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Student Health Center now offers free tampons, pads

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The UF Student Health Care Center installed menstrual product dispensers in the Infirmary lobby Friday.

The four new dispensers, containing condoms, pads and tampons, are part of the renovations made to the 100-year-old building, said Cecilia Luna, a marketing and communications coordinator.

“We’re here to support (students’) over-

all health, which in turn supports their overall academic success,” Luna said.

The change came after students launched Gators Matter, Period., a student organization that advocates for free menstrual products on campus.

Chase Werther, a UF philosophy and political science junior and the student group’s founder, said she appreciated the center taking the initiative to provide products themselves.

The center’s service is funded by the Student Health Fee, which is included in tuition, Luna said.

The Infirmary joins the Field and Fork Pantry as one of the few on-campus locations to provide free pads and tampons.

Student Government announced last Tuesday menstrual products will be accessible in the Reitz Union GatorWell office beginning in February. The decision was reached after backlash against an SG com-

mittee rejected a proposal to fund free on-campus menstrual products.

“It’s really nice that it’s being provided there, but we hope that it’s not going to be exclusively held in one location just because we want these products to be accessible,” Werther, 21, said. “We’re really hoping they will roll out to other parts of campus.”

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Sarah Burns, a 21-year-old UF finance junior, listens to Pearlleen Lederman, a 26-year-old Macy’s recruiter and UF alumna, at Career Showcase on Tuesday morning. Burns said the event was not as stressful like it was in the Fall. Close to 400 firms and organizations registered for the Career Showcase in the O’Connell Center.

Cold weather causes increases in some GRU bills

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

Receiving a costly utility bill means tough choices for Sarah Dean.

This month, she had to choose between her \$695 utility bill from Gainesville Regional Utilities and buying a car seat for her baby due next month.

With a 3-year-old daughter at home, the 26-year-old Gainesville resident said it wasn’t really a choice.

“The light bill is going to win every time,” she said.

In recent months, some GRU customers have received higher-than-normal utility bills and taken to social media to express their frustration. GRU rates have not changed since October, but there has been an increase in customer usage due to the cold weather, wrote Chief Customer Officer Bill Shepherd in an email. Increased usage along with a 2 percent base-rate increase that went into effect Oct. 1 could have caused higher utility bills.

“Weather is a primary driver to utility

bills,” he said. “Very cold and very hot weather will have a direct impact on the cost of heating or cooling your home.”

Even people who don’t use their heat excessively would see an increase in cold weather because air-conditioning systems work hard to maintain the same setting when it’s colder outside, Shepherd said.

The cold weather isn’t a satisfactory answer for Dean. She doesn’t believe that a drop in temperature justifies the doubling of her electric bill.

The increases came especially as a surprise to her considering how the City Commission suggested rates would decrease as a result of purchasing the Deerhaven Renewable Energy Center, she said.

In November, Mayor Lauren Poe said the purchase would bring down bills 8 to 10 percent as early as January, according to Alligator archives. Shepherd said customers can look forward to a decrease in the electric portion of their bills by

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UF researchers awarded grant to combat citrus disease

By Vivian Nguyen
Alligator Contributing Writer

Ralph Chamberlain has seen a disease sweep over his citrus grove like a cancer.

“As a farmer and as a business manager of a citrus business, we are actually dying a slow death,” he said.

Like many other Florida citrus growers, Chamberlain, the general manager of Edentown Co.

in Charlotte County, is heavily affected by citrus greening. The disease is spread by insects that carry a bacteria, which causes trees to die and their fruit to taste abnormal, said Zhonglin Mou, a UF associate professor of microbiology and cell science.

To find a solution, three UF researchers, including Mou, will receive \$10.52 million Thursday in federal grants to research ways to reduce greening, said UF’s Insti-

tute of Food and Agricultural Sciences spokesperson Brad Buck.

Since greening was first reported in Florida in 2005, the disease has decreased the state’s citrus production by more than 50 percent, Buck said IFAS research found. It’s one of the Florida’s largest industries at about \$8.6 billion per year.

Mou will receive \$2.95 million to develop tolerant citrus trees by changing the genes that affect the

trees’ immune system, he said.

Arnold Schumann, an IFAS soil and water sciences professor, said every variety of citrus grown in Florida is susceptible to greening.

“What makes it so devastating is the fact that it’s incurable,” Schumann said.

Schumann received \$3.5 million on Jan. 1 from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a division of the U.S. Department

of Agriculture.

He plans to further his research he began in 2014 on a screening system that protects citrus from an insect species called the Asian citrus psyllid that spreads the bacteria causing greening.

The system he uses, called Citrus Under Protective Screen, consists of a fine mesh screen that goes around the trees to block out the insect, he said. It can serve as

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GATORS GO COLD IN LOSS TO UGA

The Florida men’s basketball fell to Georgia 72-60 on Tuesday night, missing 18 of its final 21 shots in the defeat, pg. 14



Police arrest 15-year-old on murder charge

He is accused of shooting a 27-year-old in Alachua, pg. 3

UF accidentally pays county for Spencer fees

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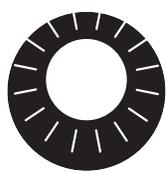


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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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. today 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. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles and conducted her dissertation research in Peru with the help of a Fulbright-Hays fellowship. 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.

Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann

The curator of the Florida Holocaust Museum's upcoming blockbuster exhibition "Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann," will speak at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Judaica Suite, located at Smathers Library on the second floor. The curator, Avner Avraham, has agreed to extend his time in the U.S. to speak in conversation, along with the Florida Holocaust Museum's Executive Director, Elizabeth Gelman, to share behind the scenes stories of the Mossad capture of Adolph Eichmann and the importance of his trial. "Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann" is the first exhibition in the U.S. to fully document the pursuit, capture, extradition and trial of a Nazi war criminal.

Free Citizenship Classes

The Latina Women's League will offer free citizenship classes from 6 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.

Throwback GatorNights

Throwback GatorNights will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Reitz Union Grand

Ballroom. The event will feature an LED Dance Floor, Air Jordan, Space Jam Hoops and the Scooby Doo clan. Delta Sigma Theta will organize Black History Month festivities from 8 to 10 p.m., followed by a showing of the film "Henrietta Lacks" at 10 p.m. The weekly movie is "Back to the Future," which will play in the auditorium. GatorNights is always Friday, always free for UF students with their Gator 1 Cards.

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 to 8:15 p.m. Sundays at the Reitz Union, Dance Studio A.

Talking Gators Toastmasters

Talking Gators Toastmasters meets at 5:45 p.m. every Tuesday in Entomology Building, Room 1031. Meetings are free to attend and open to all. For more information, visit talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org.

Stomp the Swamp for Autism

Impact Autism, a UF organization, is holding "Stomp the Swamp for Autism" to benefit the UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. 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 at the UF Cultural Plaza. Both days will include food, free massages and music. There will be free coffee and pastelitos from Mia Apa Café from 6 to 10 a.m. Feb. 18. All proceeds go to the Five Points of Life Foundation, which educates and raises awareness of the five ways to share life with others through the donation of blood, apheresis, marrow, cord blood,



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organs and tissue.

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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Hawaii worker who sent false alert had problems but kept job

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's emergency management leader has resigned and a state employee who sent an alert falsely warning of an incoming ballistic missile has been fired, officials said Tuesday, weeks after the mistake caused widespread panic.

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator Vern Miyagi stepped down Tuesday, state Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Joe Logan said. A second agency worker quit before disciplinary action was taken and another was being suspended without pay, Logan said in announcing results of an internal investigation.

Putin calls Russia list 'hostile' as Dems decry no sanctions

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin described a list of his country's officials and tycoons put together to comply with a U.S. sanctions law as a hostile and "stupid" move spearheaded by President Donald Trump's political foes, but said Tuesday that the Kremlin would refrain from retaliating for now.

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Teen arrested, faces murder charge for Alachua shooting

By David Hoffman
Alligator Staff Writer

An Alachua teenager was charged with murder after two shootings within a two-day span left one dead and five injured, including two children and a UF student's nephew.

Kemarri Latrell Hampton, 15, is accused of shooting Dana Walker

Jr., 27, to death Jan. 14 near Alachua's Maude Lewis Park, located at 15731 NW 141st St., a roughly 30-minute drive north of UF, Alachua Police Chief Chad Scott said Tuesday.

Hampton was first put into juvenile detention Jan. 19 on a charge of perjury of a capital proceeding after police felt he intentionally lied under oath in rela-

tion to the shooting, Scott said. Hampton turned 15 years old four days before the shooting.

Scott said Walker's shooting likely led to a retaliation shooting less than 30 hours later, which sent two children and three adult victims to the hospital, one of whom, a 19-year-old man, was in critical condition.

Scott said the 19-year-old is

now stable but was unsure if the two children who were injured are still in the hospital. More information in relation to the second shooting will be released in "the very near future," he said.

Police believe the two shootings are gang-related, according to Alligator archives.

He said police are unsure whether Hampton has informa-

tion on what happened in the second shooting, but that it is likely he personally knew the victims.

"I'm sure they were friends," he said. "It's a close community; everybody knows everybody."

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UF accidentally sends more than \$300,000 to county

IT WAS SENT DUE TO AN INTERNAL MISCOMMUNICATION, A SPOKESPERSON SAID.

By Romy Ellenbogen
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UF is asking Alachua County to give back the money the university sent for Richard Spencer's speaking costs after it was charged Jan. 10.

In an emailed statement Monday, UF

spokesperson Steve Orlando wrote that the \$302,184 sent to the county Friday was sent due to an "internal miscommunication." Orlando said the payment was made via wire transfer.



Spencer

Spencer's visit in October was not university-sponsored, so UF is reviewing all responsibilities before making payments, Orlando said. He

said the review had not been completed when the money was transferred over.

Mark Sexton, an Alachua County spokesperson, said the county commission will discuss the university's request.

"The county sent a bill for services that were requested — for services that were provided, and you know, when the payment was made we thought that was just a normal part of the process," Sexton said. "Now that this new information has been brought to light, I'm sure the county com-

missioners will discuss it."

The county charged UF for law enforcement, fire rescue and other services, according to Alligator archives.

The reimbursement to the county came a day after the City of Gainesville announced it decided to not bill UF for \$224,105 it spent on event security, according to Alligator archives.

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After complaint, senators put away phones, laptops

By Christina Morales
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About 70 Senators shut their laptops and turned off their cell phones at Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

After a student complained about Senators being on social media at last week's meeting, Sen. Anmol Shah (Impact, District C-06) stood up at public debate to ask Senators to shut off their devices.

"I told everyone out loud that

this is something that's going on, because when we do public debates, people come out and they're spending their time talking to us, and it's our duty to listen to them and give them our undivided attention," Shah said.

Shah said during the meeting, she didn't see any Senators on their laptops or phones after she asked them to put the devices away.

"I was actually very surprised at how many people did it automati-

cally," she said.

The Senate also unanimously passed two Public Debate Acts, which were code revisions to the rights to debate and the procedures. At last week's Senate meeting, about 40 people signed up for public debate.

The acts were amended so Senate President Ian Green (Impact, Business Administration) doesn't have to ask students if they should yield their time to the chair dur-

ing public debates repeatedly, Sen. Branden Pearson (Inspire, Lakeside) said. With the new change, remaining time will be yielded automatically.

Every student is guaranteed one minute to speak. Students can be given up to five minutes by their peers or by members of the Senate. If a student has excess time, they're required to give it to the Senate President or the person running the meeting, Pearson said.

"Essentially, to avoid the Senate President asking 'Do you yield your time to the chair?,' we revised the code so it automatically is yielded," he said.

At the meeting, Sen. Maria Arboleda was unanimously appointed to take over the Graduate seat, and Sen. Lisette Pellot was unanimously appointed to take over the Liberal Arts seat.

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The third researcher got 3.6 million Jan. 15

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a cost-efficient way to protect the plants.

Schumann said it's important for researchers to try to find a solution or resistance to greening.

"It employs not just people working in the citrus industry, but also all the satellite companies and supplies," Schumann said. "It's kind of an iconic symbol of the state."

The third researcher, Nian Wang, an IFAS associate professor of microbiology and cell science, said he received about \$3.6 million on Jan. 15 to make an orange tree that is resistant to the disease by using a technology that modifies genes.

For Chamberlain and his farm, he can only hope for a change.

"At this point, we're just grabbing for anything," he said.

Alligator contributing writer Wyatt Schreiber contributed to this report.



Courtesy to the Alligator

Citrus greening is a disease that reduces the production of citrus, with symptoms including yellowing of the leaves, dying of the trees or branches, abnormal-tasting fruit and no fruiting. This 1-acre Citrus Under Protective Screen, a mesh screening, protects these 2.5-year-old mandarin trees by blocking out the Asian citrus psyllid, an insect that carries the bacteria that causes greening.

Drop in bills to come February, pamphlet said

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Thursday.

Dean even received a pamphlet along with her utility bill this month, assuring customers that they'll see a drop in their bills come February, she said. Even if GRU follows through on its promise to cut electric bills, she said it won't be much help considering the recent increase.

"It's going to be a lot easier for them to cut 10 percent off of a \$700 bill than it is a \$300 bill," she said.

Dean, a member of Gainesville Word of Mouth, a Facebook group, said other GRU customers have shared their own grievances about recent utility bill increases, which means it's not an isolated problem.

"If it was just us, I would say, 'Cool, you know, maybe it is our problem,' but it's more than just that because it's people who live all over Gainesville," she said.

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Career showcase continues today

By Gabby Paul

Alligator Contributing Writer

Corey Hays buttoned up his black professional suit and walked down the sidewalk to the O'Connell Center at about 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The 22-year-old business administration senior made sure to come early. Last semester, he got stuck in a two-and-a-half-hour line as students waited to pass through metal detectors at the center.

To solve that, the semi-annual career fair opened its doors 45 minutes early Tuesday, and it will do the

same today, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., said Erica Coste, the associate director of industry relations for the Career Resource Center.

"Last year, it felt a little more disorganized," Hays said, noting this year went more smoothly.

He attended the first day, or non-technical employer day, to speak with several companies he met at past showcases, including Target and Amazon. Today, others will try to interview with technical employers.

"I'm hoping this time around there will be a definite promise of an internship," he said.

Close to 400 employers registered for this Spring's event, more than last year, Coste said. The number of students who participated Tuesday was not immediately available. The fair will continue today.

One of the biggest companies every year, Harris Corporation, a technology-service company, returned again for both days.

Randy Shiver, a UF alumnus and project engineer with Harris Corporation, said this year marked his 25th recruiting at the showcase.

"I work with a lot of people from UF day in and day out," Shiver said.



Will Clewis/Alligator Staff

Students packed the O'Connell Center on Tuesday morning.

GUIDE TO DINING OUT



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SOUTHERN

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More than 300 register to run for SG Spring elections

By **Christina Morales**
Alligator Staff Writer

An hour before the end of the Student Government interviews, where parties select senate candidates, Livia Ledbetter got lost.

Ledbetter, 20, followed signs advertising the interviews on the third floor of the Reitz Union only to discover interviews were actually being held on the floor below.

"It was really confusing because it said the third floor but it was actually on the second floor," said the UF biology and sociology junior, who interviewed with Inspire.

When the Alligator reached out to Supervisor of Elections Erica Baker, she wrote in an email that that was the first time she heard about students getting lost. She said the Elections Commission

originally placed the signs indicating students to go to the SG Office in the third floor because most of them do not know where the Student Activities and Involvement Office in the second floor is located.

"We have people in the SG office to point to where we are and we have a banner as to where we are," she said.

This year, 302 students interviewed with parties in hopes of gaining a Senate candidacy position with one of three Student Government parties. SG elections, which will be held on Feb. 20 and 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., will allow students to elect senators for 50 seats, representing the colleges, as well as freshmen and sophomores.

In the three days of interviewing, a total of 136 candidates regis-

tered with Inspire Party, 129 with Impact Party, 27 students with Challenge Party, eight as undecided and two as independent, Baker said.

On the first day, only 41 students registered. The number more than doubled on Monday, with 86 students registering. On the final day, which was Tuesday, 175 registered.

In Fall 2017, 223 students interviewed with the two parties — Impact and Inspire — and in Spring 2017, 197 interviewed with one party — Impact. Though most interviewed with parties, some registered independent.

Amy Emerson, 22, who interviewed with Challenge after recently learning about it, said she now feels like she has the confidence to lead the Student Body.

"I think it's important for ev-

eryone's voice to be heard and for everyone to feel like they've been heard," the UF biomedical engineering senior said.

Avichaim Snyder, an Impact senator in Spring and Fall 2017, interviewed with the party again for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seat.

The 21-year-old said he wants to publicize different resolutions and bills that are passed in the Senate and share what campus organizations are doing.

"I think there are a lot of things that Student Government and different organizations at the school does well, but doesn't really get broadcasted out to the Student Body," he said.

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Upcoming dates:

Feb. 7: Deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m.

Feb. 13: SG elections debate will be at the Reitz Union Ballroom at 6 p.m.

Feb. 20: First day of SG elections from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 21: Second day of SG elections from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Results will be announced at 9:30 p.m.

Motorcyclist seriously injured after crash

GPD BLOCKED TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS.

By **Robert Lewis**
Alligator Staff Writer

A motorcycle and a sedan crashed on Southwest 13th Street Wednesday night, and both drivers were taken to the hospital — one in serious condition.

At about 6:30 p.m., a black motorcycle and a white sedan crashed in front of Bivens Cove apartment complex, located at 3301 SW 13th St., and the motorcyclist was seriously injured, Gainesville Police Sgt. Tony Ferro said. Pieces of debris from the motorcycle were strewn on Southwest 13th Street.

GPD blocked traffic from about Southwest 14th Drive to about Southwest 36th Place for about two hours.

From an initial investigation, police believe the motorcycle was driving north on Southwest 13th

Street, and the sedan was driving south, turning a left into Bivens Cove, Ferro said.

The driver of the car, who was its sole occupant, and motorcyclist were both taken to the hospital, Ferro said. The driver suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Members of the Gainesville Sportbike Rider organization came to check on the condition of the motorcyclist.

Jessie Converse, an unofficial member of the group, said he and other members of the group try to respond to motorcycle crashes to see who was involved and let the person's family know what happened.

"Motorcycles are cars. We have the same rights as any other vehicles," Converse said. "We're smaller. We have less protection than cars. Look for us twice."

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Hopeful students in Heavener

Students connect with potential future employers during Heavener Hall Career Week's employer luncheon sponsored by Wells Fargo on Monday afternoon.

State officials aim to ban specific method of abortion

By **Sabrina Fenske**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Terry Sanders remembers each of the about 20 people who pleaded to elected officials not to restrict abortion.

But when the votes came in — nine "yeas" and six "nays" — a bill that would restrict how abortion is carried out advanced in the Florida House of Representatives on Jan. 24.

"I was really angry," said Sanders, the president of the Florida National Organization for Women. "(The members of the subcom-

mittee) all had the same talking points. They weren't listening to the public."

A House subcommittee passed the Dismemberment Abortion House Bill, which intends to ban abortion-by-dismemberment. The procedure involves the removal of fetuses one piece at a time with instruments like forceps or tongs.

This procedure is most commonly used on women who are in their second trimester, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

The bill, however, would not restrict abortions performed by suction or when they are neces-

sary to save the mother's life.

Although it passed through the Health Quality subcommittee, the bill, introduced by Reps. Erin Grall and Joe Gruters, still needs to pass two committees before the House can vote on it. A companion bill was introduced to the state Senate by Sen. Debbie Mayfield.

Due to being in session when contacted, Rep. Grall wasn't available to comment. The Alligator did not reach out to Rep. Gruters.

Sanders said she attended the subcommittee meeting to testify against the bill because she thinks abortion-by-dismemberment is the

safest method for women in their second trimester.

"They're putting their personal bias against women's lives," Sanders said.

Autumn Prieto, founder and president of a UF medical student organization called Medical Students for Life, praised the bill as a step in the right direction.

She said she thinks since the bill does not intend to restrict all methods of abortion. It wouldn't largely affect women seeking abortions because it only restricts a type of procedure, she said.

"The real problem is that abor-

tion is an attack on the dignity of every human person," Prieto said.

The bill specifies that the physician performing the procedure will be prosecuted, instead of the mother receiving the abortion, which Prieto said she agrees with. The bill would make performing an abortion-by-dismemberment a third-degree felony and a second-degree felony if the mother were to die in the process.

"There are two lives that (physicians) are obligated to protect: mother and baby," Prieto said. "It falls on the physician to do no harm."

Editorial

Student journalists deserve your support

In today's editorial, we're going to ask you to remember your high school days.

We're not asking you to relive the awkward times, exactly, but just the feeling of having an administration that had a direct influence over your education, and to an extent, your future. They were adults, and you were still trying to grasp algebra. They knew best, of course.

But did you know you had rights?

The case *Tinker v. Des Moines* may sound familiar to some. For those unfamiliar, it's one of the first landmark cases about students' First Amendment rights. Mary Beth Tinker donned a black armband to protest the Vietnam War when she went to school. She was a 13-year-old junior high school student with a voice. But school administrators suspended her, and her case reached the Supreme Court. Students, the Court held, do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

But on Jan. 13, 1988, the Supreme Court made a decision that restricted those rights for students, in a case known as *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*. The issue at hand? A story about divorce and another about teen pregnancy was set to be published in Hazelwood East High School's paper, *The Spectrum*. But the principal, who felt the topics were inappropriate, prohibited the publication from running the stories. The students argued their First Amendment rights were violated. Despite a lower court agreeing with them, the Supreme Court sided with the principal and said no rights were not violated. Because the paper was sponsored by the school, and because it was not a "public forum" in which everyone could share their views, the principal had the right to make the call, the Supreme Court decided.

What this means today is students are being censored by their own administration. We live in a time when news outlets are strained for resources and student journalists are becoming the watchdogs of their community.

We can point to instances where student reporters have broken news that professional papers were catching up on. A Kansas high school newspaper wrote about their new principal's credentials. She later resigned. Just last week, a Utah high school principal deleted an article the student newspaper published on a beloved teacher being fired for misconduct.

Student journalists deserve our support in protecting their rights. New Voices legislation, started by the Student Press Law Center, is trying to give student journalists, both at the high-school and college level, protection from censorship. Only 13 states have passed the legislation, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. (Spoiler alert: Florida is not on this list, although there's a campaign to get it passed.) In six of these states, protections are limited to high-school students only.

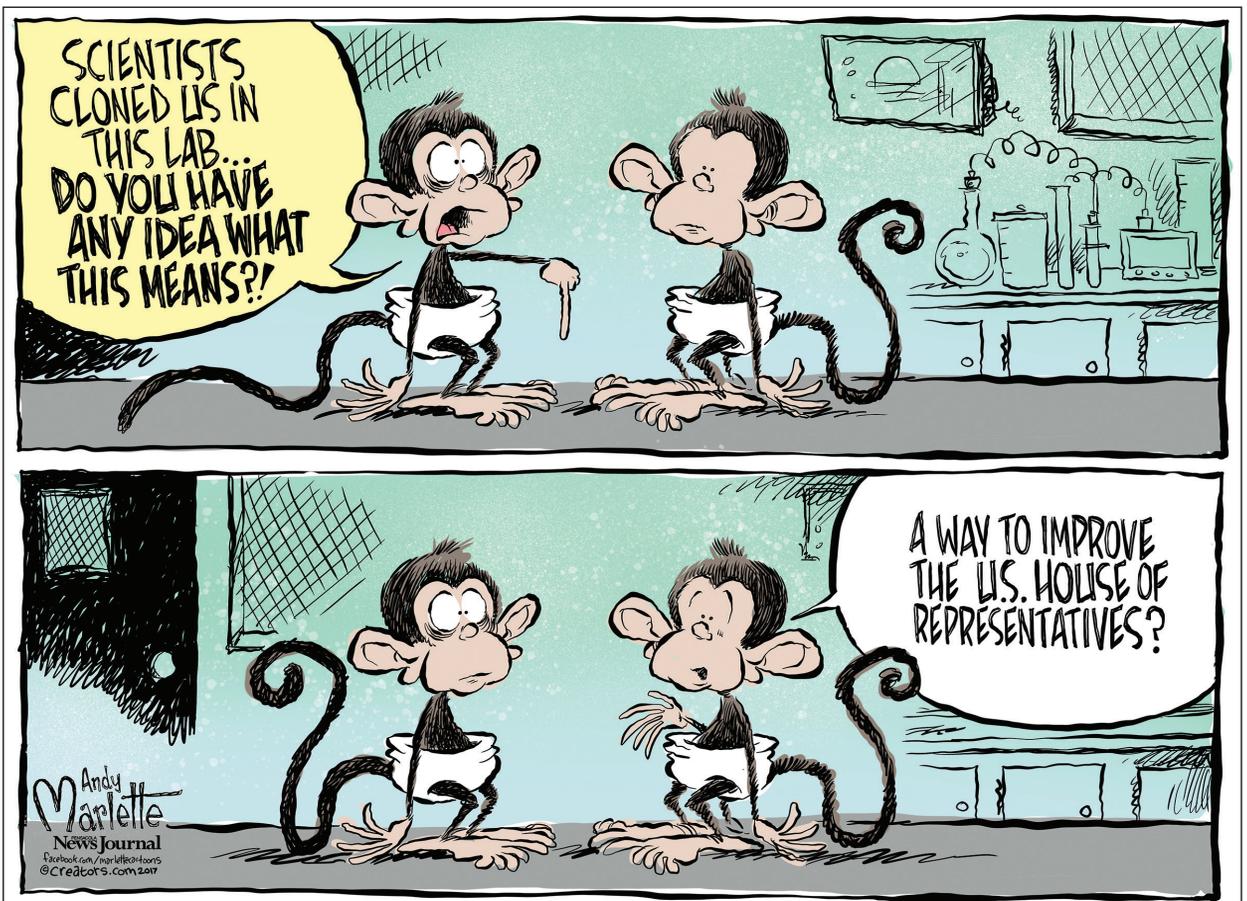
This lack of protection has real impacts. Within these incidents of censorship are moments of defiance. The students in Utah have started a new publication outside of school control. The paper in Virginia ran the article online anyway.

But these are battles that shouldn't have to be fought. If an 18-year-old college freshman can report on their college, why can't an 18-year-old high school senior report on their public school?

Today, the Student Press Law Center is hosting Hazelwood Day of Action, with the hashtag #CureHazelwood. Become informed about the ways you can support the future journalists who could one day cover your community. Help them learn to become the responsible reporters they aspire to become.

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Column

I am skeptical of Facebook's algorithm changes

A couple of weeks ago, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced that Facebook will change their focus and algorithms. According to a Facebook post, Zuckerberg has tasked his employees to care less about "helping you find relevant content," and more about "helping you have more meaningful social interactions." Consequently, your news feed will soon show you less global content and more local content, less CNN and Nike and more from your friends and family. Zuckerberg understands this change as an overdue revival of sorts; a return to what Facebook originally purported to do. He wrote in his post, "We built Facebook to help people stay connected and bring us closer together with the people that matter to us. That's why we've always put friends and family at the core of the experience."

Dear reader, you won't hear me complaining about that statement. I am a fan of Zuckerberg's attempt at facilitating meaningful relationships. It seems to me that he is trying to clarify one simple question: What is Facebook really for?

The answer to this question a year ago would not have been as principled as it is now. Despite the warnings of every living sociologist and psychologist, I use my news feed for news, and maybe not surprisingly, it is drunk with information. As I scroll, the story my feed tells me is untraceable, incoherent and dizzying. I go from Trump to the Grammy's, from Putin to LeBron James and from something about culture to a video of a baby sloth. And I do so all within a few scrolls.

I suppose that is what Zuckerberg wants to change. He wants our feeds to be of people we know, not world news or advertisements. He has made it clear that Facebook is more than a commodity or a profit-hungry business. I find this to be admirable, but also naive. Facebook is something we consume, like Coca-Cola or Pollo Tropical,



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or any other commodity on the market; it is a profit-hungry business because, at its core, it is a business — a very large one at that. I'm not sure if our news feeds will ever be wholly social spaces. At some level, Facebook will always be a business trying to sell a product, and thus it will follow the profits. It will create spaces for meaningful social interaction as long as it is making money, and we need to remember that.

We would also do well, however, to reflect on what caused Zuckerberg's change of mind and heart. The Facebook of the 2016 presidential election was the Wild West of social media. It's where "fake news" was given taxonomy. It is well known that Zuckerberg felt culpable for Trump's election and for allowing Facebook to become overgrown with senseless amounts of information — too much to understand. If we are going to remain human amid change and upheaval, then we must keep our focus on people. Zuckerberg was not the only one who lost sight of this. Nevertheless, I doubt a change in algorithm will have much effect. People are already assuring businesses that they can adjust to Facebook's changes and find new ways of smuggling their product or service into our feeds. People like me have grown used to getting news from our feed and our social interaction from elsewhere.

As I said earlier, Facebook is a business. The changes they are making are noble, but from a business perspective, I think they make Facebook obsolete. Facebook is trying to be more social, but that struck gold a decade ago. That is why I don't think an algorithm change will impact much of anything and consequently will not change Facebook that much either. I admire your ideals Zuckerberg, but sadly that won't keep your business alive and well.

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Column

In a world of weak ties, hold on to your friends and invest in those relationships

In today's ultra-connected world, a friend is no longer just a friend.

Thanks to a modern-day cocktail of social media, pop culture and shifting societal norms, today's friendship roles can range anywhere from Facebook friends to friends-with-benefits — and maybe even the occasional frenemy.

We live in an era where a friendship takes on many different meanings, which means people have a greater propensity to develop what social psychologists call "weak ties" than ever before. As a result, it's becoming less common for people to have one strong group of core friends and more common for people to have a large network of acquaintances.

Weak ties are better known as relationships that only scratch the surface, as far as impacting our personal lives. Many of our Facebook friends are examples of weak ties because they understand our lives in a series of select snippets and moments, which are accessible to everyone in our friends or followers list.

On the other hand, our core or "primary" ties are family and friendship bonds crucial to our identity and sense of self — so crucial that we quite literally wouldn't be ourselves without these relationships. Our core friends hear our personal stories. We see them as the family members we've chosen.

Core friends are dynamic, meaning that even with factors like distance and changing interests, we remain bonded to them over the course of many years and share with them a special connection, even when we aren't around them on a regular basis.

Some psychologists fear that as we develop bigger social circles of acquaintances, though, we'll end up with weaker core bonds, which can have long-term implications.

This is because as we age, primary friendships become more important to health, happiness and wellbeing, according to a 2017 study from the journal, "Personal Relationships."

In the study, researcher William Chopik, a psychology professor from Michigan State



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University, analyzed more than 270,000 people in nearly 100 countries and concluded that while both family and friend relationships were linked with happiness and health as a whole, at older ages, people were more likely to report that their happiness stemmed solely from their strong friendships rather than family members.

This isn't to say that family relationships aren't important, but Chopik's research focused on the previously ignored topic of how primary friendships (specifically non-family members) impact individuals later in life.

As a college student, I find that the line between our acquaintances and our core friends is oftentimes blurred. Our friends now may have been strangers just two years ago. How do we know who we'll stay close with after graduation? Is there a way of knowing? What if we burn bridges with someone who, later in life, ends up being our colleague, roommate, best friend, boss or even romantic partner?

While the topic of friendship can feel uncertain, especially for 20-somethings on the cusp of the post-college bubble, we need to realize that when it comes to the size of our so-called social network, quantity doesn't always mean quality. Having close friends — and being a close friend — is arguably one of the most vital and transformative parts of life, and it will only become more important as we grow up.

I believe that if we truly want to cultivate and maintain friendships that withstand the test of time, it's our responsibility to invest in those who are central to our lives.

And while we don't exactly need a research study to understand the value of friendship, in a world where it's glamorous to always be busy, successful and an all-around "boss," a reminder never hurt.

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Column

Judge Aquilina made sure justice was served and victims were heard

"Mattel ought to make toys so that little girls can look at you and say, 'I want to be her,'" Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said from behind her bench at Larry Nassar's sentencing last week. "Thank you so much for being here and for your strength."



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Her words followed the victim-impact statement of Bailey Lorencen, a former gymnast who was sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of medical treatment. It was the fifth of seven days of statements, during which 156 victims who had previously been doubted, discredited and silenced, were heard.

Aquilina responded to each victim's statement, verbalizing what many in the country were feeling as the scenes played out.

"The monster who took advantage of you is going to wither, much like the scene in the 'Wizard of Oz' where the water gets poured on the witch, and the witch withers away," she told one woman who spoke about the abuse she endured. To another former gymnast and survivor, she said, "Your dreams are still out there; his are squashed." In her final statement, she told the court why she gave every victim, coach and family member the chance to speak: "I try to treat everybody like family because that's the justice system that I was raised to believe in."

In the story of Nassar's sentencing — 40 to 175 years in prison — the victims are the heroes. They looked their abuser in the eye, told their stories and fought to reclaim the power that had been stripped from them. Aquilina was the faithful sidekick, helping to amplify their voices while staying out of the way. She cleared her docket for a week to give every victim the chance to speak, and she held nothing back when showing her support for their bravery. She gave the victims the floor as Nassar watched from the witness stand. And, finally, she sentenced

him to likely die behind bars.

The humanity she showed in her comments to victims is something we don't expect from people who work in the court system. It's part of the reason she's being criticized all over the internet and accused of "grandstanding" by the public. This backlash is disappointing, but in a society where victims of sexual abuse are

systematically dissuaded from coming forward, it's also not surprising.

What Aquilina's critics fail to understand is that the seven-day stretch in court was not a trial; it was a sentencing hearing. Nassar had already pled guilty to sexual assault charges, and it was Aquilina's job to determine a prison term, rather than a guilty or innocent status. Allowing victims of his heinous crimes to shape that sentence wasn't biased — it was just. There was no jury to sway, only stories to be told. Had Aquilina not opened the floor to those stories, the victims never would have had their chance to tell them to the public, to the courtroom and to the man who sexually abused.

But her emotionally charged comments after each of their statements were nothing new, Stephen Gillers, a law professor at New York University told the New York Times.

"At a sentencing a judge can say and is encouraged to say just what she thinks," he said.

There are times when judicial distance is warranted, and emotions should be left out of the courtroom. This was not one of those times. If we want to encourage victims of sexual assault to come forward, we have to listen to them, voice our support for them and believe them. Despite her critics, Aquilina did her job with dignity, fairness and empathy. To balance the scales of justice we should all learn to do the same.

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Original Food Truck Rally to celebrate five-year anniversary

By Gabriella Paul
Avenue Writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year.

The fifth anniversary of the Original Food Truck Rally will be held in High Dive's parking lot Saturday at 5 p.m.

The event will have 12 food truck vendors, free live local music from Glory Days Presents and, for the first time, Over Easy Creative will also host a silent disco in the beer garden with 200 headsets for \$5 each. The event is benefitting Climb for Cancer Foundation, a local charity supporting cancer patients in Gainesville.

Pat Lavery, seven-year facility and events manager of High Dive, said he founded the original food truck rally downtown five years ago.

"Nothing like that had ever happened in Gainesville before," Lavery said.

At the time, there were almost no food trucks around except for Pelican Brothers, a local food truck that was parked out back every night at High Dive, Lavery said. With a live local concert scheduled later that month, he had the idea to quickly scout out more trucks and combine the events to throw Gainesville's first-ever food truck rally event.

"Combine the things, and let's see what happens," Lavery said.

Now High Dive hosts food truck rallies every six to eight weeks, he said, with Saturday's rally being around their 40th.

What started as an experiment, Lavery said, turned into something of

a local tradition and spawned the food truck culture of Gainesville.

"My favorite thing to do: You know, then you go get in another line and you eat the food from the other truck while you're waiting to be served," Lavery said. "It's like bar-hopping."

Three years ago, Lavery implemented the rallies benefitting local charities, as well. Since then, he said he believes they have raised between \$25,000 to \$30,000 for charities in Gainesville.

Saturday, the proceeds will be made from a contest for best food truck. People will be encouraged to vote by putting money in the jar located in the window of their favorite truck, and the winning food truck will receive a gift from a local sponsor. All the money from the jars will be donated to the Climb for Cancer Foundation.

Climb for Cancer, founded by Ron and Dianne Farb, is a nonprofit organization that organizes team mountain-climbing expeditions across the world for individuals who have pledged to fundraise in order to climb in name of the cause.

Ron Farb, the company's 72-year-old co-founder who has scaled five of the seven steepest summits in the world, helped create the organization as a way to combine his passion for climbing with his hope of one day finding a cure, according to the website.

"The climbing of the mountain is supposed to almost symbolize the battle — the climb that you have to take while battling cancer," David DiMauro, a climber and volunteer for CFC said.

DiMauro, a 21-year-old UF biology

student, is currently raising \$14,000 for CFC with the 2018 fundraising team for the trek up Mount Kilimanjaro.

"It'll be by far the highest mountain I've ever climbed," DiMauro said. "It's both a logistical and physical challenge to raise that much money and then do the actual climb."

One program within the organization, Harriet's Helping Hand, was named after Farb's sister. She climbed Kilimanjaro at 68 while battling metastatic breast cancer and undergoing chemotherapy before passing away in 2009.

Today, the program helps families of Gainesville patients with everyday expenses from gas money to lodging, according to the website.

"They don't want families to worry about how much it costs to be with their loved ones while they're going through something so difficult," DiMauro said.

He said events like the food truck rally Saturday are a huge way the community can support them.

"While the community is coming for food and for fun and for friends, whether they are intentionally doing it or not, they're helping the community by supporting these charities that the High Dive is supporting," DiMauro said.

In fact, he said they have hosted at least three or four food truck rallies to benefit them in the past.

Events like these truly represent what community means to him, DiMauro said.

"(It's) people coming together, having fun and serving something that's greater than themselves," he said.

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In addition to food, vendors and music, the rally will support the Climb for Cancer Foundation.

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Reggae rockers Propaganjah and more to perform at High Dive

By Taylor McLamb
Avenue Writer

Gainesville residents can expect a night filled with a fusion of Caribbean-inspired reggae-rock Thursday when popular Ocala band Propaganjah performs at High Dive alongside Ellameno Beat and Burn Every Thing.

Richard Larson, a 23-year-old UF forest resources and conservation senior, said he plans on attending the concert, not only because he was a fan of Propaganjah but also because of his desire to support up-and-coming reggae artists.

"I think in this time of unrest, it would be positive for more people to listen and support reggae in order to help spread the love and realize that we are all one," said Larson.

Ever since its debut in Jamaica during the '60s, reggae has been a music genre

known for spreading messages of love, hope and resistance. In a world so divided, Larson mourns the lack of Gainesville reggae bands, saying that the lyrics of reggae bands tend to be more peaceful and send a unifying message.

Taylor Col, a 23-year-old UF chemical engineering senior and lead vocalist and saxophone player for opening band Burn Every Thing, agrees with Larson's description on the lack of Gainesville's reggae scene. He said that while there are a lot of reggae shows in town, there aren't many local reggae bands.

"Gainesville loves reggae music, but it would be awesome if there were more reggae bands from here," Col said.

Col personally appreciates the support for local reggae bands, not only because he's a fan of the genre but because of his role in Burn Every Thing.

"Reggae is all about taking it easy and enjoying life. Listening to reggae can take

your mind off your stressors and help you appreciate what you have," said Col. "Local reggae is important because as Floridians, we have a unique perspective on life since we are all close to the coast, and we can use reggae to communicate it to the world."

Col listed Bob Marley and Shabba Ranks as two of his musical inspirations, saying that his love of the genre is partially due to the childhood nostalgia the music brings him, as well as its message of positivity.

"Whenever I'm at the beach or just enjoying a beautiful day outside, I always play reggae music," said Col. "As a style of music that came from the Caribbean, it resonates with me because the environment here is so similar."

Col, who described his band's sound as a fusion of reggae and hip-hop, said Burn Every Thing just finished putting together their set and is planning on rehearsing a few times before the show.

"Fans can expect positive vibes and posi-

tive people," said Col. "The song I'm most excited to perform is definitely 'Ask Not.' It's a banger for sure."

Col said he's looking forward to seeing Propaganjah live. Col said he's seen the band live before and recommends fans to come experience the band for themselves.

"They have a very engaging stage presence. They all have huge smiles on their faces the whole show," said Col. "The one dude on skin drum jumps around and even got down into the crowd at one point. Some reggae bands like to keep it chill, but they get the hype."

The 18-and-over show will start at 8 p.m. The tickets are \$8 in advance at ticketfly.com and \$10 at the door. A \$3 under-21 fee is charged at the door.

Roots of a Rebellion was originally on this lineup, but due to unforeseen circumstances the band was forced to drop out Tuesday.



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MUSIC

Dynamo, Electric Kif to perform at Heartwood Soundstage

By Emma Witmer
Avenue Writer

Saturday brings an evening of dynamic jazz with an edge of rock as Dynamo and Electric Kif bring the funk to Heartwood Soundstage.

Tickets for the show, which will run from 8 to 11 p.m., are available at Eventbrite.com. Tickets purchased in advance are available for \$15.68 and for \$19.05 on the day of the show.

This performance marks the first stop in Dynamo and Electric Kif's combined tour, and they are looking to open with a bang. Jason Matthews, the keyboardist for Electric Kif, said that both groups are bringing high energy and long set lists.

"Dynamo is these great dudes from Nashville, like a killer group. It's going to be sick. It's really a meaty show," Matthews said.

Dynamo is an eight-piece band with other musicians rotating in and out. The Nashville group's size allows them to create incredibly layered instrumental performances overlaid with Dain Ussery's uplifting vocals.

"It's awesome; our last record was such a collaboration in so many ways," Dynamo keyboardist Ryan Connors said. "Everyone is so open to everyone's ideas, too. I love that. This group is really great about no egos and always catering to the music and the message."

Though they tour heavily in the Northeast, Dynamo rarely makes it to the South. This tour marks Dynamo's second time visiting Florida and the band's first time in Gainesville.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't looking forward to warmer weather," Connors said.

Dynamo records all of their

music live and with an audience. Currently, the group is working on their next album and plans to perform a number of their unreleased tracks at Saturday's show.

"Dynamo is our creative outlet. In terms of we're not really shooting for necessarily some commercial success," Connors said. "So, we can just do whatever we want."

In addition to performing and recording, the musicians from Dynamo love to give back by putting on workshops at local schools during their tours. As a group that has all studied music extensively, Dynamo is able to provide practical music career advice to students while encouraging an interest in music.

"It's really rewarding for us, and we're always trying to do more of that," Connors said.

Unlike Dynamo, Electric Kif is primarily an instrumental group, leaning into their musical abilities to build a world of music that ebbs between the worlds of jazz, rock, funk and something else. That something else lies in the middle of Rodrigo Zambrano's, Eric Escanes', Armando Lopez's and Jason Matthews' various backgrounds.

Hailing from France, Mexico, Miami and Philadelphia, each band member brings a personal touch to the group that, overall, creates Electric Kif. For Matthews, that touch came from listening to his parents' records from the '70s and playing in local jazz clubs.

Last year, Electric Kif released their first full-length album, "Heist," and began a major tour that carried them to shows and festivals around the country. This tour was critical, Matthews said, because it solidified the band in ways they didn't know they needed.

"When you go on the road, you



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With band members from France, Mexico, Miami and Philadelphia, Electric Kif's sound is as dynamic as the diverse homes of each member.

form a band intuition, like you start reading each other really well," Matthews said. "The more experiences that you have, nothing can throw you off."

Now, Matthews said the friendship and chemistry among the members of Electric Kif is magnetic for audiences as much as it is fun for them. This bond has also helped them with their writing process.

Electric Kif is preparing to release their second studio album later this year. Unlike "Heist," this new album will feature a more melodic, groove-based sound and various vocal guests. Despite these

changes, Matthews said the band is devoted to their instrumental edge and rock flare.

The band is taking their time with this record. By really digging into the collaborative writing process, Matthews believes the new record will represent something more whole and cohesive.

"I want it to be a piece of art," Matthews said.

In addition to the album release later in 2018, Electric Kif is also planning to put out a series of new videos, early released tracks and possibly a live album recorded at the Rochester International Jazz

Festival in the coming months. These videos, which are created from the band's more intimate jam sessions, allow the listener to experience the music in a more organic way.

Through touring and expanding into new projects, Matthews hopes to broaden Electric Kif.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how Electric Kif can fit across all platforms as we dig into the future," Matthews said. "I don't want to be based in any genre... I think we're more than that. I think we can fit on any scope."

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February Events: Who to see and where to see them

By Natalie Rao
Avenue Editor

As 2018 slowly but surely progresses, the diverse events, concerts and other entertainment Gainesville has to offer only get bigger and better. In honor of the start of February this week, here's some of our favorite upcoming events that will hold you over until spring break.

Changeville Music & Arts Festival at various locations — Feb. 8 to 9

Changeville, the music and arts festival hosted by the annual frank conference, is no doubt February's largest gathering. The two-day festival will quite literally take over downtown with poetry, music, films, workshops, virtual reality exhibits and other talented individuals pushing for social change. Whether you prefer the intimacy of a local show or the smooth hip-hop flows of headliner Princess Nokia, Changeville will have something for everyone. Find more info at changeville.us.

Bleep Bloop and Ethan Glass at Simon's — Feb. 9

Although his name may sound silly, Bleep Bloop's signature is anything but. This producer refuses to conform to any true genre, utilizing a gritty, in-your-face sound that's bursting with bass. His



Courtesy to the Alligator
Digital Ethos, a producer from New Jersey with a heavy sound, is one of multiple electronic performers to hit Gainesville this month.

shows get weird, to say the least, and he's guaranteed to blow the doors off Simon's with opener Ethan Glass next Friday. Tickets are available from \$10 to \$15 at eventbrite.com.

Neon Liger X 10-Year Anniversary and Reunion at The Woolly — Feb. 10

Neon Liger, the underground dance

party that went strong for a full seven years, hosts its 10-year anniversary Feb. 10. The event was originally intended to be a one-time thing, but after hundreds of people packed out Spannk (later known as The Motor Room), the party turned into a weekly event. Although Neon Liger concluded with The Motor Room's closure in

2015, the folks behind it return once a year to host an anniversary party. With three areas both indoors and out and production from Gator Sound and Lighting, this anniversary should be the biggest yet. Admission is \$10.

Destination Okeechobee at High Dive — Feb. 15

Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival is less than one month away, and many UF students and Gainesville residents alike will be heading south for the festival come March. Roughly two weeks before the gathering, six local and regional bands will compete for a spot, battle of the bands-style, on High Dive's stage. Faze Wave, N.W. Izzard, Retrolux, Savanna Leigh Bassett, The Savants of Soul and VENM will battle it out. Tickets are available at HighDiveGainesville.com for \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door.

Digital Ethos at Simon's — Feb. 18

February is a great month for bass lovers. Digital Ethos, a New Jersey-based heavyweight of a producer who's grown in popularity since collaborating with Bassnectar on wonky dubstep track "Slather," will bring his talents to Simon's toward the end of the month with a handful of local support. Tickets are available for \$10.50 to \$17.89 at eventbrite.com.

Where to spend your Super Bowl Sunday in Gainesville

By Brooke Steinberg
Avenue Contributor

Super Bowl Sunday is finally here, and Gainesville is getting ready to celebrate. Whether you're a fan of the New England Patriots, the Philadelphia Eagles or just watching for the commercials and beer, there are plenty of places around Gainesville to go to root for your favorite team. Find some of the best spots below.

First Magnitude - If you're into beer and chicken wings straight off

the grill, First Magnitude is where you should spend your Super Bowl Sunday. The brewery is bringing out the big screen for their watch party at the warehouse. The event starts at 3 p.m., so guests can come early to watch the Puppy Bowl and hang out before the game.

The Social at Midtown - If you're looking to watch the big game in Midtown, Social is the place to be. Starting at 5:30 p.m., you can enjoy their open bar and all-you-can-eat buffet while cheering on your team. The open bar

features Crown, Captain, Smirnoff, First Magnitude Drafts and more. Tickets start at \$39. Search The Social at Midtown Super Bowl on eventbrite.com for your tickets.

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so. The restaurant will also have its own version of the Super Bowl Square game and will give out gift cards to the winners.

The Brass Tap - Starting at 6:30 p.m., The Brass Tap will be showing the big game and giving out deals. They will be serving \$5 flatbreads, will have swag to give away throughout the game and will be giving out free beer shots to everyone wearing one of the teams' jerseys, according to their Facebook event page. They will also have the following draft spe-

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GEORGIA 72, FLORIDA 60

Gators' offense falters against Bulldogs in 12-point defeat

By **Skyler Lebron**
Sports Writer

With just under five minutes left in the game, Georgia forward Yante Maten received a pass at the top of the key.

After no Florida player ran up to defend him, Maten gathered himself and nailed the outside shot to give the Bulldogs a commanding 60-53.

In No. 23 Florida's 72-60 road loss to Georgia in Athens on Tuesday night, rebounding struggles and an ice-cold offense down the stretch snapped a four-game winning streak against the Bulldogs.

Senior guard Chris Chiozza scored 15 points for the Gators (15-7, 6-3 SEC), while graduate guard Egor Koulechov added 13.

They were the only two Florida players to reach double figures.

Meanwhile, Maten led the Bulldogs (13-8, 4-5 SEC) with 20 points and seven rebounds in 31 minutes of action.

"We just didn't do it tonight," Chiozza said. "We started out slow on defense, they got going early, so it was hard to stop them."

The Gators maintained a lead for a large part of the first half. Eight of the team's first 11 points came from Chiozza, who scored a layup on a game-opening steal and also knocked down two three-pointers several minutes later.

However, Georgia kept itself within striking distance by creating second chance opportunities. Coming into the game averaging over 12 offensive rebounds per contest, the Bulldogs recorded 10 offensive boards in the first half alone.

In contrast, the Gators grabbed 17 total rebounds in the opening twenty minutes and were outrebounded by UGA 44-35 overall.

The Gators offense began to wither as the first half progressed, allowing Georgia to take advantage of its deficiencies.

Down 26-25 with five minutes left in the half, redshirt senior guard Juwan Parker nailed a three to give the Bulldogs their first



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

Florida guard Chris Chiozza was one of two UF players to score in double digits against Georgia on Tuesday, registering a team-high 15 points on 6-of-13 shooting.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Florida, Allen looking to overcome issues with consistency

By **Andrew Huang**
Sports Writer

Florida men's basketball coach Mike White has said all season that one of his team's shortcomings is its ability to play with consistency. Facing Georgia in Athens on Tuesday, the Gators continued that trend, suffering a loss several

days after a big win for the third time this month.

Before going cold in Tuesday's 72-60 defeat to the Bulldogs, the No. 23 Gators took apart Baylor 81-60 at home on Saturday.

On Jan. 20, Florida (15-7, 6-3 SEC) snapped Kentucky's 30-game SEC home winning streak with a 66-64 victory over the Wildcats.

Four days later, South Carolina overpowered the Gators 77-72 at the O'Connell Center.

And on Jan. 10, Florida dismantled Mississippi State, 71-54. Three days later, UF lost its first SEC game of the season to Ole Miss, 78-72.

White said before Tuesday's game that two keys to victory

against Georgia would be defending and rebounding.

The Bulldogs (13-8, 4-5 SEC) shot a better percentage than Florida and converted 18-of-22 free throws. The Gators attempted only six free throws the entire game.

Georgia also outrebounded the Gators 44-35 and pulled down 15 offensive boards, including 10 in

the first half. Frontcourt starters Kevarrius Hayes and Keith Stone combined for 10 points and eight rebounds, while Georgia forward Yante Maten had 20 points and seven rebounds.

Florida continues to miss the size of center John Egbunu and forwards Isaiah Stokes and Chase

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Florida men's golf coach **J.C. Deacon** won the 2018 Islesworth Invitational Pro Division on Tuesday, earning \$4,500 at the two-round event.

Pro Sports Roundup: Smith traded, Love breaks hand

Chiefs quarterback **Alex Smith** was reportedly traded to the Redskins on Tuesday night. Smith is expected to sign a four-year extension that includes \$70 million in guarantees. On the hardwood, Cavaliers forward **Kevin Love** broke his hand on Tuesday against the Pistons and is expected to miss six to eight weeks.

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You're Dylan Me Smalls / Opinion

Drinking Game: Super Bowl LII Edition



The Associated Press

Eagles starting left tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai has one of the most unique names of the players competing in Super Bowl LII.

If you see eye-to-eye with me on this year's Super Bowl match-up, you're most likely feeling dejected and dispirited.

How could you not?

The game is going to result in either the New England Patriots or the Philadelphia Eagles being crowned the world champions of professional football, a notion that makes me want to gag.

The Patriots — who are on the verge of their third Super Bowl victory in four years — are statistically the most disliked team in the NFL, according to a 2017 poll conducted by Public Policy Polling, after years and years of flagrant rule breaking and unprecedented dominance.

On the other hand, the Eagles — who have never won a Super Bowl — possess one of the most heinous and barbaric fan bases in all of professional sports, a group that once cheered in the stands moments after former Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin suffered a career-ending spinal cord injury.

Jesus.

I'd rather bathe in my own waste than have to watch one of these franchises hold up the Lombardi Trophy on Sunday.

But alas, it's still the Super Bowl, and it's still football, the most exciting and popular sport in America.

So how can we, as a society, make watching these two detestable teams a little more tolerable? The answer, of course, is lots and lots of alcohol.

When in doubt, get drunk ladies and gents. And I know the perfect way to do so: a Super Bowl LII drinking game, courtesy of yours truly.

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turnover (three sips)

- Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth mention Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's age or number of Super Bowl rings
- Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth mention the Patriots 25-point comeback over Atlanta in last year's Super Bowl
- Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth mention that Patriots coordinators Josh McDaniels and

Matt Patricia are reportedly set to become head coaches next season

- Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth mention that the Patriots and Eagles met in Super Bowl XXXIX
- The broadcast shows injured Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz standing on the sidelines
- The broadcast shows Eagles fans wearing dog masks in the stands
- Players on the winning team try to kiss the Lombardi Trophy

Finish your drink every time that:

- A referee shakes Tom Brady's hand
- Al Michaels or Cris Collinsworth struggle to pronounce the name of Philadelphia left tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai
- Al Michaels or Cris Collinsworth successfully pronounce the name of Philadelphia left tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai
- Patriots coach Bill Belichick shows any sign of emotion (not likely)

Waterfall your drink for every second that:

- The Patriots or Eagles perform a touchdown celebration
- NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Patriots owner Robert Kraft interact with each other after the game

Remember to be responsible and use safe forms of transportation if you drink outside of the confines of your own home, and let's pray that Halapoulivaati Vaitai has a very quiet, insignificant Super Bowl performance.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Brooks places first at Florida Challenge during UF debut

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Sierra Brooks led the way for the Florida women's golf team on Monday, finishing first individually in the Florida Challenge in Lecanto, Florida.

The Wake Forest transfer finished her UF debut 6 under par while going 5 under in the final round of the two-round tournament.

Brooks was followed by Carlotta Ricolfi (+3), who tied for ninth, and Taylor Tomlinson (+4), who tied for 11th. The scoring five was rounded out by Marta Perez (+6), who tied for 16th, and Addie Baggarly (+8), who tied for 24th.

The Gators played a solid two rounds of golf, but failed to clinch their third consecutive Florida Challenge title, falling one stroke short to Miami. The team led the field on par-4 holes and par-5 holes, finishing 13 over and 7 under, respectively.

However, UF ultimately came up short on par-3 holes, finishing tied for sixth in

the nine-team field at 9 over.

Two Florida golfers, Elin Esborn and Lauren Waidner, competed individually in the tournament. Esborn finished tied for 11th at 4 over and Waidner finished tied for 34th going 10 over.

Had Esborn been inserted into the starting lineup in place of either Perez or Baggarly, the Gators would have won the tournament.

Whether coach Emily Glaser chooses to adjust her lineup remains to be seen, but she was pleased that her team gained additional experience before heading out to Palos Verdes, California, for the Northrop Grumman Regional Invitational this weekend.

"It's great to get some competition in before we head to California next week as the field there is one of the best all year," Glaser said in a release. "This also gives us the opportunity to expose some weaknesses that need to be focused on in the coming weeks."

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THIS WEEK IN UF SPORTS

Friday, Feb. 2

Gymnastics @ Auburn, 7 p.m., SEC Network

Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ Auburn Invitational, All Day

Men's/Women's Track & Field @ Bayou Bengal Invitational, All Day

Saturday, Feb. 3

Men's Basketball vs. Alabama, 4 p.m., ESPN

*Men's Tennis vs. Florida State, 7 p.m.

*Women's Tennis vs. Florida State, 7 p.m.

Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ Auburn Invitational, All Day

Sunday, Feb. 4

Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ Auburn Invitational, All Day

*Denotes Neutral Site Game



Allen scored nine points against Bulldogs as struggles continue

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Johnson. All three are recovering from injury and haven't set a date for return.

KeVaughn Tracker

Guard KeVaughn Allen's struggles this year have been well-chronicled.

Allen led UF in scoring last season and helped propel the Gators to the Elite Eight with a 35-point explosion against Wisconsin. But the Little Rock, Arkansas, native has struggled to find a rhythm since transfers Jalen Hudson and Egor Koulechov joined this year's roster.

Allen scored nine points on 4-of-11 shooting against the Bulldogs, missing four of his five three-point attempts. He missed his final five shots of the game, snapping a streak of four straight games scoring in double figures.

Allen scored 28 points in a Jan. 17 win against Arkansas in what many hoped would be a breakout performance. But Allen has followed up by scoring 11, 15, 10 and now nine points as he continues to struggle to regain his offensive prowess.

Hudson, who leads the team with 16.2 points per game, failed to get anything going against Georgia. The redshirt junior went 3-for-14 from the field. Koulechov finished with 13 points and seven rebounds in the loss.



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Florida guard KeVaughn Allen scored nine points against Georgia on Tuesday. After leading UF in scoring last season, Allen has fallen into a lesser role behind transfers Jalen Hudson and Egor Koulechov.

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Florida shot 3 for 21 in final 10:20 of Tuesday night's game

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lead of the night.

The triple became part of an 11-0 run for Georgia, which propelled the team to a seven-point lead with just over a minute remaining in the half.

Florida forward Kevarrus Hayes responded with a three-point play and Chiozza nailed his third three-pointer of the night to close out the

frame, but the Gators still trailed 37-32 heading into the locker room.

Florida began the second half scorching from the field, with redshirt junior Jalen Hudson knocking down a three from the right wing to catalyze a 12-2 run.

Hudson drilled two three-pointers during the stretch, his first points of the night after going scoreless in the first half.

But once again, Florida's offense stalled when Georgia's perimeter defense clamped

down midway through the period.

The Gators struggled to find any offensive rhythm late, going 3-for-21 in the final 10:20 of the game.

Georgia used that time to score methodically, capitalizing on Florida's mistakes to build a double-digit lead and keep the game out of reach.

The Bulldogs came into Tuesday's contest allowing just 66.1 points per game, and they played to their tough, grind-it-out style in the

12-point victory.

Florida has now lost two straight conference games and three out of its last five games versus SEC opponents.

"They set the tone," UF coach Mike White said. "We didn't come close to matching their physicality."

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