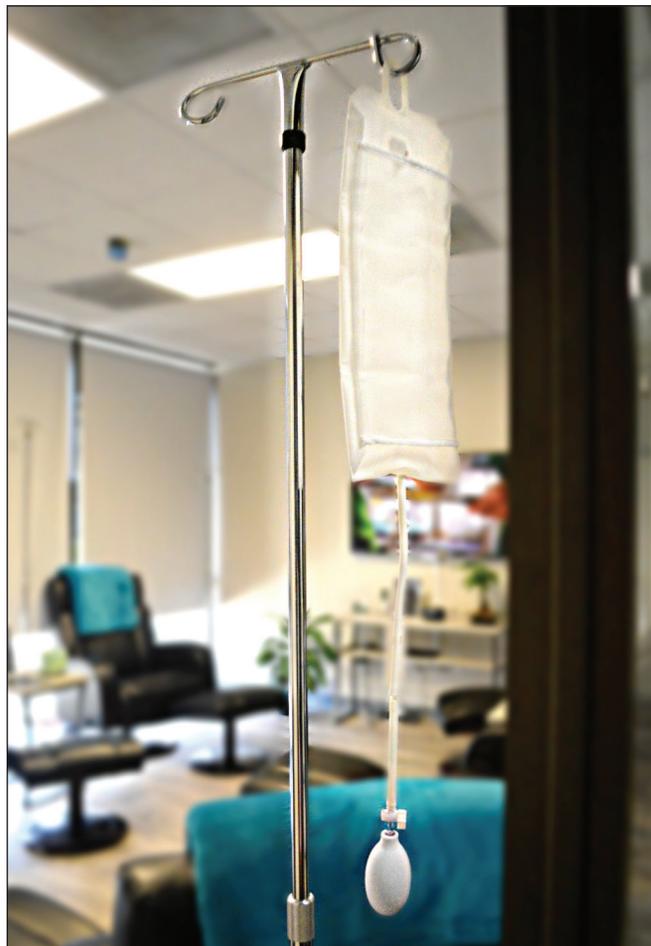
Szabo, who owns Gainesville Cryotherapy, a whole body cryotherapy business, was receiving her first IV infusion, she said.

She said she wanted to learn

more about the health and wellness treatment.

"I'm really glad Gainesville has this service, because I think we've been lacking in this type of preventative self-care," Szabo said.

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Revival IV Lounge focuses on the drip method of vitamin ingestion because "when taken by mouth, the body typically only absorbs 20 percent to 30 percent" of vitamins, compared to the "100 percent absorption rate" of bypassing the digestive system with an IV drip.



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Grace Pickron, a 20-year-old UF public relations sophomore, examines the drip menu at Revival IV Lounge. The spa offers drips for hydration and vitamin infusions for fat loss, fatigue, hangover relief and overall wellness.

City leaders highlight triumphs, trials, plans for future

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

City officials hope to create a more equal Gainesville in 2018.

At the State of the City Address, held Wednesday afternoon at the Gainesville Police headquarters, local officials highlighted the accomplishments of the past year and projects of the upcoming year. They hope these projects will make Gainesville a national model of the New American City, a city other cities look to as a model.

To do this, Mayor Lauren Poe said the city will need to not only incorporate technology-driven initiatives and continued development but also address the racial and socioeconomic disparities in Gainesville.

"Not until every one of us is welcomed, not until every one of us has the same opportunity and not until

every one of us is able to achieve their full potential, will we rest," Poe said.

He also praised the city for its resilience during a tumultuous year. Both Hurricane Irma and Richard Spencer prompted a state of emergency and ultimately demonstrated the strength of the community, he said.

"During two of the most stressful and chaotic moments in recent memory, we showed our unity, supported one another and lived our values," Poe said.

Gainesville Regional Utilities manager Edward Bielarski celebrated the city's decision to purchase the Deerhaven Renewable Energy Center. Since the purchase was made Nov. 7, the plant has saved GRU more than \$9 million, he said.

GRU is working with the City Commission to help Gainesville look

to the future. This will include the installment of smart streetlights that have sensors to adjust the amount of light they emit, which the city estimates will save millions of dollars, said city manager Anthony Lyons. The city also announced it will be deploying four driverless buses in the spring.

The city also unveiled its new tagline, "Gainesville. Citizen centered People empowered," which was developed with the help of Parisleaf, a local web design and branding agency, to replace its current slogan, "Every path starts with passion." Lyons said the tagline and its design may be adapted over time.

"These pieces intentionally are fluid and will evolve over time because at the end of the day, the essence of Gainesville's brand is its people, not a symbol," Lyons said.

Lyons said the tagline will ap-

pear on uniforms, business cards, letterheads and other city material to reinforce their mission of being a citizen-driven city.

Poe acknowledged work left to do. One of the biggest obstacles to the growth of Gainesville is the glaring inequality that persists throughout the city, he said.

More than 35 percent of African Americans and just over 30 percent of non-white Hispanics live below the poverty line in Alachua County, Poe said.

To combat the racial and economic divide in Gainesville, the commission will be implementing policies to keep young men of color out of the criminal justice system, he said.

Poe said the commission will work with police to develop a strategy to arrest fewer people.

Tom Mason, 53, tuned into the

State of the City Address via Facebook Live. The Gainesville resident was pleased to hear the city was turning its attention to racial and socioeconomic inequality in Gainesville.

"I completely agree that that has to be at the top of the list," he said. "One of the things I think that we really need to work on is the great divide of the city between the East and the West."

Mason supported the development projects on the east side of Gainesville, such as Depot Park and the Heartwood Community.

The various projects of 2018 are all focused on making Gainesville a citizen-centered city, Poe said.

"When I see a complete community, I see a Gainesville where every person, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, gender or geography is able to succeed," he said.

Gainesville store to offer 50 homemade sausage flavors

By Maggie Spillane
Alligator Contributing Writer

Adam Fehrenbacher grew up appreciating a good sausage.

The 37-year-old opened Fehrenbacher's Artisan Sausages on Saturday with 50 homemade sausage and cured meat flavors to choose from, and he plans on adding more every day. The sausage shop, located on 411 SW Fourth Ave., seeks to fill the niche market for artisan meats.

"We want people to feel like we're welcoming them into our home for dinner," he said.

The opening night menu included Pate en Bleu, which is green peppercorn pate with Siembra Farm arugula and Danish blue cheese. There was also Bavarian bratwurst served on a pretzel bun with Dijon mustard and a lamb sausage gyro.

Within an hour and a half of opening, the bratwurst and gyro were entirely sold out. Prices for the sausages vary but usually range from \$8 to \$12.

Michael Helsinki, 36; Thomas Reed, 29; and Kevin Choate, 38, came in for a meal for the first time Wednesday. They ate two Filipino Longaniza sausages and a Salt & Pepper

Smokeys sausage on the open-air back porch.

"It was very good," Choate said. "I always eat local."

Fehrenbacher grew up on a farm in southern Illinois, the son of German immigrants. He and his father would spend the winter making about 100 pounds of sausage, which would last until the next winter when they would start the process all over again.

After he graduated with a bachelor's in culinary arts, he worked in Europe and south Florida for years until he eventually found himself in Gainesville, where he's now been for five years.

At the Gainesville restaurants he's worked in, he's made his sausages as part of his dishes, but customers loved them so much they would specially ask to take extras home.

In January 2017, he resigned to pursue his dream of becoming a unique sausage producer, making and selling only high-quality sausages and cured meats.

With the help of his wife, Tatania Fehrenbacher, who has more than 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry, he said he felt he is ready to open his own storefront.

And after a year of preparation, they were ready to open their doors.

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Scholar honors Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, life

By Nicole Williams

Alligator Contributing Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. didn't only give the "I Have a Dream" speech.

He preached, prayed and was targeted by the FBI.

Gerald Smith, a University of Kentucky history professor and King scholar, spoke to about 60 people Thursday afternoon in Pugh Hall Ocora about the history of King that was left out in textbooks. He came to honor the 50th anniversary of King's assassination this year on April 4.

The event was sponsored by the African-American Studies department, with several other UF co-sponsors.

The speech, "Rediscovering the Committee Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," focused on the compassion King had, despite opposition from powerful figures, notably the FBI.

A tape recording meant to

blackmail King, using his alleged sexual adultery, along with a letter encouraging King to commit suicide, was sent to his wife, Coretta Scott King, Smith said.

"(The Southern Christian Leadership Conference) was aware of the FBI placing recording devices in their hotel rooms, hoping to tarnish King's image," Smith said.

Smith also emphasized the impact King's pastoral duties had on his social justice work.

"What kind of sermon do you preach to people when they're faced with that kind of hatred?" Smith said.

Sade Richardson, a 20-year-old African American studies junior, said she only knew the basics of King during her history courses in grade school.

"I knew he was a pastor, but I didn't know how much that went into his speeches," she said.



The National Archives

Martin Luther King Jr. speaks at a Civil Rights March on Washington, DC, on Aug. 28, 1963.

Worship guide

Methodist

Trinity United Methodist Church
Wed: Contemporary service @6:35p in Trinity Chapel, followed by Coffee Talk for young adults @ Hunters Crossing Starbucks 8-9p
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 352-376-6615 | TrinityGN.org

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St. Augustine Church & Catholic Student Center
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 1409 NW 6th St #110
 3527928075

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Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA)
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 Second 0:48
 Sundays at 10 a.m.
faithgainesville.org

Lutheran

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 1801 NW 5th Ave.
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18 Personals

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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RELEASE DATE-- Friday, January 26, 2018

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big sister?
 - 7 Way more than a whimper
 - 11 Pixie
 - 14 Circus equipment
 - 15 Online marketplace
 - 16 Madhouse
 - 17 First U.S. national park
 - 19 Syncopated piece
 - 20 Calvin Klein or Perry Ellis
 - 21 Caution
 - 22 Spilled the beans
 - 23 Love personified
 - 24 Letter writing, some say
 - 26 Oenophile's concern
 - 28 Bear with a purple bow tie
 - 32 "Yada yada yada" letters
 - 35 Co-star of the 1955 comedy "How to Be Very, Very Popular"
 - 38 Revolutionary murdered in a tub
 - 40 Groom's garb
 - 41 Generous slices
 - 42 Subject of a 19th-century famine
 - 45 Menu general
 - 46 Tar pits site
 - 47 "Pretty please?"
 - 49 Che's given name
 - 52 State-spanning rds.
 - 56 Cross by wading
 - 59 Digging
 - 60 The good dishes
 - 61 "The Mikado" band?
 - 62 Aquanaut's workplace ... or a hint to what's graphically represented four times in this puzzle
 - 64 Dram
 - 65 Thailand, once
 - 66 Recess
 - 67 Fictional vigilante's mark
 - 68 Ballpark figs.
 - 69 Christian of "Mr. Robot"
- DOWN**
- 1 Sanctuaries
 - 2 Substitute players
 - 3 Frodo inherited his ring
 - 4 Queen of mystery
 - 5 Small-runway aircraft acronym
 - 6 Spokane-to-Walla Walla dir.
 - 7 Software to debug
 - 8 Scrub, at NASA
 - 9 Aspirant
 - 10 Drano compound
 - 11 Biblical reformer
 - 12 Library transaction
 - 13 "Around the World ..." hero
 - 18 Affirmed in court
 - 22 Happy hour perch
 - 24 ...-di-dah
 - 25 Lighter brand
 - 27 Bible book read during Purim
 - 29 Frank's cousin
 - 30 Gambling parlors, for short
 - 31 Very
 - 32 Expressionist painter Nolde
 - 33 Plantation near Twelve Oaks
 - 34 Nursery purchase
 - 36 Rural road feature
 - 37 One demanding payment, say
 - 39 Comparable to a beet
 - 43 Pressed sandwiches
 - 44 Confucian ideal
 - 48 Cornell's city
 - 50 Conclude by
 - 51 Parts of some flutes
 - 53 First of a series
 - 54 ___ of Hearts, accused tarts thief
 - 55 Cavalry sword
 - 56 With "the," TV character who first jumped the shark—literally
 - 57 Village Voice award
 - 58 Harvest-ready
 - 60 Spreadsheet box
 - 62 Employ
 - 63 KLM rival

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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MISSISSIPPI STATE 90, FLORIDA 53

Gators flounder in blowout defeat against No. 2 Bulldogs

By Justin Ahlum
Sports Writer



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Florida guard Funda Nakkasoglu scored 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting in the Gators' 90-53 loss to Mississippi State on Thursday night.

It was sink or swim for the Florida women's basketball team as it hit the road to play against the second-ranked team in the nation on Thursday.

Despite trailing by only two with six minutes to go before halftime, the Gators found a way to drown against Mississippi State as the Bulldogs (21-0, 7-0 SEC) handily defeated UF 90-53 in Starkville.

Even with the 37-point loss, coach Cameron Newbauer said after the game he's proud of his team for the effort they put forth against the No. 2 team in the country.

Florida (10-11, 2-6 SEC) couldn't find the bottom of the net in the contest, shooting 23-of-58 from the field and only 4-of-18 from behind the arc. It was an all-around struggle for nearly everyone in the Gators starting lineup.

Forward Paulina Hersler, who was averaging 12.3 points per game prior to Thursday night, didn't score her first basket until half-way through the fourth quarter.

Guard Delicia Washington, who has been praised over the past few weeks for her progress and ability to control her pace mid-game, committed nine turnovers, two more than the entire Bulldogs team.

One of the few bright spots from Thursday night's game was the performance of guard Funda Nakkasoglu.

The former Utah State transfer notched 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting to go along with three assists in 30 minutes of play.

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GYMNASTICS

Florida faces Oklahoma tonight at O'Connell Center

By Alana Gomez
Sports Writer

For the second time this season, the UF gymnastics team will host a No. 1 team at home. The No. 5 Gators (2-1, 1-1 SEC) are set to take on No. 1 Oklahoma (3-0, 1-0 Big 12) tonight at 6:45 in the nation's top gymnastics match of the weekend.

Florida's first matchup with a top-ranked team took place on Jan. 12, when the then-No. 7 Gators lost 197.250-197.125 to LSU in front of a sold-out O'Connell Center.

"Who can say they competed back-

to-back home meets against a No. 1 team?" coach Jenny Rowland said. "The Gators are always up for the challenge and this weekend is not gonna be any different."

As UF heads into its much anticipated matchup with the Sooners, one aspect Rowland is focused on is the team's lineup. She recognizes the kind of competition that exists between the gymnasts and encourages the team's friendly rivalry to get a place on each meet's lineups.

"Depth is a wonderful thing," Rowland said. "To find out what our best

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

White, UF hoping to bounce back against Bears on Saturday

By Jake Dreiling
Sports Writer

Mike White stood in front of reporters on Thursday morning and was immediately asked about the amount of breakdowns Florida had in its three-point defense against South Carolina on Wednesday.

His response?

"Oh my goodness," the UF men's basketball coach said. "A bunch."

South Carolina forward Maik Kotsar and guard Evan Hinson opened up the scoring with three-pointers on the team's first two possessions. Later in the first half, Gamecocks guard Wesley Myers drained back-to-back uncontested three-pointers. Florida (14-6, 6-2

SEC) wasn't getting to South Carolina's shooters fast enough, and it showed.

During No. 20 Florida's 77-72 loss to South Carolina on Wednesday at the O'Connell Center, the Gamecocks found open looks from the perimeter.

White said the little things, such as not fighting through screens with urgency and giving up shots late in the shot clock, allowed the Gamecocks (13-7, 4-4 SEC) to make 52.4 percent of their attempts from long range.

"We have to know the clock," White said. "Three seconds on the shot clock. At that point, we've got to make guys drivers, as opposed to accepting the late-clock threes."

SEE MEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 16



Florida's football team announced the hire of **Larry Scott** as its new tight ends coach on Thursday.

Florida women's tennis team competes this weekend

The Gators are taking on Cal State Fullerton on Saturday at 9 a.m. and will face either Louisiana-Monroe or Marshall on Sunday. Read UF women's tennis writer River Wells' match preview online at alligator.org/sports.

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TRACK & FIELD

Florida looks to continue success this weekend at Razorback Invitational

By Alanis Thames
Sports Writer

Florida's No. 1-ranked men's and No. 5-ranked women's track and field teams will head to Arkansas to compete in the Razorback Invitational this weekend for the Gators' fourth meet of the 2018 indoor season.

The Gators are looking to remain focused entering the meet, which takes place today and Saturday, and hope to continue their early-season success.

Redshirt junior AJ McFarland broke his own school record in the weight throw by seven centimeters (21.74 meters) last weekend at the Clemson Invitational, but he isn't satisfied.

"When you achieve one thing, there's something else to strive for," McFarland said.

Sophomore Grant Holloway will compete in his first long jump competition of the 2018 indoor season exactly one week after tying the third-fastest 60-meter hurdles time (7.49 seconds) in collegiate history.

The time earned Holloway the USTFCCA Division I Men's National Athlete of the Week and SEC Men's Co-Runner of the Week.

Junior Sharrika Barnett was part of the women's quartet that clocked the fifth-fastest time in UF history last week in the 4x400 relay at 3:31.17. To stay focused, Barnett said she concentrates on controlling her nerves.

"I just try to focus on running... or executing how coach (Mike) Holloway says I should," Barnett said. "It'll all fall in place when I do that."

Barnett — along with male sprinters Kunle Fasasi and freshman Benjamin Lobo Vedel — will compete in their first quarter-mile this weekend.

Coach Holloway said that after the teams' success at the Clemson Invitational, it was important for his athletes to come back with a clean slate.

"We always talk about leaving your failures (and) successes in the building," Holloway said. "Our mindset is always that we're just trying to get better."

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SWIMMING

Gators take on Volunteers this afternoon in Knoxville

By Jacob McManamon
Sports Writer

The Florida men's and women's swimming and diving teams will be in Knoxville today at 1 p.m. to take on the Tennessee Volunteers.

The No. 4 UF men's team (6-1) enters the meet coming off a 183-114 win over SEC rival Auburn last Saturday.



Lawless

Following a strong performance against the Tigers, senior Ben Lawless said the team will continue to work on the fundamentals in preparation for Tennessee's No. 12 men's team.

"Tennessee is one of the best teams we will face," Lawless said. "They are really talented up top, but they are not as deep as we are."

The men's team will look to pick up its sixth straight win this season.

The No. 16 women's squad (4-4) has a tough task ahead after losing to Auburn on Saturday by 21 points. It will face Tennessee's No. 9 women's team.

After UF freshman Taylor Ault's breakout performance against Auburn — one that saw her record wins in the 500 free and 1000 free — she said the key is to keep practicing and working on her weaknesses.

"I probably need to continue to improve on my speed-work and getting out with enough speed," she said.

Despite the UF's loss, Ault said she was happy with the way her teammates performed against Auburn.

"We did so much better this year, and I was really proud of how far we've come, especially in a midseason meet," Ault said.

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This Weekend in UF Sports

Friday, Jan. 19

Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving

@ Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Gymnastics

vs. Oklahoma, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network +

Men's/Women's Track & Field

@ Razorback Invitational, All Day, SEC Network +

Saturday, Jan. 20

Women's Tennis

vs. Cal State Fullerton, 9 a.m.

Men's Basketball

vs. Baylor, Noon, ESPN

Men's Tennis

vs. South Alabama, 3 p.m.

Men's/Women's Track & Field

@ Razorback Invitational, All Day, SEC Network

Sunday, Jan. 21

Women's Basketball

vs. Georgia, 2 p.m., SEC Network +

Men's Tennis

vs. Pepperdine/South Florida, TBD

Women's Tennis

vs. Louisiana-Monroe/Marshall, TBD

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MEN'S TENNIS

UF hoping to secure bid to indoor championship

By Benjamin Brandt
Sports Writer

The Florida men's tennis team is looking to start dual-match play 2-0 for the eighth consecutive season this weekend.

After defeating UCF 6-1 on Monday, the Gators will take on South Alabama on Saturday to open the Florida Regional ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

The event will be held at the Ring Tennis Complex, where South Florida and Pepperdine will also compete in a two-round draw. The tournament's winner will earn a spot in the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in February.

Florida enters the tournament as the No. 9-ranked program in the country. While USF did receive votes in the

preseason top 25, none of the three teams joining the Gators are ranked.

South Alabama finished second in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament last year and is coming off a dominant 6-1 defeat of Xavier (LA) in its spring opener.

On Sunday, the Gators will face either USF or Pepperdine to wrap up the weekend.

The Bulls enter the tournament 0-2, most recently falling to Tulsa 5-2. Pepperdine traveled to No. 6 UCLA last week and was swept 7-0 by the Bruins.

Florida is scheduled to play South Alabama at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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Florida faces Baylor on Saturday afternoon

MEN'S HOOPS, from pg. 14

Against Kentucky on Saturday, the Gators did just that. They held the Wildcats to four three-pointers on 17 attempts, rarely giving them good looks. Against South Carolina, though, Florida did the opposite, unable to defend from deep.

When UF faces off against Baylor (12-8, 2-6 Big 12) this Saturday at noon at the O'Connell Center, White will look for his team to bounce back from its loss to the Gamecocks.

One thing White views as a challenge is the Bears' size. Seven-foot tall big man Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. controls the boards, averaging 9.4 rebounds per game (third best in the Big 12), while 6-foot-8 forward Terry Maston averages 6.3 rebounds per game.

Baylor's leading scorer, however, is its smallest player. Manu Lecomte, a 5-foot-11 redshirt senior, averages 16.6 points per game,

good for sixth best in the Big 12. White said he's looking forward to the matchup between Lecomte and UF guard Chris Chiozza, who's averaging 12.2 points per game.

"(Lecomte has) got the whole package," White said. "He's a terrific point guard with a lot of experience, and we've got one as well. That'll be a great matchup at the point."

Overall, White said he wants the Gators to focus on their attention to detail against the Bears, something that eluded them on Wednesday.

"Our attention to detail was better Saturday (against Kentucky)," White said. "It's been better at times. It's got to be better this Saturday to have a chance."

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Florida coach Mike White said UF's attention to detail must be better this weekend against Baylor.

Vivians shot 8 of 15 from field

WOMEN'S HOOPS, from pg. 14

Guard Dyandria Anderson also had a respectable game, making 80 percent of her shot attempts, finishing with nine points and three rebounds.

But the No. 2 Bulldogs were too much for the Gators as they came out of the gate with a press defense that Florida couldn't handle in the second half.

Junior Teaira McCowan led all scorers with 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting. The 6-foot-7 center also collected eight rebounds against the Gators.

Mississippi State also found production from its senior leaders. Guard Victoria Vivians had 17 points on 8-of-17 shooting, while Blair Schaefer, daughter of Bulldogs coach Vic Schaefer, scored all 15 of her points from downtown, knocking down five of her eight shots from three-point territory.

"There's a reason they're the No. 2 team in the country," Newbauer said. "They showed it tonight."

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Gators coming off victory against Kentucky

GYMNASTICS, from pg. 14

lineup is, who works best in what spot... that's what we've been doing over these last couple of competitions."

The last time Florida faced off against the Sooners in the regular season was on March 6, 2015, when the Gators lost by just 0.4 points.

In Oklahoma's last meet on Jan. 21 against Iowa State and Texas Woman's University, OU put up the nation's third-highest score this season (197.525).

Florida is coming off a 196.325-195.950 win over Kentucky, a match that brought the Gators their first SEC win of 2018. The two teams meet as the winners of the past five NCAA team titles.

For the Gators, it will be their first time competing against the Sooners in the regular season in three years. Although some time has passed since the two teams met, Florida enters the match with the same confidence it uses to hype itself up for every meet.

"When we went one-on-one with OU, we were at the end of the season and it was at their home meet," senior Kennedy Baker

said. "This year it's definitely a little different, and we're facing them earlier on in the season."

One gymnast who is more than ready for the match is sophomore Rachel Gowey. In UF's last competition against Kentucky, Gowey claimed both the uneven bars and balance beam titles for the Gators.

"We really can't go anywhere but up from here," Gowey said.

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