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For the first time in UF history, three black candidates, Ian Green, Janae Moodie and Revel Lubin, are running for Student Body president.

Three black UF students are running for Student Body president

By David Hoffman and Christina Morales
Alligator Staff Writers

Pamela Bingham had never been called the N-word in her life — until she ran to be UF's first black female Student Body president in Spring 1986.

Every day when Bingham, a Mississippi native, came home to her

Weaver Hall dorm during the election, the first thing she did was clear the answering machine filled with hate mail.

"N-----"

"Go back to Africa."

Now, 32 years after her term, Bingham sees an election she never imagined. Three black student candidates are running for Student Body president in a three-party race — a historic moment at a university that

only began admitting black students in 1958 and where black students make up about 6 percent of the Student Body. The last black Student Body president was Jamal Sowell in 2004. The Alligator could not confirm how many black Student Body presidents have served because UF does not keep track of their races.

Candidates Janae Moodie, Revel Lubin and Ian Green said they hope by leading the Student Body, they

can inspire young black boys and girls who may one day see themselves in their shoes.

The three have all previously served in Student Government leadership positions. They have affiliations with Florida Cicerones, Black Student Union, Florida Blue Key and more.

To them, UF has been a place where they found success regardless of race, but all are keenly aware of

what it means to be a black person in America.



Janae Moodie still remembers the door. The slurs. The dead bird shoved in the mailbox.

She was 12 years old, living in the predominantly white West Palm Beach area, when her mom took her

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A\$AP Ferg, Snakehips, Saint Motel to perform at UF

By Meryl Kornfield and Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writers

Music acts A\$AP Ferg, Snakehips and Saint Motel will perform at UF on Feb. 25, Student Government Productions announced Thursday.

The acts will play in an inaugural spring

music festival, The Wetlands, on Flavet Field. SGP said the festival will feature student performances and organizations, wrote SGP chairman Alex DesRosiers in an email.

Rapper A\$AP Ferg will be paid \$65,000 for his performance, while Saint Motel, an alternative rock band, and Snakehips, an electronic music duo, will be paid \$40,000 and \$35,000 respectively, he said.

"This is an opportunity for an SGP show

to be more than just a place where students gather, but a place where they can contribute to the event as well," DesRosiers said.

SGP began offering tickets Thursday at noon at the O'Connell Center box office. Student tickets cost \$15, and non-students tickets are \$30. Up to 10,000 tickets will be distributed Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival will have two stages, four lo-

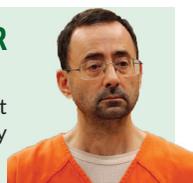
cal acts, a silent disco with student DJs, an activities tent and food trucks, according to a news release.

Julia Jeanty, a UF sustainability studies senior, plans on getting a ticket to see the British duo Snakehips.

"I've been trying to see them live for years, so it's awesome that I'm going to see them perform before I graduate," the 22-year-old said.

GYMNASTS COME TOGETHER OVER NASSAR SCANDAL

UF's gymnasts were rattled after learning that former Team USA doctor Larry Nassar sexually abused his patients, pg. 14



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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Throwback GatorNights

Throwback GatorNights will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. The event will feature an LED dance floor, Air Jordans, 'Space Jam' hoops and the "Scooby Doo" clan. Delta Sigma Theta will organize Black History Month festivities from 8 p.m. 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 Reitz Union auditorium. GatorNights is always Friday and always free for UF students with their Gator 1 Cards.

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. to 1 p.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 search the Facebook event page.

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. Both days will include food, free massages and music. All proceeds go to the Five Points of Life Foundation, which educates people on ways to share life with others, including the donation of blood, organs and tissue.

Student Government elections

Spring Student Government elections will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21 at locations across campus. All absentee ballot requests are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Visit sg.ufl.edu/elections to request an absentee ballot before the deadline.

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

Words on Canvas is a poetry and prose writing competition at the Harn Museum of Art, located at 3259 Hull Road, for UF and Santa Fe College students inspired by art. Winning contestants will be awarded prizes. See guidelines at harn.ufl.edu/wordsoncanvas. The deadline is Feb. 25.

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.

Talking Gators Toastmasters

Want to get more comfortable speaking in front of a group? 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/.

Got something going on?

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.

Retraction

The Alligator has removed an article published on alligator.org Wednesday titled "RTS launches internal investigation into slow bus times after Alligator questions." The story was removed from the website due to a miscommunication between a City of Gainesville spokesperson and



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the reporter.

Correction

In an article published Wednesday titled "More than 300 register to run for SG Spring elections," The Alligator incorrectly reported that Erica Baker said the Elections Commission placed the signs indicating students to go to the SG Office. It was also incorrectly stated that UF student Livia Ledbetter was a biology and sociology junior. Lidbetter is a sociology and women's study junior.

Correction

In an article published Wednesday titled "UF student running for Florida House of Representatives," it was incorrectly stated that Shreyas Amol Jethwani, a UF student running for a seat in Florida's House of Representatives, was an organizer for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. He was a fellow, an unpaid intern.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Girl arrested in LA school middle shooting

A girl believed to be 12 years old opened fire Thursday in a middle school classroom, critically wounding one classmate and injuring three others, authorities said. Police arrested the girl and recovered a gun after the shooting that happened just before 9 a.m. A possible motive was not identified as the investigation was in its early stages.

Clashes in Maldives as court orders politicians released

Political opponents of the Maldives government clashed with police on the streets of the capital early Friday after the Supreme Court ordered the release of ex-President Mohamed Nasheed and an ex-vice president jailed after trials that were internationally condemned. re-election later this year.

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UF will offer one-credit course about Tom Petty's life in Fall

By Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writer

Tom Petty's influence at UF has continued long after his death.

His lyrics have been sung by thousands at Gator football games.



Petty

UF President Kent Fuchs and Fall graduates sang the lyrics, "I won't back down" at commencement last December.

Now, starting this Fall, UF will again commemorate the Gainesville native — this time in the classroom.

UF mass communication professor Clay Calvert announced Wednesday on Twitter his upcoming one-credit Honors program course called "Petty: The Biography."

The required text for the class is Warren Zanes' "Petty: The Biography,"

which Calvert said is more than a story of Petty himself. Calvert said the class may also include analyzing lyrics.

Calvert said the effort Petty put into his craft is an example for what dedication looks like, no matter a student's discipline.

"I think we saw that even at the very end, when he had broken his hip and was clearly in pain, but he refused to stop," he said.

The class will be offered as part of the Honor Program's "(Un)common Reads," which consists of classes that focus on a book or author.

It will be capped at 15 students, said Mark Law, the director of the Honors Program.

Registration for the course begins during Honors early registration on March 29.

"I expect this is going to be a popular one," Law said.

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City and county commissions at odds about agency seats

By Amanda Rosa
Alligator Staff Writer

City of Gainesville and Alachua County commissioners are in disagreement over a bill in the Florida House of Representatives.

The bill, proposed in December by Rep. Chuck Clemons, who represents District 21, would allow county representation on the board of the Community Redevelopment Agency, which is currently not allowed, according to state law. Clemons said the county's participation in decision making is lacking, considering it funds two-thirds of the agency.

"They have no seat at the table. I think that's unjust," he said.

The county commission has requested representation on the board of a city-run development agency before. The commission gave Clemons a list of three priorities, which included CRA representation.

The CRA develops areas that need help. Prior projects have included the DNA Bridge, Depot Park and 352Walls.

Alachua County Commissioner Ken Cor-

nell said the county should have the option of board representation proportional to the funding the agency receives.

"I'm a firm believer in our Founding Fathers' 'no taxation without representation,'" Cornell said. "This is a way for the county to have representation."

Gainesville City Commissioner David Arreola staunchly opposes the bill, which was filed without the City Commission's knowledge, he said.

Arreola argues the bill leaves the door open for the county to take majority control of the board to influence certain policies. He feels the county went behind the city's back, he said.

"It's a poison pill," he said.

The final hearing for the bill was delayed until after a Feb. 12 meeting between city and county commissioners.

Cornell hopes for compromise, but Arreola refuses to negotiate policy.

"If we're going to reach a compromise, it is going to be on representation going forward and that new board will make the policy changes," Arreola said.

Local officials consider initiatives to fund public schools

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

Local officials are considering several ways to raise money for Alachua County Public Schools facilities.

The Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Commission and the Alachua County School Board met Wednesday and discussed two initiatives voters may see on the ballot in November, said ACPS Spokesperson Jackie Johnson. The first is a half-cent sales tax and the other is the formation of a children's services council.

"There are a lot of needs that we

have in this district that we haven't been able to meet with the money that we've had available," she said.

Due to their age, many ACPS facilities require renovation, Johnson said. A majority of the roofs are past their lifespan, air-conditioning systems need updating and classrooms need remodeling. The school board would also like to build more modern spaces that can accommodate more students, she said.

The half-cent sales tax is sponsored by the school board and would cost the average household about \$60 a year while it's in place for the next 12 years, Johnson said. The tax would raise about \$20 million annu-

ally.

"That would go a long way toward improving our facilities district-wide," she said, "and that's something that would touch every single school in a very significant way."

Johnson said the half-cent sales tax would also bring the county up to what surrounding counties already pay. Currently, Alachua County has a 6.5 percent sales tax while the surrounding counties have a 7 percent sales tax, she said.

The other initiative voters may see on the ballot in November is a referendum to create a children's services council, which would operate as an independent authority and

spend about \$7 million annually on children's programs for all ages, said Tom Tonkavich, assistant director of Alachua County Community Support Services.

"Nobody could take that funding and use it to build a new park or something like that," he said. "It would have to be dedicated for children's programs."

At the meeting, it was announced this was the first time in a decade the board and commissions met, Claudia Tuck, the director of Alachua County Community Support Services, wrote in a text.

Some parents, like Magali Jorand-Fletcher, have noticed the age of

some schools is beginning to show. Jorand-Fletcher's two daughters attend Stephen Foster Elementary School, located at 3800 NW 6th St. The technology is outdated and portables need updating, she said.

"There's quite a few areas in that school that need to be definitely upgraded," she said.

Jorand-Fletcher said she would support the half-cent sales tax if it appears on the ballot.

"I think the half-cent tax would be really helpful to help bring Alachua County schools back up to what they should be," she said.

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New houses for Greek chapters coming to campus

By Rachel Porter

Alligator Contributing Writer

Nearly three years after being established at UF, Gamma Phi Beta will have its \$10.5 million house completed in August.

The three-story housing development, which is located at 1251 SW Ninth Ave., began construction in Fall 2017, said Nicole Schroeder, housing and facilities administrative assistant at Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority.

Jack Causseaux, director of UF Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, said the Gamma Phi Beta house is considered off-campus based on its location. Causseaux said a new housing development for an organization typically costs between \$4 million and \$8 million to build.

UF's Gamma Phi Beta chapter was established in October 2015. Planning stages for the house began about a year later, Schroeder said. Gamma Phi Beta Facilities Management Company

purchased the land for the house and financed it. UF is not funding the construction.

Gamma Phi Beta's building will be about 24,000 square feet and house 71 members of the chapter in double and triple-style rooms, Schroeder said.

"Living in a chapter facility allows the opportunity to bond with sisters and a place where members can gather and create memories," Schroeder said.

In addition, the house will also feature several study lounges, TV rooms and a three-room suite for the facility director, she said. Members will also have scooter and bike parking available, and the building will be accessible to people with disabilities.

Rachel Crowley, a UF health education and behavior junior and member of Gamma Phi Beta, said a house will allow their chapter to be more involved in the Greek community.

"I think it will bring us even closer as a sisterhood," the 20-year-old said.

Having a house for the chapter will

give members the opportunity to host meetings and events, as well as invite friends in other chapters to meals and tell them more about Gamma Phi Beta, Crowley said.

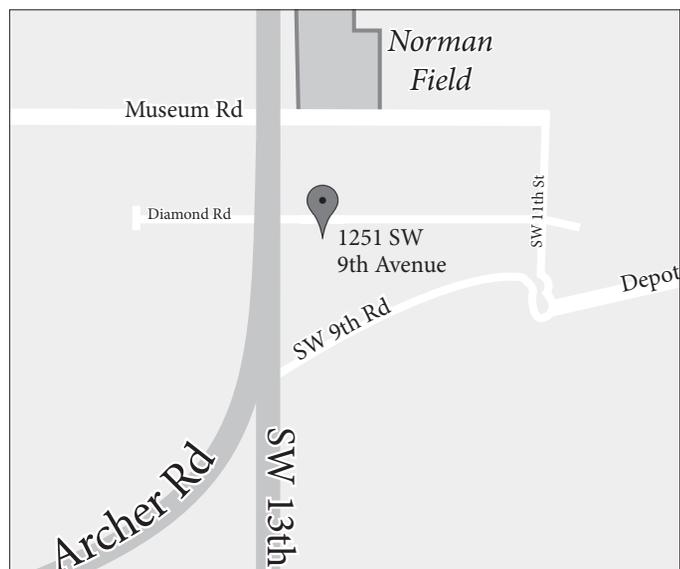
"I can't wait to have a place that we can really call our own," Crowley said.

A new house will enable the sorority to offer more bids for students wanting to join Greek life, Causseaux said.

Gamma Phi Beta is not the only Greek organization which will get a new home soon.

A lot by Hume Hall has also been designated for Greek housing but has not been purchased or leased yet, Causseaux said. Greek Affairs is having conversations with Greek organizations about the space.

After Pi Kappa Phi's house was demolished in June, its new house is on track to reopen by Fall, Causseaux said. Reconstruction for the house, located at 11 W. Fraternity Row, costs \$4.7 million, according to Alligator archives.



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UF alumnae bond over blog

By Jessica Giles

Alligator Staff Writer

When Shir Ibgui and Jamie Wilkinson met, the first thing Ibgui asked for wasn't Wilkinson's name or major, it was her shoe size.

"I was kind of, like, taken aback," Wilkinson said.

Ibgui is used to towering over most girls, so when she saw Wilkinson, also 6 feet tall, she was thrilled about finally having someone to share a wardrobe with, she said.

Ibgui and Wilkinson immediately bonded over their height but later discovered their shared love of food, travel and wellness. In September 2016, the UF alumnae turned their hobbies into a brand and launched the lifestyle blog, "NOT UR AVG." With more than 28,000 blog views since its launch, the pair share travel tips, food recommendations, fitness guides and glimpses into their everyday lives.

"Our blog is not just about fashion, it's not just about food," Ibgui said. "It has a lot of depth to it."

"NOT UR AVG" was a natural extension of the photos, stories and tips Ibgui and Wilkinson have been sharing with their friends and fami-

ly for years, Ibgui said. After studying abroad the summer before their junior year — Ibgui in Paris and Wilkinson in Madrid — they realized people frequently asked them for travel guides and food recommendations.

It wasn't until the summer before their senior year the pair sat at a rooftop bar in New York City with a laptop and cocktails in hand and created the first post on "NOT UR AVG," Ibgui said.

Since graduating from UF in April 2017, Ibgui and Wilkinson have lived on opposite sides of the world. Ibgui is completing her master's degree in international business in Tel Aviv, Israel while Wilkinson pursues a master's degree in interior design from the New York School of Interior Design.

Keeping a blog together from more than 5,000 miles away requires hard work and sacrifice, Wilkinson said, but it also gives them an opportunity to show readers different parts of the world.

Every Tuesday, the friends document their entire day via Instagram Story. Due to the seven-hour time difference, as soon as Ibgui signs off from Tel Aviv, Wilkinson

picks up with the start of her day in New York. They've coined it "two-sided Tuesday."

"I think we're different from the average blogger because we're sharing our experiences from halfway around the world from each other," she said.

The team has plans to grow the blog, Wilkinson said. Currently, they're trying to create more YouTube videos for their channel and post more frequently on their blog.

Michal Paniry, a UF psychology sophomore, has been a devout "NOT UR AVG" reader since it launched, she said. Their blog is different from other lifestyle websites because it gives readers an intimate look at their lives, the 19-year-old said.

"I like how they really make you a part of their life," she said.

Paniry believes "NOT UR AVG" has more to offer than travel tips and glamorous pictures. The 6-foot authors spread a message of confidence and self-acceptance.

"They can be inspirations for other people," she said. "It's kind of like being confident in the skin that you're in."

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Schools give second round of flu vaccines

IS THE FIRST TIME THE COUNTY HAS OFFERED A SECOND ROUND OF VACCINES SINCE 2009.

By Amanda Rosa

Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua County Public School students will be able to receive free flu shots for the second time this school year starting Wednesday.

The Alachua County Health Department administered flu shots in September but offered students a second round of vaccines because of the illness' severity this season, said Alachua County Health Department administrator Paul Myers.

It is the first time the county offered a second round since 2009. Vaccines will be administered to younger students first and then to older students until Feb. 23.

ACPS spokesperson Jackie Johnson contacted the health

department Friday, the same day the flu virus shut down Gulf County Public Schools in Florida's Panhandle, according to the Sun-Sentinel. The health department proposed offering a second round of vaccines.

"This is really the easiest way for kids to get their flu shot," Johnson said.

Myers said parents and students should get vaccinated immediately and stay home if sick. The flu season is expected to last another month.

Elementary-school children are especially susceptible to the flu and remain sick for longer periods of time, Myers said. During this flu season, school clinic visits have increased by 50 percent, he said.

"Studies have shown that if you vaccinate a significant percentage of children, then you can protect the community as a whole," he said.

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UF President Fuchs urges Congress to protect Dreamers

By Jessica Giles

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Since September, Michell Hernandez has been counting down the days.

The UF microbiology and cell science sophomore immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico when she was 3 years old and has lived and studied here under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Now, the 20-year-old's future is filled with uncertainty as the end of

DACA looms closer.

"I can't continue living with a countdown in my head, with my days being numbered," she said.

In September, President Donald Trump announced the end of the DACA, legislation that allows people brought to the U.S. as children to work and attend school without fear of deportation. Trump said it would be phased out by March, according to NPR.

UF President Kent Fuchs joined Volusia County Sheriff Michael Chitwood and Dean Inserra, pas-

tor of City Church Tallahassee, in a press call Thursday to encourage Congress to pass permanent legislation that protects Dreamers. Fuchs said he not only wants to see protection for undocumented students but also legislation that gives them a pathway to citizenship.

"These are some of the world's very best individuals in terms of their achievements so far and also their potential," he said.

To advocate for Dreamers, Fuchs has reached out to federal

leaders who can promote the reinstatement of DACA or a pathway to citizenship. The Student Affairs office has also compiled a list of resources for DACA students on its website.

Fuchs believes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants pursuing a degree in the U.S. would be beneficial in every aspect.

"It's in the best interest not only of those students, not only of the university, but it's in the best interest of the state of Florida and,

indeed, our nation," he said.

Hernandez hopes other people see the importance of passing legislation. She was pleased to see Fuchs use his position of influence to advocate for undocumented immigrants, but she feels UF and the nation, as a whole, have a long way to go to protect the Dreamers.

"It's really wild to feel like you're not really human," she said.

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Human trafficking victim speaks at UF

By Hanna Gibson

Alligator Contributing Writer

At age 12, Jerome Elam took a bottle of sleeping pills and vodka, laid down in his mother's rose garden and waited to die. A victim of human trafficking, Elam felt worthless and hopeless.

"It took me taking my own life for me to get noticed," he said.

Elam, now 54 and president of Trafficking in America Task Force, told the story of his childhood at UF's second annual Human Trafficking Symposium in Pugh Hall, where he was one of eight speakers Tuesday night.

The event's goal was to inform the Gainesville community about how widespread human trafficking is, said Logan Leonard, vice president of Gators Against Human Trafficking.

About 50 people attended the event hosted by Gators Against Human Trafficking and the Graham Student Fellows.

Elam said he was molested, used for child pornography and trafficked in a pedophile ring 10 to 12 times a day starting when he was 5 years old. Despite trying to tell 10 people, including his doctor, the abuse lasted for seven years.

After his suicide attempt, Elam said he decided to start

helping other victims, especially male and LGBTQ+ victims.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Williams, another speaker at the event, said Gainesville is not exempt from human trafficking. He's lived in the city since 1998 and has prosecuted 18 human traffickers in the past three years.

At the event, he said people often have misconceptions about trafficking victims. They are frequently children raised in sexually abusive households who normalize the crime and forced prostitution as adults.

"There are human beings involved in this with emotions and feelings who don't elect this life," Williams said.

Madison Smith, a 21-year-old political science junior, said she attended the event because her mom is involved in anti-human trafficking work, and she wanted to get more involved herself.

Smith said hearing the stories of male victims was impactful because previously she only thought about trafficking victims as females. Listening to the stories made her want to get more involved in anti-human trafficking efforts in Gainesville.

"There is a lot of prevention that we, as a Student Body, can do if we are more aware," she said.

Students of all faiths wear hijabs, begin Islam Appreciation Month



Irfan Kovanyaka/Alligator

Ashma Ganaishlal, a 20-year-old UF psychology and sociology junior, gets her head wrapped in a hijab by Sana Nimer, chairperson for Islam on Campus Islam Appreciation Month, on Turlington Plaza on Wednesday morning.

By Irfan Kovanyaka

Alligator Contributing Writer

Soha Samla doesn't typically wear her Islamic hijab, but she wrapped a tan one around herself Wednesday to feel closer to God for the day.

Samla was one of about 80 people who tried on hijabs of various colors and patterns, some for the first time. UF's Islam on Campus put on the "Hijab-a-Thon" to kick off Islam Appreciation Month, said coordinator Sana Nimer. They invited students of all religions to wear a hijab for the day and take it home.

"Islam is not this big, scary boogeyman that people want to make it out to be," Nimer said. "If you come talk to us, hopefully we

can help you understand that and get rid of some misconceptions."

The hijabs were donated by individuals and businesses, such as Haute Hijab, Abaya Addict and Hijab Culture, Nimer said.

Although the event wasn't held last year, the club wanted to revive it to educate more students on Islam, said club member Rashan Siddique.

"Islam itself abolishes that concept of oppression, of oppressing women and oppressing people in general," the 23-year-old UF electrical engineering senior said.

The rest of the month includes an Islam Fair, a public prayer, a slam poetry event and other activities, Nimer said.

The event ended with a dinner

and panel in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom for everyone to discuss their experiences.

The panel's guest speaker was Nadine Abu-Jubara, who is a co-owner of Verona Collection, a modest fashion company for Muslim women.

Samla, a 19-year-old tourism, events and recreation management sophomore, said she was excited to partake in and organize the event because it wasn't held during her freshman year.

"There are a lot of people out there that think Muslims are monsters under the scarf," she said. "I want (students) to be able to wear it and realize 'I'm still myself. I just have something wrapped around my head.'"

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Editorial

Ah, flu season. The undesirable yet familiar scents of hand sanitizer and DayQuil fill the air. Sniffling noses and phlegm-filled coughs can be heard all throughout campus.

"Thank goodness I got my flu shot back in August," you think to yourself, as you blow your nose for the fourth time that morning. Little do you know, the flu was still able to infiltrate your immune system and wreak havoc on your body.

Within a few days, you're bedridden and whining to your roommates about how awful you feel. "Can you please brew me some tea?" They've heard this phrase about six times a day lately.

Sick of your incessant whining, one of your roommates decides it's time you go to the Infirmary. Of course, however, the Infirmary leaves you on read and won't call you back. Your roommate suggests you visit the MinuteClinic, and you start your trek to CVS Pharmacy.

As you sit in the chairs outside the examination room, you grab a few pamphlets to read. One about exercise, one about blood pressure and another about family planning. As you open the first pamphlet in an attempt to entertain yourself, you realize the words inside don't match the cover. The content reads...

Darts & Laurels

In South Africa, there is an issue not many of us are talking about. The city of Cape Town is running out of water and expected to run out completely by mid-April. Devastating satellite images showing the dangerously low water levels in the city's main water reservoir can be seen on CNN's website.

According to CNN, drought, population growth and climate change are all fueling the drought. As of Thursday, Capetonians were restricted to just 50 liters, or about 13 gallons, of water each day.

It is both infuriating and unintelligible that people in the world still refuse to recognize climate change as a real issue when calamitous examples like these are happening all over the world. To the **deniers** holding us back from making strides in eradicating climate change, we award our first **dart**.

On campus this week, we saw positive movement in the battle for free access to menstrual products. The UF Student Health Care Center installed menstrual product dispensers on the wall of the Infirmary lobby Friday. The four dispensers provide free pads, tampons and condoms to students.

The change was suggested by Chase Werther, the UF philosophy and political science junior who founded Gators Matter, Period., a movement to advocate for free menstrual products on campus. To **Werther**, we award our first **laurel**.

This year, the Grammy Awards left us disappointed. We have to be honest though, we weren't too surprised — the behavior the award show exhibited this year is one we have seen year after year.

The award show notoriously grants awards to the safest nominee, and this year was no exception. Bruno Mars won Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Album of the Year. He was a safe, profitable and family-friendly option. Sure, he's talented, but he has very little to say when it comes to meaningful topics.

Artists like Kendrick Lamar and Kesha, in our opinion, were robbed this award season. Thus, we give a **dart** to the **Recording Academy voting members**, who get to vote on the categories. We are sick and tired of seeing the safe option picked every time. It's 2018. It's time to branch out.

On a more positive note, we saw something beautiful on our campus this week. To kick off Islam Appreciation Month, students of all religions were invited to wear a hijab for the day and to take it home. Nearly 80 students were able to wear hijabs for the first time and given the opportunity to appreciate Islamic culture. We would like to award our last **laurel** to **UF's Islam on Campus** for putting on such a great event and promoting diversity and culture on our campus.

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Column

Let's talk about protecting endangered species

Manatees are as much a part of Florida's identity as oranges and Mickey Mouse. Picture, for a moment, a manatee floating effortlessly beneath the water's surface, looking for a patch of vegetation to munch on before it innocently moves through a precious Floridian body of water. Pretty majestic, right?

Manatees got lucky. Their conservation required minimal adjustments to the ways Floridians and tourists enjoy boating hobbies. Unfortunately, most endangered species aren't as fortunate.

As humans continue to develop land in order to meet demands for our own species, territory clashes will occur with animals that have established their niches long before we showed up. Protecting these animals can cost millions of dollars and allow the government to unfashionably influence the use of private property.

People often resist changing for animals if it will alter their own livelihood, but unpopular policies for the sake of species protection are currently adhered to by the enforcement of law. Unfortunately, Congress may soon change the government's stance on endangered animals.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the Endangered Species Act was legislatively attacked more than 60 times in 2017. Those attacks focused on defunding attempts to enforce laws that protect endangered species but also impede on land development. The President Donald Trump administration now considers economic analysis when deciding whether to save an animal, and an economic value on living things is something scientists can't seem to effectively refute.

Endangered animals should be protected because this Earth is not just ours. We share it with other living things, and it's their home just as much as it is ours. Scientists shouldn't have to use another argument to save these animals, but under the current administration, sci-



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entists will have to push for the protection of many endangered animals without the law behind them. The best solution is to argue in terms people will understand and care about.

An exemplary success story is the relationship between the Ecuadorian brown-headed spider monkey and cacao farmers. With only 250 of the monkeys estimated to be left on this planet, this monkey is one of the most endangered primates on record. The prob-

lem was, in an effort to plant more cacao, locals to the Chocóan rain forests had been cutting down trees that provided a home for the spider monkeys. These farmers performed backbreaking labor just to survive, so why would they care if a monkey is losing its habitat? Realizing the farmers were driven by making money, scientists brought in Samuel von Rutte, an expert in fermenting cacao, to lead training sessions on how to grow more valuable cacao without cutting down trees. Since then, farmers have tripled their profits from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per kilo, and scientists are already seeing optimistic signs for the spider monkey's future. Scientists only became successful once they merged conservation with the values of the farmers.

It would be ideal for everyone on earth to see an altruistic purpose to share the planet with other animals, but more endangered animals risk the possibility of becoming extinct as scientists wait for this miraculous paradigm shift. No one wants to see an animal disappear forever, but people will still value personal matters over the life of another living thing. Scientists must change their argument to terms people care about in order to save endangered animals.

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Column

There is a drought of new and original stories in Hollywood movies

With award season closing in on us, it's that time of the year when we look back on all of the entertainment that graced our screens in 2017. Nothing very obvious changed this year in cinema; the box office was still dominated by "Star Wars" and whatever new superhero releases there were, and the Oscar nominations for Best Picture still consisted of films which the majority of people didn't see.

There was one statistic, however, that startled me when I read it: "Christopher Nolan's 'Dunkirk' is the only live-action film in the top 25 worldwide box office of 2017 to be original — not an adaptation, remake or sequel."

As crazy as that fact sounds, what makes it even wilder is "Dunkirk" was still based on a historical event, a non-fiction film with events written largely by history, not screenwriters. Even the sole "original" film in the top 25 was still based on a story that already existed.

Today, it seems like only animated movies are consistently putting out new and original stories. A top-tier animation studio like Pixar knows fans love sequels to massive franchises ("Toy Story," "Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles," etc.) but does a good job at spacing out sequels between original releases, like "Coco," the beautiful top animated film of this year.

The rise of this trend toward remake/adaptation/sequel mania started a few years ago, probably around the time Marvel/DC superhero movies were beginning to skyrocket in popularity, perennially annihilating the box office and trampling any poor film to release within a month of them.

Once sequels to these superhero hits started being churned out, studios quickly realized people were enjoying following the same characters and their story developments. Superheroes like Thor, Iron Man and Captain America had the charm and likability to appeal to the masses, get them hooked. And leave them begging for more whenever the credits of one chapter rolled. Post-credit scenes and the "Avengers" movies created this seemingly never-ending chain of content, a sprawling web of dynamic characters



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and stories that all begin to work into one decade-spanning picture.

Other studios quickly caught on to this trend of familiar faces being more popular than new ones, as they began to look toward the past for any popular story to revive. It is easy to see why people are attracted to adaptations/remakes/sequels, as recurring and familiar characters are somewhat comforting, like revisiting an old friend in some way. Following a story or plot you already know and love is much easier than having to learn a new set of characters and background lore each time you enter a theater.

Is this current drought of new and original stories a problem? I don't think so. It's just mildly disappointing for anyone who doesn't mind learning new characters and unique stories with each trip to the movies. The idea of a complete story being told in two hours with no intention to milk it out in the future appears to be an art form lost on the general public.

What concerns me, however, is the movie-making industry, being the profit-driven business it is, will one day no longer find independent, stand-alone films worthwhile in the current landscape of capes, CGI and explosions. The independent, stand-alone film is what typically receives the award nominations when all is said and done, and I find comfort in this still being the case. "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," which won Best Picture at the Golden Globes, was one of the most thoughtful and entertaining stories I've seen in recent years, and I love it is getting the attention it deserves.

The problem isn't necessarily adaptations or remakes. "Call Me By Your Name" was the most aesthetically beautiful film of the year and it was based on a novel by the same name. The concern is that such unique films might one day not receive the recognition they deserve, as studios and award committees start to view them as less worthy than those that dominate the box office.

Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His columns focus on entertainment and music.

Column

Ignoring black artists will make the Grammy Awards irrelevant

In a year where protest and defiance were highlighted in Hollywood, the Grammys, as always, have played it safe. Although the Time's Up movement has focused more on actresses and directors, sexual harassment and assault has touched the music industry, too. This year, artists have released numerous songs about politics and activism, but this risk-taking was not recognized.

Bruno Mars left the Grammys with a mountain of awards, and while his win was historic, helping him become the ninth artist to win six or more Grammys in the same ceremony, groundbreaking artists like SZA and Kesha left empty-handed. Songs like "24K Magic" and "That's What I Like" are catchy and fun, but that does not make them worthy of an award sweep. Mars is a great performer, as evidenced by his performance of "Finesse" with Cardi B, and I don't mean to detract from his skill, but this is part of a pattern where certain artists are shut out because their songs may not be as upbeat or easy to listen to.

The best performances come from the hip-hop and rap artists, but they are continually under-awarded at the Grammys in the general categories such as Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Album of the Year. Some artists, like Frank Ocean, released music during the eligibility window but did not submit their music for consideration. Despite his numerous nominations, Jay-Z did not win anything. Last year, Beyoncé's "Lemonade" lost to Adele. Historically, black artists have not been given enough credit for their contributions, even though they have been the ones to pioneer new genres and dance styles.

Both in terms of content and genre, the Grammys do not like things that are new, either Kendrick Lamar's socially conscious lyrics or Kesha's tale of overcoming abuse. While I love Mars' songs, I can also see



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that giving them the awards was the easy choice: it doesn't offend anyone. It's true that Mars is talented and his win is still revolutionary for artists of color, but Bruno Mars himself acknowledged to Latina Magazine that "black music" spans many genres, including rock, jazz, rhythm & blues and hip-hop, and acknowledged the heavy influence of black artists on his music. The Grammys are just edgy enough to be part of the resistance by including Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the award ceremony, but they're not willing to take steps that truly matter like giving black artists the awards and credit they deserve.

There's genre diversity in the nominations, but not in the awards — Mars swept all general categories except best new artist. Even in categories where women and people of color were nominated, the awards skewed to white men like Ed Sheeran. It's ironic that a song by a man about a woman's body won a Grammy over a song about a woman overcoming abuse. The Grammys seem to have been awarded in a vacuum, without regard for any kind of broader cultural context.

Unless the Grammys start reflecting the cultural impact of music, they will start becoming irrelevant. The Grammys included an important speech advocating for the Time's Up movement by Janelle Monae and a powerful tribute to dreamers from Camila Cabello, but it seems the distribution of awards itself leaves a lot to be desired. Instead of inviting Clinton, who it was recently revealed covered up for an advisor who committed sexual harassment, to parody "Fire and Fury," perhaps the Grammys should have focused on the reckoning in Hollywood.

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They want UF to be an example of the benefits of diversity

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to see their friend's defaced home.

The white garage door was spray painted in red with phrases like "go back to Africa," and "white power," as well as a drawing of a swastika, she recalled.

"My mom wanted me to learn about racism and that it really is still alive," she said. "It's important that my parents made it a priority to bolster my own awareness of colorism."

Later, when she was 15, Moodie boarded a plane from New York and sat next to an elderly white woman.

"You don't belong here," the woman said to Moodie.

Nobody heard what happened except for a flight attendant, who chose to ignore the woman's comments. In that moment, Moodie needed an ally.

"The biggest problem is when people are complicit with things they don't agree with," Moodie said. "It's only when you step out of that fear boldly that change starts to happen."

Moodie, who is running with Challenge Party, said her experiences with discrimination have been disheartening, but they've made her stronger as an individual and as a candidate. Moodie resigned from her position with Impact Party as Senate president pro tempore in January, saying the party and SG didn't value the voice of minorities.

"The time is always right to do what's right," Moodie said, quoting Martin Luther King Jr. "I want to be able to start to crack that glass ceiling."

Student Body Treasurer Revel Lubin said running for Student Body president is a calling — and would have been whether he was black or not.

To Lubin, the presidential candidate with Inspire Party, being a black candidate is about being an example for all people.

"It doesn't matter the obstacles you've been through in your life. As long as you stand for truth and you stand for something bigger than yourself, there's nothing you can't accomplish," Lubin said.

Lubin's positive attitude carried him through situations in which he was discriminated against — like one night in 2015, his freshman year, when he found himself sur-

rounded by five Gainesville Police Department cars outside a TGI Fridays.

"Keep your mouth shut," one of the officers said.

The owner of the restaurant had called the police and said Lubin, a black, 6-foot-3-inch male in a white T-shirt and baseball cap, fit the description of the suspect.

After the owner of the restaurant came out and told the police Lubin wasn't the suspect, the officer told Lubin and his friends to leave and not come back.

"I was just always reminded of my race," Lubin said. "I was always reminded that things like that can happen."

Officer Ben Tobias, a GPD spokesperson, said there's no kind of documentation of any kind of contact with Lubin.

Senate President Ian Green, Impact's presidential candidate, said black parents everywhere are used to having the conversation about race with their children. His talk came when he was 11.

That year, Green sold cups of lemonade to buy his mom a candle from Bath and Body Works for Mother's Day.

When Green went to purchase the gift at an outdoor mall close to his home in Atlanta, an older couple passed by him and the woman grabbed onto her partner. Green remembered being confused — it was May, the woman couldn't have been cold and grabbing the man for warmth. He said it bothered him the entire day.

"I went back and told my parents what I experienced and that's when we had a talk," Green said. "That's when I really realized what it meant to be black in America."

He sees the opportunities for minority students in SG only continuing to grow, he said.

"It was a badge of honor to prove people wrong and to show what can truly be done," he said.

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Despite the progressive appearance of Spring's SG election, Patricia Hilliard-Nunn hopes students will focus more on the candidates' ideas and policies than gender and skin color.

Hilliard-Nunn, a UF professor of African American Studies, said SG has a history of re-branding itself while the same groups of people



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The last black UF Student Body president, Jamal Sowell, who won the 2004 UF thanks supporters after winning the election in March 2004.

make decisions and serve the same fraternities and clubs behind the scenes.

She said in every election, students should be questioning the candidates' track record, and priorities far outweigh skin color.

"What party are you in, and who's pulling the strings," she said. "That will often let you know what that president will do regardless of what you look like."

Samuel Taylor, who became UF's first black Student Body President in 1972, still remembers the hand-me-down textbooks.

Lincoln High School, still an all-black school when Taylor attended in the early '60s, got all of its books from then all-white Gainesville High School.

The racial disparity followed him from all the way through his doctorate in 1973, he said. Only 12 students at UF during his first year as an undergraduate in 1964 were black. He was one of them.

To now see three black candidates vying for

the position he once held feels like a milestone, Taylor said.

"That wouldn't even have been practical to aspire to when I came along; it was beyond the experience that we lived in the South at that time," Taylor, 69, said. "This is a marker of the progress — significant progress — we've made."

All three candidates have ideas to help recruit and retain more black students. They want UF to be a strong example for other schools and to show the benefits of diversity.

They want to be seen as more than their race. They want to be seen as students, leaders and friends.

"The way that that happens is when we open the doors and make history the norm," Moodie said.

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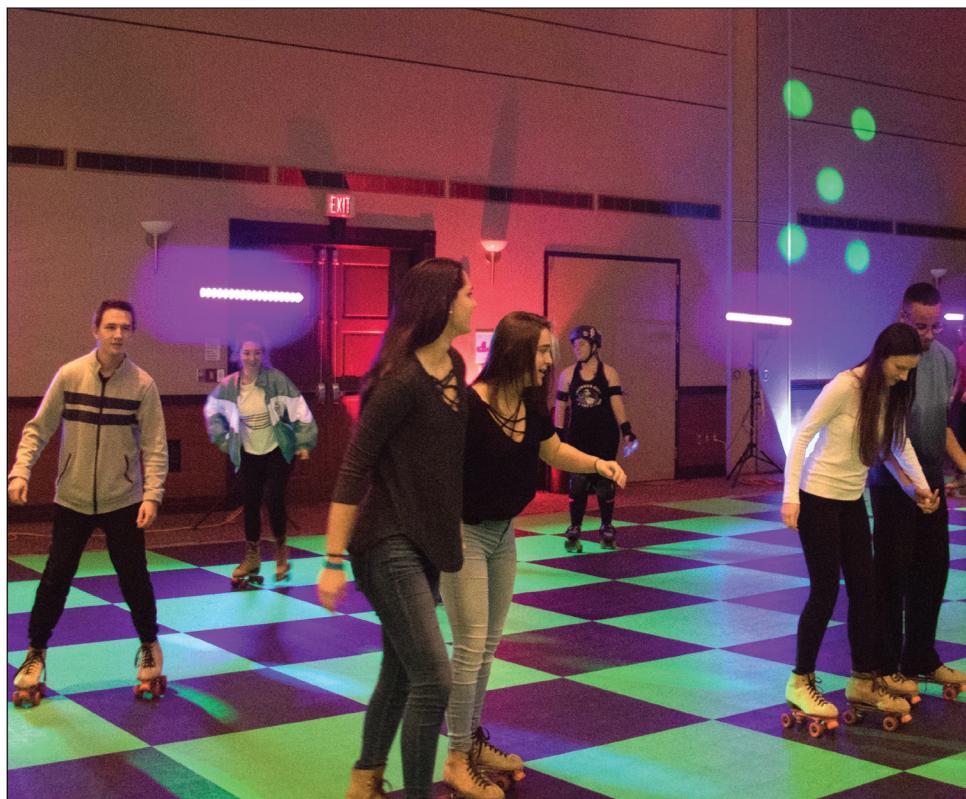
Samuel Taylor, UF's first black Student Body president, poses for a political advertisement run in the Alligator in 1972.



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Pamela Bingham, UF's first and only black female Student Body president, sits at her desk in the Reitz Union in 1986.

Rockin' and rollin': Students celebrate '80s culture



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Students skate around the checkered roller rink while jamming to '80s music at the free Rollin' Back to the '80s event Wednesday night in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.



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From left: UF students Melinda Hebert, an 18-year-old business administration freshman; Kelly O'Toole, an 18-year-old telecommunication freshman; Lianne Dacruz, an 18-year-old accounting freshman; Megan Pirino, an 18-year-old advertising freshman, and Barry Dever, a 19-year-old theatre sophomore, make denim patches at the Rollin' Back to the '80s event Wednesday night in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Exhibition to feature clothes worn by sexual assault survivors

By Stephanie Gonzalez
Alligator Contributing Writer

They were doubted, humiliated and victimized with the question, "What were you wearing?"

Now, sexual assault survivors are responding.

An art exhibit coming to UF will display recreations of the outfits sexual assault survivors wore on the day of their assault.

The installation is asking UF students

for anonymous submissions describing the outfits survivors wore. Then, the outfits will be created based off the three to five sentence description, said Rita Lawrence, UF's interpersonal violence prevention coordinator.

"We don't want to put any more burden on (the victims)," she said. "We want to take on that burden as prevention people, and we'll look at the narrative and recreate it."

Deadline for submissions is March 9.

Dropboxes for submissions are located in GatorWell, University Police's Office of Victim Services and the Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies.

Students can also submit online on GatorWell's website.

The "What were you wearing?" exhibit will run from April 2 to April 30 on the third floor of Ustler Hall, Lawrence said.

It will be hosted by Sexual Trauma Interpersonal Violence Education, or STRIVE, at GatorWell and the American Medical Stu-

dent Association.

Stephanie Kaufman, a 19-year-old UF exploratory science and engineering freshman, said this exhibit may help others understand the definitions of sexual assault and victim blaming, and how to respond to it.

"You shouldn't be worried that something is going to happen to you because of what you're wearing," she said.

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UF professor's US history book includes Africa, Latin America

By McKenna Beery and Sofia Arriaga
Alligator Contributing Writers

When UF associate history professor Paul Ortiz told Haitian students their country was the first in the Caribbean to gain independence, they were “flabbergasted.”

It is reactions like these and Ortiz's own childhood of never learning about his grandfather's country, Mexico, that inspired him to publish a book Tuesday.

The book, “An African American and Latinx History of the United States,” describes how Latin American, Caribbean and African history has influenced the U.S. since the American Revolution.

“It's a reinterpretation of American history,” Ortiz said. “U.S. history is too nationalistic.”

Ortiz said American history tends to focus on Europe's effect on the U.S., ignoring Latin Amer-

ica and Africa. His book breaks that mold.

During his book launch Wednesday night, Ortiz read several passages out loud to about 70 people at Third House Books & Coffee, located at 113 N. Main St.

Gainesville resident Michelle Ott asked Ortiz why the title included the “X” at the end of “Latin.” Ortiz said it is a non-gendered way of describing someone from Latin America.

Some of Ortiz's former students attended the book launch, like UF alumna Lauren Krebs. She said she finally wanted to see the book Ortiz has been working on for years.

“It brought the community together to listen (to) and engage with the important history of African American and Latinx peoples that has been excised from the official histories for so long,” Krebs, 27, said.



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A CUP OF COCOA

Friends Alexia Cepeda (left) and Citlali Barragan (right) converse while enjoying the “U Matter, We Cocoa” event, which featured student involvement opportunities, prizes and hot cocoa on Wednesday afternoon on Turlington Plaza.

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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RELEASE DATE- Friday, February 2, 2018

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 ___ Lake, village near Lake Placid
 8 Skeddaddles
 15 Somewhat off
 16 "Choose!"
 17 Come through
 18 Poker holding
 19 A or O
 20 Easy pace
 22 Clipper trio
 23 "Ninja Scroll" genre
 25 Domain introduced in 2001
 26 Rod Stewart's "___ May"
 29 Shuttle site
 31 Affirmative act
 34 Outlying community
 35 Tesla, e.g.
 36 "Not a chance"
 37 "Zorba the Greek" Oscar winner Kedrova
 38 Bottom of a food chain?
 39 Abruzzi bell town
 40 Fertile soil
 41 Picasso output
 42 Mar. honoree
 43 "r u kidding?!"
 44 Team that pulls for you
 45 Like an earworm
 46 Peugeot's 208 or 308, e.g.
 47 Tony winner Menzel of "Wicked"
 49 Feature of many a Hawaiian restaurant
 52 Cast off
 53 Olympian queen
 57 Lock-picking tool
 59 Bar exhortation ... and a hint to how to answer five puzzle clues
 61 Highest
 62 Consoles
 63 Bun seeds
 64 Request at a bar

DOWN

1 Actress Thompson
 2 Doomed shepherd
 3 Irk
 4 Tequila, triple sec and lime juice

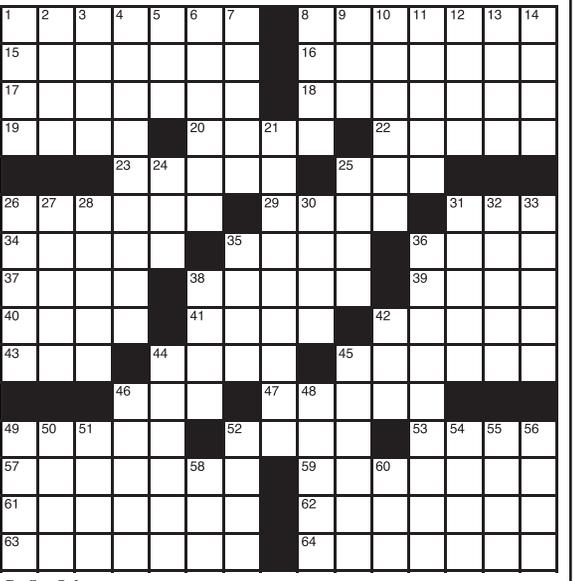
5 Sweet Potato Awareness Mo.
 6 Emperor relative
 7 Jewel box item
 8 Eight bits
 9 "lck!"
 10 Champagne and orange juice
 11 Utah's state gem
 12 Mmes. across the Pyrenees
 13 Down but not out
 14 Rocky hills
 21 Bourbon, water, sugar and garnish
 24 Bird's bill
 25 Bonehead
 26 ___ Yello
 27 Assumed truth
 28 Soviet labor camp
 30 Oklahoma tribe
 31 Sometimes offensive, briefly
 32 Dr. Phil was her frequent guest before getting his own show
 33 Eros or Eos
 35 Real estate parcel
 36 Whiskey, sweet vermouth and bitters
 38 Dress style

42 ___ Salvador
 44 White rum, sugar, lime juice, soda water and garnish
 45 Pomelo relative
 46 Beta follower
 48 Playground comeback
 49 Amphibious assault transports, for short
 50 Botanical balm
 51 Bites playfully
 52 911 response gp.
 54 Kitchen gadget brand
 55 One with second thoughts
 56 Abbey area
 58 British author's conclusion?
 60 Terre dans la mer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ROB CARB BIG OTS
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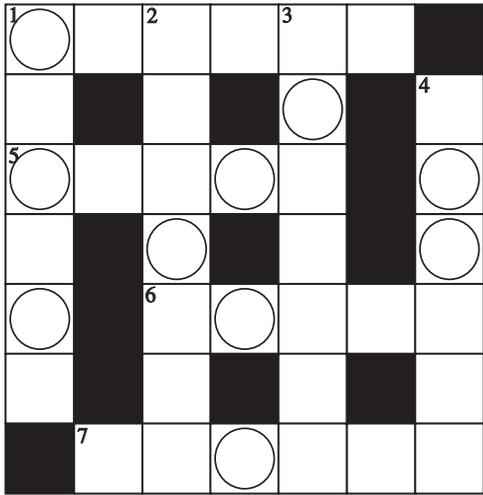
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ACROSS

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Money, resources AHWLET
 5. Move smoothly DEGIL
 6. Egg _____ METIR
 7. Play _____ RICLFO

DOWN

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Carriages, carts GOWNSA
 2. Pilot ATAVRIO
 3. ___ radiation AMHLTER
 4. Preacher RCICLE

CLUE: This actress was born in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 21, 1945.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○

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

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GYMNASTICS

Florida gymnasts come together over Larry Nassar scandal



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

The Florida gymnastics team was rattled after learning that former Team USA doctor Larry Nassar sexually abused over 265 of his patients.

By **Alana Gomez**
Sports Writer

When a person thinks of the word “doctor,” certain synonyms might come to mind: safety, comfort, healing. From now on, when people think of the name Larry Nassar — a man once admired and renowned by gymnasts around the world — the only image that will appear is one of pain and distrust.



Nassar

The former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University doctor was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison on charges of sexual abuse. Over 265 women have spoken out on the doctor’s abuses, including Olympic medalists Aly Raisman and Gabby Douglas.

At UF, the topic hangs like a heavy cloud over the school’s gymnastics program.

“It has generated a lot of discussion on our staff,” said Stacey Higgins, Florida’s assistant athletic director for sports health. “We all keep question-

ing, ‘How did this happen?’”

Higgins said that she and her colleagues take sexual harassment, abuse or any type of concern raised by a UF student seriously.

“We make it known to our staff and to everyone that we’re not gonna cover anything up,” Higgins said. “We’re gonna report it. We’re gonna let the proper people investigate it.”

If Higgins or anyone else on UF’s athletic training staff are informed of a colleague behaving inappropriately, the person to contact is executive associate athletics director for administration Lynda Tealer.

Tealer said the most important part of reporting an issue or a concern is making sure students know all of their options.

This includes reporting an incident to a trusted adult, who is then obligated to follow up with a supervisor before the complaint goes to the university’s Title IX coordinator, the university police or the dean of students office.

“There aren’t specific rules about protecting people in a specific sport,” Tealer said. “There’s standards of practice

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

UF hoping to bounce back on Saturday against Crimson Tide

By **Jake Dreilinger**
Sports Writer

Mike White walked into the media room of Stegeman Coliseum on Tuesday not sure how to answer questions about his team’s shooting woes at the end of a 72-60 loss to Georgia.

“I’m just disappointed,” White said. “We’ve shown more fight than that.”

For a team that held a three-point lead midway through the second half, that fight White referred to appeared to be present. In the final 10 minutes, however, it all disappeared.

The Gators made just three of their last 20 attempts from the field, falling victim to an increase in pressure from the Bulldogs’ defense. Florida shot nine three-pointers during that stretch, making only one of them courtesy of forward Keith Stone.

“They’re one of the best defensive teams

in our league,” guard Egor Koulechov said. “At the same time, it’s up to us to make some shots, too. In the second half, we just didn’t.”

Florida has potential to be one of the top shooting teams in the SEC, as proven when it shot 60.7 percent from beyond the arc and 51.6 percent from the field against Texas A&M on Jan. 2. However, when it struggles to score, it affects the team as a whole, as shown against Georgia.

UF will look to move past its poor shooting performance at the end of the game against UGA when it plays Alabama on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the O’Connell Center.

While the Crimson Tide doesn’t shoot particularly well — it averages 73.8 points a game, good for a share of 10th in the SEC — it has one of the top young talents in the conference.

Guard Collin Sexton ranks third in the SEC

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Worried about the Gators recent losses? I'm not. They'll be aight.

The Florida fan base is confused right now. And rightfully so.

After rising as high as No. 5 in the AP poll on Dec. 4, the men’s basketball team has been consistently inconsistent.

An 81-60 walloping of Baylor on Jan. 27 followed by an ugly 72-60 road loss to a mediocre Georgia team on Tuesday perfectly encapsulates how the season has gone for the Gators — hit or miss.

And I’m talking airball-that-hits-an-old-man-sitting-in-the-second-row-directly-in-the-face type of miss.

Despite the season’s mishaps, I still have confidence that the team will turn it around.

In fact, they’ll play so well down the stretch, I believe that this Florida team will



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win the SEC Tournament.

Controlling the boards has been a constant problem for coach Mike White’s Gators. They rank 11th in the conference in rebounds per game.

Much of those struggles stem from the team’s lack of size and depth in the frontcourt. But when redshirt senior center John Egbunu returns from his knee injury in the next few weeks, that issue will be partly resolved.

And if sophomore Gorjok Gak and red-shirt freshman Dontay Bassett continue to develop as the season progresses, consider the Gators A-OK.

While Gak and Bassett have combined for just 3.5 rebounds per game, both have

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Coach **Gregg Troy** and the Florida swimming and diving teams will be in Alabama this weekend to compete in the Auburn Invitational.

Pro Sports Roundup: Griffin debuts for Detroit

Five-time NBA All-Star **Blake Griffin** recorded 24 points and 10 rebounds in his debut for the Pistons on Thursday. The Pistons defeated the Grizzlies 104-102. In other hoops news, **Victor Oladipo**, **Aaron Gordon**, **Dennis Smith Jr.** and **Larry Nance Jr.** were announced as this year’s dunk contest participants.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Florida looking to continue dominance over Florida State



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Senior Josie Kuhlman called Florida State “a big in-state rival” ahead of Florida’s match with the Seminoles on Saturday in Orlando. “We’re hoping for a really big crowd,” she said.

By River Wells

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The year is 2009. The month is February.

Barack Obama has just been sworn-in to the Oval Office, the top song on the Billboard 100 is Flo Rida’s “Right Round” and the Florida State women’s tennis team has just defeated Florida for the first in program history.

Nine years later, the match still stands as the Seminoles only victory over the Gators.

Florida enters Saturday’s contest against Florida State at 7 p.m. in Orlando holding a 55-1 all-time series lead.

The last time UF (2-0) and FSU (2-2, 1-0 ACC) squared off in a dual meet was in 2015, when the Gators defeated the Seminoles 6-1. Despite the lopsided history between the two programs, coach Roland Thornqvist isn’t looking past Florida State.

“I think this is one of their better teams,” he said. “There’s gonna be some fireworks.”

Freshman Victoria Emma said

on Sunday that she doesn’t view FSU as much of a rival.

Senior Josie Kuhlman sees it differently.

“Florida State, obviously, is a big in-state rival against the Gators,” Kuhlman said. “We’re hoping for a really big crowd, and we’ll be able to use that atmosphere to our advantage.”

The Gators performed well on neutral ground during their championship season last year, going 11-1. The Seminoles only played four matches on neutral ground last year, going 3-1.

While the pressure of their national championship defense looms over the freshmen on the team, there will be an added element of pressure on Saturday.

“We have just been telling them to have fun and enjoy it,” Kuhlman said of the freshmen.

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TRACK AND FIELD

UF sends throwers to Louisiana for Bayou Bengal Invitational

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After impressive performances from Florida’s men’s and women’s track and field teams last week at the Razorback Invitational, the Gators’ throwers are in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to compete in the Bayou Bengal Invitational today.

Heading into UF’s fifth meet of the 2018 indoor season, its men’s team sits comfortably at the top of the rankings at No. 1, while the women’s team remains at No. 5 for the second straight week.

Senior thrower Lloydricia Cameron is one of six Gators competing in Baton Rouge and is coming off a season-best shot put mark of 17.33 meters two weeks ago at the Clemson Invitational. However, Cameron is not content with where she is at this point in the season.

“I don’t feel like I’m fully there,” Cameron said. “But I feel like I’ll be ready for SECs and nationals.”

Redshirt junior AJ McFarland will also be competing today after breaking his own school record in the weight throw (21.74 meters) two weeks ago in Clemson. McFarland will be joined in the men’s weight throw by red-shirt sophomore Anders Eriksson and freshman Thomas Mar-

dal, who rank 17th and 19th, respectively, on the national descending order list.

Last week’s showing in Arkansas landed two Gators with SEC weekly honors.

Senior Keandre Bates was named Men’s Field Athlete of the Week on Tuesday after posting the top triple jump mark in the nation at 16.48 meters. Bates also holds the country’s third-ranked long jump mark and is the only Division I jumper ranked in the top five nationally in both the triple jump and long jump.

Freshman Benjamin Lobo Vedel was named Men’s Freshman of the Week after he posted the fourth-fastest time in the nation (46.14 seconds) in his 400-meter debut. Vedel is the fastest freshman in the country by 0.27 seconds and is the fastest freshman in the SEC by 0.41 seconds.

Coach Mike Holloway said that his team’s progression over the past few weeks has been pleasing, but its mental preparedness moving forward will be the challenge.

“We’re at a tough part of the season,” Holloway said. “We don’t want to make the mistake of resting now.”

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MEN'S TENNIS

Gators face Seminoles on Saturday in rematch of last year's upset loss

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Tied at 5-5 in a decisive third set, Johannes Ingildsen had a chance to keep the Gators alive.

But in front of almost 2,000 fans, the freshman fell short in the match’s final two games. In last year’s contest against Florida State on March 10, the Florida men’s tennis team fell in a 4-2 upset, ending with Ingildsen’s 7-5 third-set loss on the No. 4 court.

On Saturday at 7 p.m., the No. 8 Gators (3-0) and No. 22 Seminoles (9-1) will revisit their historic rivalry at Orlando’s USTA National Campus — the largest tennis complex in the United States.

Ingildsen, now a sophomore who sees himself as a leader on the team, says this weekend’s match brings a lot of excitement.

“We lost last year in a huge match, a huge battle,” Ingildsen said. “Everyone is fired up to get revenge.”

Ingildsen holds the No. 7 singles ranking in the nation and plays UF’s No. 2 singles court behind junior Alfredo Perez, who is ranked No. 8. The two are a combined 4-0 this year in singles play.

In doubles, Perez and Ingildsen boast the nation’s top ranking and are finding a rhythm after three dual matches.

In practice this week, the Gators’ plan was simple.

“The goal is for the guys to



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Sophomore Johannes Ingildsen is ready to face Florida State again after last season’s 4-2 loss. “Everyone is fired up to get revenge,” he said.

try to get better individually each day,” assistant coach Tanner Stump said.

The coaching staff is also looking for high energy, especially when the team travels away from home. Without the comfort of the Ring Tennis Complex and its Gainesville crowd, the Gators will have to rely on each other to keep

the competitive spirit high.

Stump doesn’t think that’ll be a problem.

“It’s really difficult to put us away,” he said. “Whether its people cheering for them or against them, I think they’ll love it.”

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UF faces Auburn tonight at 7 p.m.

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that physicians are held to, our athletic trainers are held to, massage, physical therapists, all of that.”

Though Nassar’s actions have affected gymnasts across the nation, some athletes, like Florida senior Rachel Slocum, are using Nassar’s wrongdoings as an opportunity to learn. She studies health education, a major that has made her more aware of issues that take place in the health science field, such as sexual harassment and sexual assault.

“As I further my career, I’m gonna make sure policies and stuff are put in place so stuff like this doesn’t happen again,” Slocum said.

When the Gators take on No. 17 Auburn tonight in the Auburn Arena, they will continue to carry the same family-oriented positivity they compete with every week.

“It’s a very trying time for our sport,” coach Jenny Rowland said. “But I truly feel that we’re such a strong community that it will be able to shed a very positive light again on that level of gymnastics.”

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Florida fell to UGA by 12 points on Tuesday

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with 18.7 points per game and runs a large portion of Alabama’s offense with 3.2 assists per game.

He’ll be a tough matchup for UF guard Chris Chiozza. While Sexton is a better scorer, Chiozza averages more assists per game (6.1), rebounds per game (4.2) and steals per game (1.9).

Alabama holds a slight advantage on defense, edging out Florida in rebounds and blocked shots.

Crimson Tide forward Donta Hall (6.8) and guard Dazon Ingram (6.2) lead the team in rebounds, while Hall leads the team in blocks per game (2.3). The Gators will rely on Stone and center Kevarrius Hayes to limit the Crimson Tide’s productivity on the inside.

Both Florida and Alabama are coming off tough losses where they trailed for most of the game. The Crimson Tide fell to Missouri 69-60 on Wednesday, a team the Gators beat 77-75 on Jan. 6.

Following a disappointing loss to Georgia, White wants to see his players answer back with a better performance on Saturday.

“We got to be as fresh as we can be,” White said. “Maybe we can get a guy or two to really step up in terms of throwing their bodies around and getting us some hard rebounds.”

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Mike White wants to see his team step up its physicality against Alabama on Saturday. “Maybe we can get a guy or two to... (get) us some hard rebounds,” he said.

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shown promise defensively. Bassett is continuing to look more and more comfortable on the court, and his discipline has improved as well.

The return of Egbunu also helps the team offensively. Lately, we’ve seen the Gators’ scoring attack grow stagnant when it can’t find a lane inside and is forced to throw up contested shots on the perimeter.

Egbunu’s wide frame and lob-catching ability will create a stronger inside presence the team has lacked with thinner bodies like Gak and Kevarrius Hayes. While Egbunu isn’t an offensive pillar, you can bet he’ll be on the receiving end of a few alley-oops.

The addition should attract more defensive attention in the paint and create opportunities for Florida’s top-tier shooters.

Finally, we’ve seen what this team can do when it’s knocking down threes. Non-conference wins over Gonzaga and Cincinnati —

two teams still ranked in the top-15 — showcased how hard it is to stop Florida’s offense when the outside stroke is working.

And strong SEC victories over Kentucky, Texas A&M and Mississippi State further bolster the argument that the Gators can beat any team on any given night.

They can also lose on any given night. In the 2016-17 season, the roster truly locked in on its goal: committing to defense and chipping away on offense.

This year, White might have to flip that

lesson around: taking smart shots and finding a rhythm while establishing a defensive groove as the game progresses.

There’s still a handful of SEC games left to play, and Florida must learn a lot in that short span to achieve its goals.

It will, and come early March, the Gators will fly out of St. Louis, Missouri, as 2018 SEC Champions.

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