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INVESTIGATION:

'Night and Day': Schools still struggle with achievement gap

By David Hoffman
Alligator Staff Writer

THE RESOURCES

A single mother of five and Circle K cashier, Cara Chatmon had just moved her family in 2014 from East to West Gainesville when she got the call.

She wanted to move her kids

into a better neighborhood. She didn't think her fifth-grade daughter Tamia's adjustment from her old eastside school, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary School, would be difficult.

But about two months after her daughter started the new school, Chatmon received a call. Ms. Smith wanted to discuss Tamia's progress.

Smith showed Chatmon the class

gradebook, pointing to Tamia's name: low Cs, borderline Ds. The class average was a B+.

"What's the situation like at home?" Smith prodded.

Chatmon felt broken. She thought she'd made a big deal out of her children's education. She didn't want them to follow in her own footsteps of working low-wage jobs and needing government assistance.

"At first I was hurt, like did I do something wrong?" Chatmon said.

What about the trips to the library every Saturday morning for homework and reading, she thought. What about the books her daughter checked out?

When Chatmon said home was fine, Smith asked where Tamia had transferred from.

"Rawlings," Chatmon said.

The Stephen Foster teacher paused. Then she gave a thoughtful nod.

"That could be the reason," she said. "Rawlings doesn't have the resources."

"NIGHT AND DAY"

Alachua County's elementary

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Taylor Marks / Alligator Staff

UF sorority Alpha Epsilon Phi placed a banner stating "Pray for Parkland" on the outside of the sorority house on Thursday following the deadly school shooting in Broward County.

UF community struggles to cope after shooting at

By Paige Fry
and Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writers

Richard Doan didn't think much of the blare of the fire alarm when it went off Wednesday afternoon.

It had gone off once earlier that day already, and only 30 minutes stood between the 17-year-old senior and school dismissal.

Even as he stepped out of his Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School class and heard people yell about a shooting, he still wasn't concerned.

Rumors were going around about an active shooter drill, after all. When he made it outside, he heard the screams: Run. Go back.

He turned back around and ran to the classroom he had left. His teacher shoved him into the corner of the clos-

et with 18 others, where they stood for about an hour, waiting. On their phones, they scrolled through social media feeds to see what was happening outside. Then, they read the local news reports. A shooting. A lockdown.

Around them, a scene was unfolding. Across the spread-out campus at 5901 Pine Island Road in Parkland, Florida, shots from a rifle rang out through the hallways.

Doan would later find out the suspected shooter was his former classmate, Nikolas Cruz, later confirmed by Broward County Sheriff's Office said.

Just a week ago, Doan's future had been looking up. He had just been accepted to UF, his brother's alma mater. But it didn't matter much knowing some of his classmates may never even graduate high school. The reality of a

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Multiple vigils to be held today after Parkland shooting

By Christina Morales
Alligator Staff Writer

Michelle Thackeray was scrolling through Facebook on Wednesday afternoon when she first heard about the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. At 3 p.m., she called her mom and brother to make sure they were safe.

Thackeray's mom is a counselor who travels to schools around Broward County, and her brother is a volunteer mentor for the school's entrepreneurship club. He was supposed to volunteer Thursday.

"I felt relief, but I still feel the same tension and the same pressure," the 20-year-old said. "I haven't been able to shake that feel-

ing. I still feel the anxiety of fear for their lives."

The UF materials science and engineering junior and Challenge Party engineering candidate said she wanted to hold an event to remember the victims. On Friday at about 12:30 p.m., Century Tower will ring 17 times to honor each victim, and grief counselors will be available on Turlington Plaza.

"We want students to know that we care about them, and we care about each other," Thackeray said.

There will also be a vigil on Turlington Plaza from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and another Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Gainesville Town Hall, located at 200 E. University Ave. Both events are hosted by individuals, ac-

ording to their Facebook events.

Michelle Stein, 21, said she was affected by the Pulse Nightclub shooting in her hometown and would pay her respects on Turlington Plaza during the event.

"It's just another tragic shooting that happens too often," the UF political science junior said. "It's always a concern of mine because it does happen literally everywhere."

Major Brad Barber, the University Police spokesperson, said students should become familiar with evacuation routes, stairwell locations and the functions of the doors if UF is in an active shooter situation and pay attention to UF Alerts, should an active shooter situation arise.

Barber said if there was a situation on

campus, police would isolate the location instead of shutting down the entire campus.

"The University of Florida is a city within a city," he said. "A lockdown is not something that will be easy to achieve, if achievable at all."

The goal of the police department is to prevent an incident like this from happening, he said.

"The foundation of our approach to safety is a shared responsibility," he said. "It does start with everyone working together to help resolve this manner before an incident begins."

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Gators lose again in nail-biter

Florida's women's basketball team was defeated for the sixth consecutive game on Thursday against Texas A&M, pg. 14

Grace Marketplace providers to stay

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UF student, GPD officer reunite

A student thanks the officer who saved his life, pg. 5

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Students, alumni speak with legislators

By Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writer

Jamal Sowell met Florida's legislative leaders in an orange suit embroidered with UF logos.

The UF alumnus and other Gators visited Tallahassee for an annual Gator Day on Thursday to meet with state leaders on legislative and political advocacy.

Almost every UF college or entity was represented in some way, Sowell said. Florida Blue Key, UF Student Government, UF Alumni Association and Gators for Higher Education sponsored the event.

"It is a phenomenal network that I'm thankful to have and thankful to give back to," said Sowell, who is now the director of special projects for Port Tampa Bay.

According to Melissa Orth, the director of government relations at UF, UF President Kent Fuchs addressed about 200 people, including former

football coach Steve Spurrier, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court Jorge Labarga, Chancellor for the State University System Marshall Crieser and UF Board of Trustees members.

Christian Tirado, a UF political science senior, represented the Hispanic Student Association with 12 other members during the day.

He said his group had productive conversations with policymakers, including Sens. Jose Rodriguez and Keith Perry, on topics such as preserving Bright Futures scholarships, supporting low-income college students and Florida Senate Bill 308, which they said is unconstitutional and would ban sanctuary cities.

"Tallahassee may be far away," the 22-year-old said. "But by coming up and meeting legislators in person, we feel we can start to achieve real change."

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UF Health trials app to monitor patients

By Mari Faiello
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Benjamin King struggled to communicate with his brother and mother as both sons took care of her while she had a brain tumor.

Even with today's technology, communication between patients and caregivers is still overwhelming, he said. It's why King began thinking in 2016 about creating a new smartphone-based application called HealthSteps that helps users through caregiving.

"After my mom passed away is when I really started thinking that there really is no solution out there that utilizes these smartphones," said King, the CEO and founder of HealthSteps.

The app notifies users when to take medication.

Dr. William Slayton, the chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at UF Health, said he thinks the app would work well for people with multiple caregivers because it can sync health care plans.

"It would be a great way to monitor and clearly communicate a plan to

a family and for them to monitor the plan," Slayton said.

While the app is free to users, King hopes to sell the platform online to health care providers and clinical researchers, so they can collect the data and see how their patients are doing.

Slayton said the health care app is available to everyone with a smartphone. As of now, 10 patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia are enrolled in the eight-week trial.

"It's using a technology that everyone has, at least in the United States," he said.

Grace Marketplace provider to stay

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

Against the recommendation of city staff, city commissioners unanimously voted for the Alachua County Coalition of the Homeless and Hungry to continue running Grace Marketplace.

On Thursday evening, the City Commission reviewed two proposals for possible managers of homeless shelter Grace Marketplace, one by the current provider, the ACCHH and the other by the Grace Marketplace Charitable Support Foundation. In a room packed with concerned citizens

and homeless people, the Commission voted to renew the contract with the current provider. The city will ask the county to pass an identical motion in a joint meeting Monday.

Although city staff ranked the Grace Marketplace Charitable Support Foundation's proposal first, commissioners feared the planned staff of 15 would be too small, the finances were unrealistic and the organization was inexperienced.

"I don't know that I'm convinced that the first position that's been ranked by staff is really going to deliver the vision that I see for homeless services here in Alachua County,"

Commissioner David Arreola said.

Abigail Perret-Gentil, who manages the Grace Marketplace community garden, attended the meeting to support the ACCHH and the work they are already doing to help the homeless, she said.

"The people out there are precious, and they are in one of the most vulnerable situations that a person can be in," she said. "We know that the coalition has done a really good job."

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UF's dual enrollment program expands as requirements go up

By Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writer

UF's online dual enrollment program doubled its reach this past academic year, expanding access to five additional Florida school districts but limiting who is accepted.

School districts in Levy, Orange, Dixie and Flagler counties now offer UF's online dual enrollment option, comprised of more than 40 courses designed and taught by UF faculty to high school students. The program also made eligibility requirements, such as GPA and SAT scores, more selective. The application for Fall 2018 opened Feb. 2.

Brian Marchman, the director of UF's Department of Distance & Continuing Education, said the stricter conditions are natural in expanding the opportunity to more students.

"We simply don't have the bandwidth to teach courses to an unlimited number of students," he said. "We also don't want to make drastic changes that would exclude some qualified students who may be on a trajectory to an institution such as UF."

Marchman said the program wants to reach more high school students, but it takes time to expand access.

It also depends on the willingness of other districts to participate because they must pay the costs of tuition and books, he said.

About 1,100 students were enrolled in UF dual enrollment last Fall from eight school districts, including the Levy County School District.

John Lott, an assistant superintendent for Levy County, said when UF made dual enrollment an option, his district was glad to participate.

"Although the venture costs more, we see it as worth it for our top students," Lott said. "We are a smaller district, so anytime we can offer another opportunity, we try to do that."

Lott said some Levy students have taken UF classes on campus in the past, but the online option ultimately proved safer and more practical because it doesn't require students to find their own transportation to campus.

McArthur High School senior Michaelangelo Hamilton, 18, takes the UF class, "Introduction to Earth Sciences," from his home in Hollywood, Florida.

"I think it has a tremendous value," he said. "It shows to other colleges that you are a student who works hard and wants to do things in life."

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UF starts communications center for social change

By Remi Storch
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF is the first U.S. institution to create a center for communications devoted to social change.

The College of Journalism and Communications launched the Center for Public Interest Communications in January, said Ellen Nodine, the program director of the center. It will focus on promoting social good through communications.



Nodine

college, but now center.

Nodine said this public interest communication differs from public relations because it does not represent one company or industry.

"We are using the information from a lot of different fields in order to create the messages that are most effective to move populations to action," Nodine said.

However, she said she hopes to soon create a public interest communications spe-

cialization within the public relations major.

The center will develop the public interest communications curriculum, increase research in the field and continue to bring together the community through the frank gathering, an annual conference for social change in Gainesville, Nodine said.

The center had been in the works for three years, Nodine said. The college has previously offered a few public interest courses.

Diane McFarlin, the college's dean, wrote in an email Ann Christiano became the first chair for UF's public interest communications eight years ago.

Christiano's position was created when Frank Karel, a 1961 UF alumnus, and his wife gave the college an endowment to fund the field before Karel died in 2009.

"We are very proud to be the academic epicenter of (public interest communications) and excited to watch the field grow in both popularity and distinction," McFarlin said.

Shannon Claflin, a 21-year-old UF public relations junior, said she is proud of UF for creating the center.

Claflin said she's interested in possibly taking a course in public interest communications because she wants to work for a nonprofit after she graduates.

"I think it would be beneficial for me to take some of these courses and look into what the program entails," she said.

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Things to know about the Wienermobile on campus

By Rachel Porter

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Wienermobile, Oscar Mayer's hot-dog shaped car, is visiting UF this week. The Alligator spoke to its current drivers, Alexandra Klar and Sammi Manning.

Here are five things about the big hot dog on campus:

1. The Wienermobile is 27 feet long, 11 feet high and 8 feet wide. It is approximately 60 hot dogs long.

2. It has six customized ketchup- and mustard-colored seats, condiment-splattered floors and sky-painted ceilings.

3. Wienermobile drivers are called "hotdoggers." A typical work week includes at least four days of events and interviews with local media, along with two days to tour the cities they visit.

4. Oscar Mayer has hired a driver from UF for the past decade. UF is one of six universities it goes to every year for recruitment.



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Oscar Mayer's Wienermobile parked outside Gator Corner Dining Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

UF student meets with GPD officer who saved his life

HE BROUGHT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN TO MEET THE OFFICER.

By Robert Lewis
Alligator Staff Writer

Joshua Roe wiped away tears when he told Gainesville Police officer Jack Salafrio he helped him "get home to a 4-month-old and 2-year-old and a beautiful, loving wife."

It was only a month before that Roe, barely able to speak, laid on the pavement in darkness, desperate for help. The 36-year-old UF doctoral student in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management, had just been hit by his own car, and Salafrio was the first at the scene. More than a month after the Jan. 6 incident, Roe and Salafrio met at GPD headquarters Thursday afternoon, and Roe introduced the officer to his family.

"You'll get the occasional 'thanks' on social media, but nothing like this," Salafrio said.

Roe was delivering household items to someone in need when he left his car running. As he called police to report his missing car, he was hit by the car, driven by

16-year-old Kyran Jackson, according to an arrest report.

As Salafrio approached Roe, he saw track marks across his chest. The officer, who has been with GPD for two years, couldn't help treat Roe's injuries because they were mainly internal, but he helped comfort him. Friends and strangers have donated more than \$10,000 toward his medical recovery on a fundraising website.

Salafrio found and brought Roe's phone to him after it flew out of his hand during the crash. Roe called his wife.

While other officers searched for the driver, Salafrio stayed with Roe until an ambulance took him to the hospital.

"He's hurt, he's broken," Salafrio said. "He needs help."

Roe said he felt grateful to be able to personally thank and shake hands with the man who helped save his life.

Roe also thanked Salafrio for choosing to be a police officer.

"Thank first responders," Roe said. "A lot of times, it could be a thankless job."

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Joshua Roe, a 36-year-old UF doctoral student, and Gainesville Police officer Jack Salafrio meet on Thursday for the first time after Salafrio responded to a crash on Jan. 6 and rescued Roe. Roe was run over by his own car, which was stolen, police said.

Burrito Brothers replaced by burger, taco, wings joint

By Megan Ricker

Alligator Contributing Writer

A burger, taco and wings joint moved into the spot Burrito Brothers Taco Co. once occupied — and it will possibly name one of its tacos after the former restaurant's owner.

Gator BTW is a franchise of the South Florida restaurant Hurricane BTW but was given the Gator name to better connect with UF students and the local Gainesville community, said Nicholas Montanaro, a managing partner of the restaurant. It opened Mon-

day at 1402 W. University Ave.

"We're here to stay, and we're here to support the community and the university," Montanaro said.

Montanaro said he's been speaking to Randy Akerson, the former Burrito Brothers owner, about naming a food item after Akerson.

"We're working on having a Burrito Brothers taco," Montanaro said. "We have a lot of people that were loyal to Burrito Bros. that came in."

Akerson said he was unsure of the idea

but was honored Gator BTW thought of naming a menu item after him.

"They have been very gracious to me," Akerson said. "But the experience is mixed for me having lost my restaurant and the chaos that came up from that."

Jack Gandolfo, the owner of Gator BTW, said his restaurant was designed for the fast-paced lives of UF students by adapting Hurricane BTW's sit-down dining concept to a fast-casual dining experience.

The prices for most of their menu items range from about \$4 to \$15. Gator BTW's

most expensive item is the 50 count bone-in wings for \$55.

To combat issues of parking around the restaurant, which caused Burrito Brothers to close, Gandolfo said he's reached out to The Standard, a nearby apartment complex, about renting spots in its garage.

He said he has not heard back from the complex, but he anticipates most of his customers coming from UF will come by foot.

"Our concept is price it right, get it as quickly as possible and still have some great food," Gandolfo, 59, said.

Editorial

In elementary school, Valentine's Day was something we all looked forward to. It was a day where we'd come to school decked out in festive shades of red and pink and receive candy and semi-heartfelt cards from our classmates.

About 15 years later, the holiday has turned into an unpleasant reminder of your perpetually single status. In an effort to keep spirits high, you and your friends decide to throw a retro V-Day party.

After several — and let's be honest, way too many — heart-shaped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, you start to actually read the phrases on the cards you've received.

As you open the first one, you expect to find a witty one-liner about friendship or courtship. Strangely enough, what you find inside is no such thing. You open the first card to reveal ...

Darts & Laurels

Seventeen people woke up Wednesday for the last time. They made their way to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as they likely did every day without any hesitation, assuming it would be like any other. Unfortunately, this was far from the reality they would face.

A teen gunman opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at his old high school. The suspect, identified as 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, robbed 17 people of their lives and left 14 others wounded, including five who have been hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

The actions of Cruz, as Gov. Rick Scott put it, can be described as nothing short of pure evil. To **Cruz**, we award our first **dart**.

This disturbing tragedy, however, was an opportunity for heroes to be made. They deserve credit for their selfless acts. Football coach Aaron Feis, according to the Sun, threw himself in front of students to protect them from the bullets during the shooting. Feis passed away early Thursday morning.

Cruz had set off a fire alarm in the school so students would come out into the hallway. Melissa Falkowski, an English and journalism teacher at the school, was quick on her feet during the chaos. When the code red was declared, she immediately hurried her students back to the classroom and shoved them all in a closet to keep them out of harm's way.

To **Feis** and **Falkowski**, we award our first **laurel** of the week. It's courageous people like them who lessened the impact of the shooting and single-handedly saved the lives of students without giving it a second thought.

House Bill 41 has reportedly been passed by both the Florida House and the Florida Senate and is on its way to Scott's desk. This bill would legitimize, protect and fund Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the state. These centers are often religiously backed and have been known to use manipulative practices to shame women out of getting the reproductive health care they seek. The centers have often been dubbed "fake women's health centers."

We award a **dart** to the **Florida House** and **Senate** for allowing this bill to see the light of day. We can only hope Scott understands the dangers and lack of morality behind the bill and sends it to the grave.

On UF's campus this week, we saw a positive development we believe signifies good things for the future. UF is reportedly the first U.S. institution to create a center for communications devoted to social change — something our nation could really use right now.

Ellen Nodine, the program director of the center, told The Alligator the center's goals are to further develop the public interest communications curriculum, increase research in the field and continue to grow the community through the frank gathering, an annual conference for social change in Gainesville.

The center, which was launched by the College of Journalism and Communications, is a big step toward social justice and acceptance of diversity. We hope our school can serve as a model for others across the country. To **Nodine**, **UF CJC Dean Diane McFarlin** and **all the others** who helped make this center a reality, we award our last **laurel**.

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Column

In the aftermath of tragedy, remain optimistic

My friend Bob is a pessimist. Bob was a senior leader at another university for many years. No matter what opportunities or challenges that university faced, Bob was pessimistic about the outcome. During the years Bob reported to me, I frequently chided him on his persistent pessimism, which had a negative impact on those with whom he worked. His response was always that he was a short-term pessimist, but a long-term optimist.

I can certainly understand short-term pessimism. The day-to-day problems, difficulties and challenges in our personal and professional lives often seem to outweigh our joys, hope and optimism. Today, for instance, we are grieving the horrific mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County. Many in our community are impacted by this shooting, including 283 current UF students who graduated from Douglas High. As of Thursday afternoon, we also know one of those killed had just been admitted to UF last Friday and was planning on attending in the Fall.

It is difficult to be optimistic about the present in our society and community when we see inequalities and evil or when we personally face setbacks, pain and seemingly insurmountable problems. Justification for even long-term optimism for our society, community or personal lives may not always be obvious.

One of the issues I face every day is how to communicate the very real optimism, excitement, joy and progress of our university when not everything is joyful and perfect. There are challenges facing UF and each of us personally. Indeed, there are times to grieve, be sad, discouraged and even to be outraged.

I have one advantage over most at UF, and that is age. Time does provide evidence for optimism over pessimism. This year is the 50th anniversary of the assassinations of



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Martin Luther King Jr. and former Senator Robert Kennedy, the Tet Offensive and widespread protests and violence across our nation, including on universities. Our nation soon after had an economic inflation crisis, national energy shortage and the looming threat of nuclear war with the Soviet Union. In the late 1960s and '70s, UF was not yet a member of the Association of American Universities, nor was it considered one of the nation's top public research universities.

And still, although much work has yet to be done; our nation, state and UF have made significant progress over the past five decades and are considerably stronger and greater than when I was a high school student in Miami. We have much to celebrate and many reasons to be incredibly optimistic about both the short-term and long-term future.

In his book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined," Steven Pinker provides evidence that the present time is the most peaceful in the history of mankind. Johan Norberg's book, "Progress: Ten Reasons to Look Forward to the Future," provides compelling evidence global society is making dramatic progress in addressing fundamental problems such as shelter, food, energy and violence.

I couldn't attend my friend Bob's retirement celebration last year, so I wrote a letter that was read at his reception. I shared my admiration and affection, and once again chided him for his short-term pessimism and congratulated him on his contributions to that university.

As you face midterms and the personal hardships of university life, I wish for you optimism, both for the present and the future.

In all kinds of weather, it is great to be a Florida Gator.

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Column

Instead of sending thoughts and prayers, do something with a lasting effect

As a student of journalism, my best day may very well be your worst.

In the span of two days since the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, people are ramping up social media with political discourse; offers of thoughts, prayers and condolences and counseling to those who may be in need of it. Why is it, though, these same thoughts never pervade our newsfeeds and media sources for more than a month before they fade into obscurity?

One of my class lectures Wednesday was filled with people offering their opinion as to whether the shooting represents a gun problem, a mental health problem or even a decline in the values instilled in children growing up. Regardless of the theories and facades of selfless intent, the most commonly spoken word was "I."

Every person is entitled to self-interest. The very reason the Constitution exists is

to protect one of our inalienable rights: the pursuit of happiness — colonial-era jargon for doing what we want and when we want to. What one is not entitled to is a false representation of intentions.

Perhaps part of this problem lies within the media itself. Reporters searching for a breaking story flock to scenes such as that of Wednesday like buzzards. But what happens when the immediate action is over and only a few scraps of a story remain? They vanish.

In a market, a company generally seeks to serve their public's interest, where supply and demand then meet on graphs that many have seen in the economics courses at UF. This insinuates stories supplied by the media dissipate — at least in part — because the public ceases to demand it.



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Is interest lost because audiences by now are desensitized to constant bombardments telling them of shootings, or is it because they feel their voices crying for change are not being heard? Why are so many offers and words of intentions uttered, and why are so many of those empty?

In a world which swallows whole the thoughts and whims we post online, it is easy to forget all actions have consequences. Seventeen people, and possibly more, serve as a physical reminder that all actions do, in fact, have consequences.

In lieu of sending thoughts and prayers and instead of posting a paragraph online blaming a politician or organization, make a tangible difference. Words may serve as a reminder to those deceased, but it is ac-

tion that enshrines them.

Provide a stranger with help despite them not having asked for any. Let someone know they have meaning to you. Make a habit of trying to improve just one person's day. With this focus on others, we can make our actions have a lasting, rippling effect.

What happened Wednesday is a tragedy, but it is not an isolated event. Too many initiatives have been started and have stumbled. It seems if change is truly desired, it should start on an individual basis, not as an organization that takes up one line on a job application.

Do something to have a lasting effect on the world, because these maniacs certainly are.

Jacob Kovach is a UF public relations senior.

Letters to the Editor

Often, Student Government election ballots not only include candidates but also questions. Students can submit constitutional amendments, referendums and initiatives through petitions with signatures from other students. Initiatives, which require signatures from 2 percent of all students, can amend Student Body law, which governs SG and student organizations.

Recently, I and other students collected 1,212 signatures to add an initiative to the ballot. After the UF chief justice of the supreme court accepted at least 1,000 of these signatures last Thursday, she appeared poised to allow it. However, Justice Chris Boyett, founder of Impact Party, objected. He questioned the constitutionality of the election laws which allow students to place initiatives on the ballot.

I read a section that describes the process as a student's "basic right" from the constitution

to the court. I also read the law's definition of initiative. Despite this, Boyett insisted the word "initiative" means "constitutional amendment."

The court unanimously agreed with Boyett and reinterpreted the word "initiative" to mean "constitutional amendment." Rejecting precedent and clear evidence, it killed the process by which students could change Student Body law.

However, it appears the court did not post a public notice of when the hearing would take place, as Florida Sunshine laws require. Because of this, the hearing was unlawful.

I have filed to argue before the court that a new hearing, this time compliant with state law, must occur. I ask the court to take this opportunity to revisit evidence and consider the full ramifications of its decision.

Zachary Amrose is a UF political science sophomore.

Running for Student Government has always been a goal of mine. This semester, I chose to slate with Challenge Party because they did not care about my affiliations. I was never once asked what organizations I was the president of or how much money could I donate to the campaign. I did not know the party president, campaign manager or the would-be executive ticket. In all ways, I was just some random engineering student with many ideas and that was more than enough for them.

You deserve an SG that sees you as a person, not as an "I voted" sticker.

Challenge is unique. It is made up of former Impact Party and party members. We all saw that SG was not addressing the most important issue: the

students. The senators and executive ticket should be a reflection of the Student Body, not counter to it.

Is Challenge perfect? No, of course not. A party is the culmination of people's ideas, and because nobody is infallible, no party is either. But none of us are running to be perfect; we are running to be dynamic, adaptive and progressive.

I hope you will allow us to challenge the status quo and to really ensure UF lives up to its title as a top-10 institution. Vote to bring the change UF deserves. Vote for an SG that will actually advocate on behalf of the students. Vote Challenge on Feb. 20 and 21.

Michelle Thackeray is a senator candidate for Challenge Party.

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Alachua schools split between east and west, black and white

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schools are divided between east and west, and black and white.

While in eastside elementary schools, most students are black and fail Florida's statewide end-of-year exams, westside elementary school students are typically white and pass the exams. Although nobody can point to a single reason the achievement gap exists, people mention cyclical poverty, racial segregation within the city, lack of parental resources and the current zoning map.

Even inside westside schools where the majority of students pass the Florida Standards Assessments, or FSAs, black student performance lags significantly behind that of their white counterparts.

Out of all 67 Florida counties, Alachua County has the largest achievement gap between white and black students on final exams, according to Alligator archives.

Four schools west of Interstate 75 — Meadowbrook, Hidden Oaks, Lawton Chiles and Kimball Wiles Elementary Schools — are all majority white and were graded as 'A' schools in 2017.

About 70.7 percent of these four schools' students between 2013 and 2017 passed their language arts FSA exam.

In East Gainesville, in three of four elementary schools, about eight in every 10 students are black.

Only about 22.9 percent of students in these schools — Rawlings, Metcalfe and Lake Forest Elementary Schools — from 2013 to 2017 passed their FSA language arts exam.

Chanae Baker sees the divide first-hand.

Twice a week, Baker volunteers at Meadowbrook, where her 8-year-old goddaughter, Jyla, attends second grade.

Between the smart boards and the building's mix of brick and bright white-painted walls, she said she's in awe of the resources.

Then, once a month, she volunteers at Rawlings, where the 50-year-old building's classrooms are gloomy and the textbooks are old and worn.

The difference extends to non-physical resources, she said. While Meadowbrook has a strong PTA, many Rawlings parents struggle to get involved because they work multiple low-wage jobs.

"It's like night and day," she said.

Above the whiteboard in Lilliemarie Gore's fourth-grade math and science class, in an Idylwild Elementary School portable, a message hangs in orange and blue letters.

Nothing is greater than learning, the plastic letters read.

Since graduating from UF in 2005 with a master's degree in education, Gore has committed her time to teaching in the eastern part of the city. It's where help is needed.

After working for five years at Williams Elementary School, an eastside school, she moved to Idylwild, a majority black school in the west.

In both schools, she's witnessed the underperformance of her black students.

"Personally, I believe it's getting worse," she said.

The achievement gap between white and black students is severe at Williams, Gore said.

Williams has a magnet program that is majority white, while the non-magnet program is mostly black.

While nearly 94 percent of Williams' white students passed their language arts FSA in 2016-17 academic year, only about 25 percent of its black students passed.

The same trend exists for black students in West Gainesville schools, even those without magnet programs.

Even though Tamia passed her fifth-grade language arts FSA at westside Stephen Foster, nearly 86 percent of black classmates failed.

Only 8.7 percent of her white classmates failed.

DIVISION

Eileen Roy, the school board's longest-serving member from District 2, thinks the current zoning map is a major cause of the divide.

In December 2003, the board redrew the map to a neighborhood style, which prioritized walking distance from homes rather than factors like having a mix of races within the same schools. As a result, she said the schools became much more segregated by race and economics.

Roy wasn't on the board at the time, but was a member of the Zoning Task Force in 2002, which advised against the model, she said.

"A number of us said if we rezoned schools, we've got to have diversity as the No.1 criteria," she said.

District 4 School Board member Leannetta McNealy said rezoning — or what she calls "the R word" because she sees it as a taboo term that people don't talk about enough — would help close the achievement gap.

Chris Busey, a UF professor of education, said he's not sure redrawing the map would end segregation. White parents would move their children to private schools or charter schools.

"What's happened in the past when we've rezoned schools is that there's been white flight," he said.

When Elizabeth "Buffy" Bondy, a UF professor of education, thinks about how to fix the achievement gap, she turns to literature Nobel Prize Winner William Faulkner.

"The past is never dead, it's not even passed," Bondy quoted.

Bondy said the conditions students are born into and the privileges they may or may not have come together to influence their education.

"The reason for the gap is broader than what's happening in an individual classroom," she said.

BREAKING POINT

As East Gainesville schools struggle with underperformance and racial inequity, West Gainesville schools face overcapacity.

West Gainesville grew 13 times more than East Gainesville between 2000 and 2010, according to census data. At least nine schools in the West are at more than 100 percent capacity.

School board members hope to mitigate overcrowding with a new school in the west.

Although the project does not have a timeline for construction, the state approved it and the district is discussing a location, McNealy said. "It's needed," McNealy said. "We're considered a portable city. When you go to certain school sites, we have so many portables on the west side."

At Wiles Elementary School, a school built for 700 that now has 940 students, the first lunch bell rings at 9:45 a.m.

The early-start lunch is the only



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Lilliemarie Gore, 35, leads students of Idylwild Elementary School through a series of math exercises. Mrs. Gore was awarded the title of "2017-2018 Alachua County Teacher of the Year" earlier this month.

way to cycle students to the cafeteria, said Wiles Principal Barbara Buys.

In her 18 years as the school's principal, Buys has never had this many students.

While more portables can always be added, she said the rest of the school's resources are more strained.

"We might be getting toward a breaking point soon," she said.

Graham Maxey shook his head as he walked up to Littlewood Elementary's front entrance to pick up his two granddaughters, 7-year-old Jade and 5-year-old Jordan.

Every day the car line stretches far down the streets. Last year, Littlewood was about 122 percent over capacity.

"I know they're doing the best they can, but it's a problem," he said. "This school's too overcrowded."

NEXT STEPS

For five years in a row, Lake Forest Elementary School, on the eastside, was an F school.

Last year, it jumped to a C.

For Karla Hutchinson, who started as principal last year, the spike in performance all came down to establishing a culture of high expectations.

Between January and April 2017, Hutchinson and a group of administrators had a one-on-one meeting with each of Lake Forest's 347 students. It was important to make each student aware of their performance — good or bad — and set concrete goals, she said.

Get better grades on homework. Make a study plan. Stick to it.

"It was really eye-opening for a number of our students," Hutchinson said. "We didn't focus on the past, we were focused on the present and on the future."

Alachua County Public Schools spokesperson Jackie Johnson said the district is aware of the achievement gap and has long made it a top priority.

In 2016-2017, while westside schools received more overall funding, the district allocated more funding per student to eastside schools, Johnson said. The money went toward more staff and teachers' salaries for eastside schools.

The Alachua County Council of PTAs also surveyed both east and westside schools, and will devise a 10 to 20-year plan on renovation and remodeling plans for each school, Johnson said.

Johnson said they face problems with state funding cuts. In the last 10 years, the district has lost \$168 million in facilities funding alone.

"We've been getting hit from all angles to be honest," she said.

On the November ballot, voters will decide on a half-cent sales tax the district expects will amount to \$20 million a year to fund school facilities. It would cost the average county household about \$58 annually.

Gore sees herself in her students. Growing up in Naranja, Florida, about 40 minutes southwest of Miami, Gore, 35, said she lived in poverty, much like her students.

But in third grade, Gore's teacher, Ms. Jackson, showed her something she hadn't yet known: she could get through life with education.

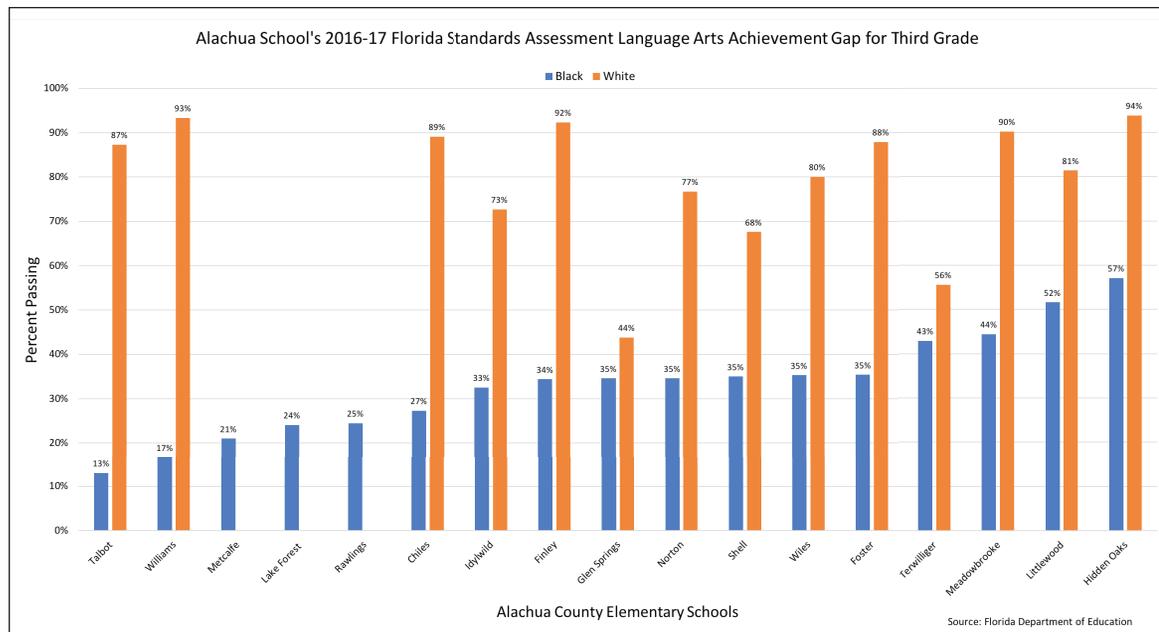
"She treated me as a whole, well-rounded child," she said. "She made me believe in myself."

Gore sees her task as simple: inspiring students to push past their challenges. She wants to be their Ms. Jackson.

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A football coach, teacher and students were among those killed

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school shooting was sinking in.

"You don't really understand it until it happens," he said. "I can't really believe this happened to my school."

By the end of the day, 17 people were dead.

A report from BCSO said authorities arrested expelled Stoneman Douglas student 19-year-old Cruz as the suspect.

The victims included 14 students, a football coach, an athletic director and a teacher, the sheriff's office said.

Cruz admitted to authorities he was the gunman and had an AR-15, the report said.

He was booked at the Broward County Jail, the sheriff's office said. During first appearance, a judge ordered him to be held without bond.

Doan said he remembers how Cruz walked around the school with a "sly look on his face."

Cruz had thick, red hair, his face splattered with freckles and posture bent, Doan said.

Doan watched him once kick over trash cans and pull fire alarms, Doan said.

"Oh, that's just Nik," they would all say. Everyone knew him, but they kept their distance, Doan said.

When Doan found out Cruz was the named suspect, he wasn't surprised.

"It's just unfortunate because we knew this kid. There was something off about him," Doan said. "I wish we could've done something."

Kevin Doan's phone buzzed while working at his parent's day spa a couple miles down from the high school.

His younger brother texted him his school was on lockdown, but he was safe.

The 22-year-old UF alumnus and his mother scrolled through Twitter for information. Old classmates began texting him in a group chat.

They shared news articles, videos of screams and pictures of blood in the classrooms they once learned in. It didn't seem real.

"It's like this dark cloud overtook the entire atmosphere," he said. "I don't even know how to process it."



Associated Press

A crowd gathers in Parkland, Florida, on Thursday night for a candlelight vigil for the victims of the Wednesday shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Authorities reported 17 people were killed at the school that had about 3,300 students.

The brothers had lived in Parkland with their parents since 2002, he said. Their town was almost never in the news, but when it was, it was for being one of the safest cities in Florida. The high school had about 3,300 students and about 13 buildings.

At the beginning of the school year, Broward County Public Schools seemed to have been implementing more safety policies. They started doing active shooter drills.

Still, they never felt unsafe — they had no reason to feel otherwise.

Kevin Doan, a former UF Student Body vice president and double Gator, said he waited until the suspect was caught and SWAT escorted his brother out of the closet he had hid in before he drove over to the school.

As Richard Doan waited for his brother, he walked passed his former Advanced Placement psychology teacher, who lay on a stretcher, but was conscious. Her face was sunken behind her iconic black-framed glasses as she was lifted on an ambulance.

Outside, students frantically called their parents. Authorities walked around strapped with guns and bulletproof vests. Helicopters buzzed above them. No one knew how many had been shot or killed yet.

"Just one life lost — that's already a disaster in itself," Richard Doan said.

Melissa Falkowski, Doan's 35-year-old journalism adviser, was the one who directed him and the other students into the closet.

Even 24 hours after the incident,

she hadn't slept.

She knew the teacher who died. The coach. She taught the brother of one of the 14 students killed.

She didn't know Cruz, but she said she's having a hard time understanding how he sat down at a McDonald's after killing 17 people, which the sheriff's office reported.

"It's insane," she said. "The whole thing is insane."

David Rojas nearly dropped his phone when one of his best friends called to tell him there was a shooting at his old high school.

Shocked, he texted another friend about the news.

"No no no this CAN'T BE HAPPENING," the 21-year-old wrote.

Rojas, a UF biomedical engineering senior, was studying before class at the Reitz Union when he

learned of an active shooting at his alma mater.

Rojas said he lived in Coral Springs and went to Stoneman Douglas before coming to UF.

Campus security used to monitor the high school's lunches around every corner, and Rojas said it always felt secure. Even when he went back to visit the campus a few years ago, he said he almost wasn't let in because he didn't get prior clearance.

He began making phone calls. Each one brought a sense of relief. One person safe. Then two. Then three. "Thank God," he wrote to his friend.

"But I can't watch this anymore."

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Alachua schools, parents take precautions after shooting

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Parent Rose Farley is looking for peace of mind in the wake of a South Florida high school shooting Wednesday afternoon.

Farley, a human resource assistant at the UF Center for Latin American Studies, has a son in daycare and a 17-year-old daughter at Newberry High School. She heard about the shooting Thursday morning on the radio and worries about a similar emergency happening in Gainesville.

"I don't think anybody is safe if some-

thing like that can happen," she said.

Alachua County Public Schools spokesperson Jackie Johnson said the school system sent an email to parents outlining school procedures and resources to keep students safe in case of a school shooting Thursday, a day after 17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"We can certainly relate to the concerns that parents have," Johnson said. "But safety and security are an ongoing effort in Alachua County Public Schools, and all we can do is reassure parents that the safety and wellbe-

ing of their children is our absolute highest priority."

Over summer, all schools underwent safety training with local law enforcement, Johnson said. ACPS also keeps constant communications with local law enforcement agencies.

Despite school safety measures, Farley and other parents are concerned students can't protect themselves in an emergency.

Phalanx Defense Systems hopes to help ease parents' fears with bullet-resistant panels normally used by law enforcement that can fit easily into backpacks.

James Coats, the CEO of Phalanx, said the company has received hundreds of phone calls, emails and fax messages from Gainesville parents interested in buying panels since the news of the shooting first broke.

"I never thought as a body armor designer and manufacturer that I would ever have to make body armor for kids' backpacks," Coats said. "I think that until our governance is able to create a permanent solution, we have to be able to help in any way possible."

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UF professor discusses orgasm inequality

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Mary Campbell decided she was no longer going to fake orgasms because she does it too often.

"I'm going to focus on myself," she said.

The 23-year-old UF public health master's student was one of about 20 people who attended "Becoming Cliterate with Dr. Laurie Mintz" on Tuesday night in Reitz Union, Room 2315. Accessorized in clitoris-shaped earrings, Laurie Mintz, a UF psychology of human sexuality professor, discussed the orgasm gap, consent and how it all relates to sexism.

"What the F is going on?" she asked. "The F itself."

Mintz's speech was part of the UF Sexual Trauma Interpersonal Violence Education's Cupid's Consent Week. The event was co-sponsored by the UF Women's Student Association and Planned Parenthood Generation Action UF.

Mintz also spoke about her most recent book, "Becoming Cliterate: Why Orgasm Matters — And How to Get It." The book focuses on the disparity between male and female orgasms.

While she has done many book talks before, Mintz said recent events inspired her to go a different route. In the aftermath of the #MeToo movement, a viral campaign women use to report sexual assault and harassment, and the Babe magazine article in which a young woman, given the name "Grace," accused comedian Aziz Ansari of sexually assaulting her,

Mintz wanted to talk about consent.

After the story about Ansari came out, Mintz published the final chapter of her book, "You Don't Have To Have A Clitoris To be Cliterate," on her website. The chapter is meant to be passed on to readers' male partners, offering tips on women's needs.

Mintz said she believes more education could prevent situations like this.

"I don't blame Grace. I don't blame Aziz," she said. "I blame culture."

Mintz said her book was inspired by comments from her UF psychology of human sexuality class.

Her students participated in polls that provided data for the book, she said.

During her talk, Mintz explained the orgasm gap and its ties to cases like Ansari's, which she called "gray-zone sexual situations." These are situations when someone did not necessarily say "no" but was giving off cues he or she was not interested.

Studies have shown 39 percent of people with vaginas versus 91 percent of people with penises say they usually experience orgasm in partnered sex, Mintz said. The orgasm gap and gray-zone sexual situations come from the same root: Women are seen as objects, not as people deserving of pleasure.

Once she established the reality of the orgasm gap, Mintz discussed ways to close it. She wants women to start insisting on pleasure, she said.

"It's about body love, not body shame," she said.



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About 400 people congregated on Plaza of the Americas on Wednesday at noon to attend the "Mass on the Grass" Ash Wednesday event in celebration of the first day of Lent, hosted by Catholic Gators.

East Gainesville landscape to undergo construction over next two years

By **Lauren Staff**

Alligator Contributing Writer

The city is spending \$19.6 million to rebuild part of East Gainesville.

The renovations are part of the city's Trans4ming East GNV project, which aims to restore infrastructure and landscaping in the area, wrote Chip Skinner, the assistant public information officer for the city, in an email. Three locations are under construction for the project and another starts in the spring.

"The public has been very supportive of the projects as the road-

ways were in poor condition," Skinner wrote.

Here is the scheduled renovation timeline:

From April 2017 to Spring 2018: Depot Avenue, from Southeast Seventh Street to Williston Road, will be reconstructed with brick sidewalks and have LED lighting.

From Nov. 6 to Fall 2018: A roundabout will be added to Depot Avenue, between Southwest Sixth Street and Southwest Fourth Avenue. Improved drainage, sidewalks and trails will also be added.

From December 2017 to December 2018: South Main Street, between Depot Avenue and South

16th Avenue, will gain four pedestrian crosswalks and increased street parking, from about 80 to 100 spots.

From Spring 2018 to Spring 2019: Southeast Fourth Street from Depot Avenue to Williston Road will be reconstructed and gain sidewalks on both sides of the road.

County Commissioner Harvey Budd said East Gainesville is a good investment, and there will be more projects in the area.

"We're now talking about taking the old fairgrounds next to the airport and converting that into some sort of industrial area," Budd said.



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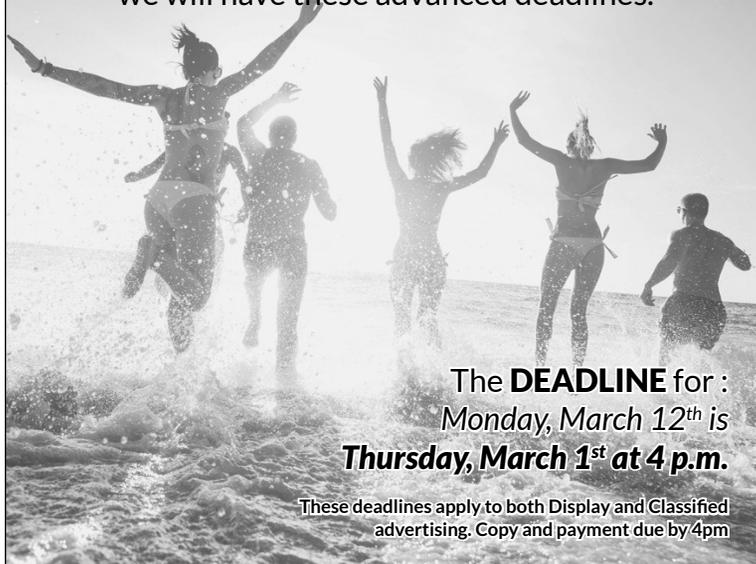
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators suffer sixth straight loss against ranked opponent

By Justin Ahlum
Sports Writer

With just over a minute left in the fourth quarter and the Florida women's basketball team down by one possession, Texas A&M had the ball. From the right wing, freshman Chennedy Carter pulled up from three and watched as her shot fell through the basket.

Carter's three-pointer gave the No. 17 Aggies a six-point lead late in their 85-80 victory Thursday night over the Gators (10-16, 2-11 SEC) in College Station.

The accumulation of fouls and untimely turnovers in the fourth quarter cost Florida the ballgame as it dropped its sixth consecutive game against ranked SEC opponents. UF committed turnovers on five consecutive possessions midway through the final quarter, squandering any chance of increasing its lead.

Those mishaps proved to be costly for Florida. What could have been a swing in points turned into a momentum shift later in the quarter, as the Aggies seized the lead with 3:51 left and never gave it up.

In addition to those mistakes,

Florida couldn't withstand the wrath of the Aggies' breakout freshman. Carter scored a game-high 28 points on 12-of-22 shooting. She also grabbed six rebounds in 40 minutes of play.

It was the 15th time Carter scored more than 20 points in a game this season.

Forward Anriel Howard added 21 points, shooting 50 percent from the field and making 6-of-8 shots from the charity stripe.

The Aggies (20-7, 9-4 SEC) took advantage of their opportunities at the line as well. Florida committed 16 fouls during Thursday's matchup, allowing Texas A&M to make 20-of-24 attempts from the free throw line, including 3 of 4 in the final 10 seconds of play.

But Florida wasn't an easy out for the Aggies. The Gators played their opponent tough once again, holding a seven-point lead at one point in the fourth quarter.

UF forward Haley Lorenzen had 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting and collected seven rebounds for Florida.

However, the Gators veteran struggled down the stretch, miss-



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

Despite guard Funda Nakkasoglu's 24-point performance against Texas A&M on Thursday, the Florida women's basketball team fell to the Aggies 85-80.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

UF looking to end late-game woes on Saturday against Vandy

By Andrew Huang
Sports Writer

When Yante Maten drilled his second three-pointer in 12 seconds, another Florida lead died. The 11-point advantage the Gators built crumbled during a furious Georgia comeback, a loss Florida coach Mike White called as tough as any he'd experienced.

It certainly isn't the first time a Mike White-led team has given up a late lead. Against Vanderbilt in the 2017 SEC Tournament, Commodores forward Jeff Roberson knotted up the game with nine seconds remaining. UF missed two chances to retake the lead and eventually lost in overtime.

While Florida (17-9, 8-5 SEC) beat Vanderbilt 81-74 in its first conference game this season on Dec. 30, it had lost all five matchups against the Commodores (10-16, 4-9 SEC) in White's first two seasons. On Saturday at 4 p.m., the Gators will be in Nashville hoping to

correct its mistakes with just five games left in the regular season.

As daunting as its final stretch may appear, it can't be ignored that most of Florida's conference losses this season have been against teams currently ranked in the bottom five of the SEC standings.

Ole Miss and South Carolina, both tied for 12th with a 4-9 SEC record and Georgia, tied for 10th with a 5-9 SEC record, have handed Florida its other four defeats in league play.

"There's some great teams in college basketball," White said, "and a handful of good teams that are great certain nights and very average other nights. And that's what we are."

The Commodores are coming off a win over Mississippi State in which senior guard Riley LaChance hit a three-pointer to win with 0.5 seconds remaining.

LaChance is Vanderbilt's second-leading

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\$ky Dolla \$ign\$ / Opinion

John Egbunu might not be back, but could that be better for Florida?

At the beginning of the regular season, Florida men's basketball coach Mike White relayed to the media what team doctors were telling him about injured center John Egbunu.

Late January was the targeted time period for the redshirt senior's return.

I know a lot of people like to forget it's the middle of February because of the lack of love they're receiving (me included).

But we're here folks. And Egbunu has walked into every game in sweatpants and a hoodie.

Gator fans are still holding their breath with anticipation, awaiting the big man's return. Hell, I was excited to see how the dynamic of the team would change with a wide center like Egbunu in White's arsenal.

But with only five SEC games remain-



Skyler Lebron
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ing after Florida's most recent choke against the Georgia Bulldogs, adding a new player into the rotation might cause more trouble than it's worth.

"What? You're an idiot, bro. Egbunu would finally give Florida the big man they've desperately needed all year long. Anyone that thinks him coming back isn't a positive sucks at

existing.'

First of all, imaginary angry Florida fan, I'm only slightly idiotic. Secondly, I said it might be more trouble than it's worth.

The Gators have become acclimated to playing small when they need to through some recent SEC contests.

LSU managed just 22 paint points in its Feb. 7 loss, while committing 16 turnovers as Florida's guards actively attacked the

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Amelia Hundley and the Florida gymnastics team are in Athens to take on Georgia today at 7 p.m., pg. 15

UF swimming & diving teams complete Day 2 of SECs

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GYMNASTICS

UF hoping to win fourth straight SEC meet tonight against UGA



Emma Green / Alligator Staff

Amelia Hundley is prepared for tonight's road meet against UGA. "We don't have the 10,000 fans cheering for us," she said, "so we have to make sure to bring that energy."

By Alana Gomez

Sports Writer

At the beginning of its practice on Tuesday, the Florida gymnastics team wasn't rehearsing its sprints on vault or tweaking its routine on balance beam. It wasn't even preparing to warm up. Instead, each member of the team had a smile on her face and a lacrosse stick in her hand as the team competed in a small lacrosse scrimmage.

"The lacrosse (team) did a video for us before our Oklahoma meet wishing (us) good luck," sophomore Amelia Hundley said with a laugh during the scrimmage. "We were trying to play with the lacrosse balls (since) they tried to do gymnastics. It's not going so well."

The team will meet No. 14 Georgia (3-3, 3-2 SEC) in Athens at 7 p.m. in its fourth away meet of the season.

"We don't have the 10,000 fans cheering for us," Hundley said. "So we have to make sure that we bring that energy."

The mood in the practice gym mirrored Hundley's light attitude as the team prepared to return to regular-season action following its 197.850-197.075 win over Alabama on Feb. 9.

Florida had plenty to celebrate. Senior Alex McMurtry dominated the Alabama meet with wins on bars and vault, and senior Kennedy Baker closed out the night with a 10.0 on floor.

The No. 5 Gators (5-1, 3-1 SEC) secured two SEC honors this week with Baker taking SEC Specialist Gymnast of the Week and freshman Alyssa Baumann claiming SEC

Freshman of the Week.

For Marietta, Georgia, native Megan Skaggs, tonight's meet means returning home. Compared to the O'Connell Center crowd she performs in front of every other week, the backing of her home state, family and friends will provide Skaggs with a different type of energy.

"I grew up going to the meets in that arena," Skaggs said. "It's just surreal to be going down on the floor and actually competing."

The meet at Georgia is also special to McMurtry, who will make a return on floor, an event she hasn't competed in since the NCAA Super Six on April 15 of last year. McMurtry took a break from the routine due to a lingering back injury this season but will make her debut tonight in the Stegeman Coliseum.

"I know that it's an event that you would not imagine she's a little nervous about," coach Jenny Rowland said. "But she's done the work."

Last season, UF swept the Bulldogs with two wins, once in the regular season and once in the SEC Championships. In Florida's matchup against the No. 14-ranked team, the Gators will look to take their fourth SEC win of 2018.

"Any SEC meet is exciting," Hundley said. "I think SEC appreciates good gymnastics, even if it's from the opposite team. We always have fun no matter what."

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SOFTBALL

Gators travel to Louisiana for matchup with Cajuns

By Mark Stine

Sports Writer

It has been easy for the Florida softball team in the early going.

The Gators have scored 51 runs on 48 hits and allowed just three runs through the first six games, including a 9-0 trouncing of North Florida in UF's home-opener on Wednesday night behind pitcher Kelly Barnhill's no-hitter.

The No. 2 Gators (6-0) will try to continue their hot-hitting spell when they travel to Lafayette to take on No. 16 Louisiana in a three-game series, starting with a double-header on Saturday at 4 p.m.

"When hitters hit it's amazing. It hypes me up so much," Barnhill said. "So we have to keep them going, you know?"

Florida enters the weekend ranked 15th in the nation in scoring (8.5 runs per game), and 11 Gators have at least one RBI this season, with freshman Jordan Matthews leading the way with 10.

"It's been somebody new every time stepping up and getting a nice hit," coach Tim Walton said. "I think that's been a nice treat/luxury as a coach to have players one through nine be able to hit and then get Jordan Matthews off the bench."

However, UF has arguably only played one team with above-average pitching, No. 20 Michigan and its star pitcher Meghan Beaubien.

Despite nabbing two earned runs against the Wolverines on Saturday in Tampa, the Gators struggled to hone in on Beaubien's pitches, tallying only four hits and two walks in 24 plate appearances. Shortstop Sophia Reynoso powered most of Florida's offense, going 2-for-2 and registering the game's only RBIs.

Like Michigan, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has an ace pitcher of its own.

Senior Kylee Jo Trahan has allowed only one run in 17.1 innings pitched and leads her team in opponent batting average (.102).

Her best performance came in a 9-0 mercy-rule rout of Iowa on Sunday. Trahan allowed only one hit and two walks in five innings.

She's also appeared in five of Louisiana's six games this season, so the Gators will expect to see her often this weekend.

And it won't be easy to escape with victories at the Louisiana's Lamson Park, where the Ragin' Cajuns have played and won four of their games this season.

"The one thing that stands out to me is that they're a tradition-rich program," Walton said. "I know it's going to be a tough, hostile environment."

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LACROSSE

Florida preparing for matchup with top-ranked Maryland

By Tyler Nettuno

Sports Writer

Since its inception, Florida lacrosse has played Maryland three times. It has lost every one.

UF coach Amanda O'Leary knows that her team will have its hands full going up against the top-ranked Terrapins at noon on Saturday at Donald R. Dizney Stadium.

"Maryland is outstanding," she said. "They have really great offensive players and solid defenders."

The matchup is a meaningful one for a litany of reasons. For the No. 3 Gators (1-0), it's a game that hits close to home, as over 60 percent of their roster hails from the state of Maryland. Florida's players will go head-to-head against old friends and teammates.

The No. 1 Terrapins (1-0) have been a powerhouse in women's lacrosse over the last decade, winning four national titles since 2010. They have also made eight consecutive NCAA Final Four appearances.

In its season opener, Maryland smothered William and Mary in an 18-7 victory. The Terps led 15-2 at the half, and 10 players got on the scoreboard. Attackers Megan Whittle and Caroline Steele led the way with four goals each.

However, Florida has a secret weapon of sorts. Gators assistant coach Nadine Hadnagy was the IWLC National Defender of the Year and a Tewaaraton Award Finalist with Maryland in 2017, but on Saturday, she will be coaching against her alma mater and many of her former teammates.

"She knows the ins-and-outs of their offense," sophomore defender Cara Trombetta said. "She's giving us insight on what to expect."

In its 16-9 victory against Colorado on Sunday, Florida played six freshmen. That experience against a ranked team should prove valuable, as UF will rely heavily on their contributions to get past a Maryland team that has only lost 4 regular-season games in its previous five seasons.

One of those freshmen, defender Sabrina Cristodero, stood out in the season opener for her defensive efforts guarding Colorado's Miranda Stinson, holding the dynamic scorer to only one goal in the win.

Her performance was impressive enough to earn extended playing time Saturday against the Terps.

"We're going to ask a little bit more of (Cristodero) on the offensive end because of her quickness," O'Leary said. "She'll play on both sides of the field quite a bit."

While many of Florida's leaders, such as attackers Lindsey Ronbeck and Shayna Pirreca, midfielder Sydney Pirreca and defender Aniya Flanagan, have experience going up against elite teams, this will be a first for the freshmen. But O'Leary believes they are ready for the test that Maryland will present.

"This is going to be a challenge for them," she said. "but one that I feel they can certainly step up and play the part."

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Chiozza shot 2 of 15 on Wednesday against UGA

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scorer, averaging 12.9 points per game. He also leads the Commodores in shooting from beyond the arc, with 57 made threes at a 40.4 percent clip.

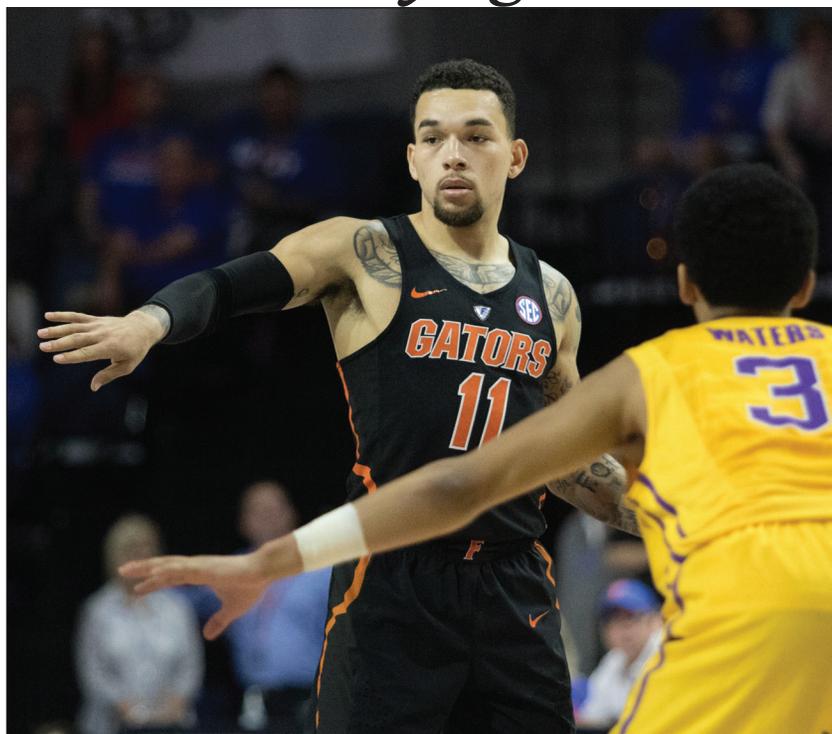
Roberson leads Vanderbilt in both scoring (16.2 points per game) and rebounding (7.2 per game). Roberson dropped 18 points and seven boards against the Gators earlier this year.

Florida will look for guards Chris Chiozza and Jalen Hudson to get going after each suffered through off nights against Georgia. Chiozza struggled from the field, finishing with five points on 2-of-15 shooting. Hudson, the team's leading scorer at 15.1 points per game, was held scoreless against the Bulldogs. It was the first game of the season in which Hudson hadn't scored.

Potential help in the Gators' backcourt may be found in freshman Mike Okauru, who had 14 points in 14 minutes off the bench in Wednesday's loss.

White said it wasn't just Okauru's effort offensively that kept him on the court, though.

"(Okauru) guarded as well as our veterans," he said.



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Florida guard Chris Chiozza will play a big role in Saturday's matchup against Vanderbilt.

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Nakkasoglu scored 24 points

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ing her last five shots after starting out 10 of 11 from the field.

Guard Funda Nakkasoglu continued to be a key factor for the Gators as well. The junior led the team with 24 points on 9-of-14 shooting and nailed over half of her three-point attempts. She also took command of the offense in this game, dishing out five assists to her Gators teammates.

UF also took advantage of its success from behind the arc.

The Gators shot 13 of 29 from downtown, with every starter except Lorenzen making two or more of their threes.

UF will finally take a break from ranked opponents when the team comes home for Senior Day on Sunday. Florida will host Vanderbilt in what will be the second-to-last home game for Lorenzen, Dyandria Anderson and Paulina Hersler.

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passing lanes.

Three nights later, South Carolina shot 27.8 percent and scored 18 points in the lane on its way to a 61-42 loss at the hands of the Gators.

Florida also played a solid half of defense against Georgia, holding the Bulldogs to 34.8 percent shooting in the first frame.

Let's just forget about the collapse in the second half because that hurts my argument, and you already know that confirmation bias is a viable method of argument.

After struggling to get his roster engaged on the defensive end, UF looks like its devoted as much, if not more energy on that end of the court through its latest stretch of games.

The last thing I'll say is this – White has already done his fair share of shifting. We've seen a variety of starting lineups based on the

opponent matchup. Sometimes it's worked, and other times, it really hasn't.

Adding Egbunu to the mix might stunt the growth of Florida's big men who are already playing, such as freshman Dontay Bassett and sophomore Gorjok Gak. It's also asking a guy who can't even get through multiple practices without his knee swelling up to kick it into high gear immediately as the home stretch of games and SEC Tournament get going over the next couple weeks.

Egbunu's best bet might be seeking a medical redshirt to get a sixth year of eligibility if that's possible. With the way this year is going, adding him this late could create yet another issue, and this year might not even be worth bringing him back when he's truly not ready.

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THIS WEEKEND IN UF SPORTS

Friday, Feb. 16

Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ SEC Championships, All Day, SEC Network +
Men's Tennis @ ITA National Team Indoor Championships, 3 p.m.
Baseball vs. Siena, 6:30 p.m., SEC Network +
Gymnastics @ Georgia, 7 p.m., SEC Network
Men's/Women's Track & Field @ UCS Invitational, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Men's Golf @ SunTrust Gator Invitational, All Day
Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ SEC Championships, All Day, SEC Network +
Lacrosse vs. Maryland, Noon, YouTube
Baseball vs. Siena, 4 p.m., SEC Network +
Softball @ Louisiana, 4 p.m., Cox Sports TV
Men's Basketball @ Vanderbilt, 4 p.m., ESPN2
Softball @ Louisiana, 7 p.m., Cox Sports TV
Men's Tennis @ ITA National Team Indoor Championships, TBD

Sunday, Feb. 18

Men's Golf @ SunTrust Gator Invitational, All Day
Women's Golf @ Allstate Sugar Bowl, All Day
Men's/Women's Swimming & Diving @ SEC Championships, All Day, SEC Network
Baseball vs. Siena, 1 p.m., SEC Network +
Women's Basketball vs. Vanderbilt, 1 p.m., SEC Network
Softball @ Louisiana, 2 p.m., Cox Sports TV
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MEN'S TENNIS

Florida to kick off ITA national indoor championships today

By Benjamin Brandt
Sports Writer

The Seattle Tennis Club sits on the rocky shores of Lake Washington with a distant view of Mount Rainier. The choppy, blue waters and the snow-topped mountain will serve as the backdrop to this weekend's ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

The Florida men's tennis team is among 15 of the nation's top-25 programs competing in the event.

"It's going to be fun," coach Bryan Shelton said. "We'll have the chance to sightsee a little bit."

After last weekend's Big Ten road trip to No. 13 Michigan and No. 2 Ohio State, this tournament will be the Gators' final action before beginning of-

ficial SEC dual-match play.

In today's first-round, No. 11 Florida will play No. 6 Texas A&M in a preview of such conference action. The Aggies (5-1) hold the second-highest ranking of all SEC teams, trailing only No. 4 Georgia. Their roster features the No. 35-ranked singles player, sophomore Valentin Vacherot, and the No. 6-ranked doubles pair of freshman Juan Carlos Aguilar and senior Jordi Arconada.

The No. 11 Gators (4-2) have lost their last five meetings against Texas A&M. Their most recent win over the Aggies came in 2013 during Shelton's first season as head coach.

Prior to today's match, Shelton said he wants to see a stronger start from his team offensively.

"We've been talking about coming out and really trying to take the first punch," Shelton said. "We need to be the aggressors."

Florida's lineup will remain mostly unchanged from previous matches, with No. 9-ranked junior Alfredo Perez and No. 7-ranked sophomore Johannes Ingildsen playing the top singles positions. Freshman Andy Andrade is likely to make his first appearance on the doubles court at some point this weekend.

The Gators' first-round match against the Aggies is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. today. Florida will face either No. 3 North Carolina or No. 14 Notre Dame in Saturday's round.



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Bryan Shelton wants to see his team be more assertive today during the ITA national indoor championships. "We need to be the aggressors."

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MEN'S GOLF

Deacon ready for Gators' season opener on Saturday

By Sam Campisano
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After a long winter break, the Florida men's golf team will begin its season this weekend at the SunTrust Gator Invitational in Gainesville.

The annual event, in which Florida placed fourth last year, features 16 teams from across the Southeast. No. 8 Florida will be joined by the likes of No. 3 Vanderbilt, No. 17 Missouri and No. 20 Arkansas.

While Florida will face some tough competition this weekend, coach J.C. Deacon said his team is eager for the challenge.

"We got some of the best players in the country and best teams in the country coming here this weekend," Deacon said. "Having the best players in the country coming to their home course, they're very, very excited."

Last spring, the Gators' season ended in disappointment at the NCAA Regionals in Indiana, finishing eighth out of 13 teams. They also failed to win an SEC championship, which they last won in 2011.

"We've won a lot of tournaments, but we haven't won anything on that level yet," Deacon said. "That's the next step for this team."

Deacon also stressed that he is looking for consistent, team-based success this weekend instead of relying on one individual player, like defending individual SEC champion Alejandro Tosti, to carry the team.

"We got five guys who can contribute at a really high level," Deacon said. "And that's exactly what I'm expecting."

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TRACK & FIELD

UF distance medley relay team competing tonight

By Alanis Thames
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With the 2018 SEC Indoor Championships set to begin next week, Florida's distance medley relay team will compete in a qualifying race today at the UCS Invitational in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, tonight at 8.

The Gators are coming off a big week at the Tiger Paw Invitational and Iowa State Classic on Feb. 9 and 10 where they set two historical milestones, including sophomore Grant Holloway's NCAA record in the 60-meter hurdles and the men's 4x400 relay team's fourth fastest finish in collegiate history.

UF's distance medley relay team will include junior Sam Ahrenholz leading off (1200 meters), junior Kyren Hollis running second (400 meters), sophomore Justin Pacifico run-

ning the third leg (800 meters) and junior Jack Guyton finishing with the mile.

"I didn't think coming (into this season) that I could compete with all the big-named athletes here in the 800 and nationally," Pacifico said. "I'm proving to myself that I can."

Pacifico and his teammates are hoping to finish today's race with a time good enough to put them in the top 12 in the national rankings, which would earn them a spot in the NCAA Championships at the beginning of March.

"(It helps) to have that championship atmosphere this week because everybody's trying to qualify for this national meet," Pacifico said. "This is just one step in preparing us for what's coming up in the next couple of weeks."

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Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar could be the highest-drafted duo in Florida baseball history. Both of them nearly didn't make it to Florida.

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A PAIR OF ACES



Florida's baseball program, coming off its first national title, has featured an abundance of elite arms in recent years. This year's pocket rockets, opposite as they are, could end up being the best of them all.

'THE ODD COUPLE'

By Ethan Bauer
Sports Writer

LOOK AT THE WALL. Standing about five feet away, wearing silky blue T-Shirts and shorts, a pair of lanky right-handers toss baseballs back and forth amid a crowd of teammates. Nobody's here to watch them now. Not yet.

McKethan Stadium is empty. The season opener is three weeks away, and the pair of righties, zinging throw after throw, looks like everyone else on the field: Anonymous. Talented. Able to throw a baseball in a straight line. But look closer.

Something about these two is different. On the left, wearing No. 37, is Jackson Kowar, a 6-foot-6, 185-pound native of metropolitan Charlotte, North Carolina. His white socks barely cover his ankles, and his blue undershirt dangles over his elbows. His stubble is reminiscent of a man who's been meaning to shave but hasn't

gotten around to it, and his arms hang loose like long, twisting noodles. They sway as he waits for his partner to dart the ball back.

On the right, wearing No. 51, is Brady Singer, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound native of rural Eustis, Florida. His dark socks ride up to just below his calf, and his undershirt sleeves are severed above the elbow. He has some light facial hair reminiscent of someone who missed a spot while shaving, although that's dwarfed by his pale skin and freckles, and his body is rigid and calculated with each throw. He makes sure the ball has arrived, then waits an extra second before snapping out of his throwing pose.

Neither one of them should be here, if anyone should be anywhere. Kowar was supposed to play college baseball elsewhere. Singer was supposed to skip college altogether, and he almost gave up baseball long before he had that option. Yet, they've been tossing together since they moved into Springs Residential Complex, back when they'd never met.

"Hey, let me know when you're here," Kowar texted Singer as he awaited his new roommate's arrival in the summer of 2015.

"I'm here," Singer wrote back immediately. Kowar left their room and entered a maintenance alley behind the complex near some dumpsters and parked scooters. He found Singer waiting in his lifted, blue, gravel-pounding Ford F-150, with fishing poles and camouflage everything stuffed to the windshield in the passenger seat.

"I didn't know he was such a redneck," Kowar thought. But he kept that to himself and became fast friends with Singer, despite never indulging in his new roommate's choice hobbies of fishing, hunting and motocross.

It worked because yes, they're different. Singer can be quick-tempered and tightly strung. He listens to country music stars Eric Church and Hank Williams, watches the outdoor channel, and his favorite movie is "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

"We joke with him as if he lives in a barn," former teammate Alex Faedo said, "but he doesn't."

Kowar, meanwhile, was described by several friends as a laid-back hipster. He likes wearing tight-fitting pants, listens to all kinds of music and wore a mop of shaggy brown hair in the College World Series.

"He's very Cali swag hippie," Faedo added. But their conflicting interests, personalities and even pitching styles have constructed two of the best arms in college baseball — an impressive feat anywhere, but especially at Florida. The Gators have produced three pitchers — Faedo, A.J. Puk and Dane Dunning — taken in the first round of the MLB Draft in the past two years, and Singer and Kowar could join them this June.

MLB.com ranks Singer as the top prospect in all of amateur baseball entering the 2018 Draft, with Kowar close behind at No. 10. If they stick to those projections, Singer would be the first Florida player to go No. 1 while Kowar's selection would make them the highest-drafted pair in the 106-year history of UF baseball.

Again, you'd never know watching them long toss. They look like anyone else on the team, at least while warming up with no one around.

That changes tonight. Fans will fill McKethan with Florida slated to open the 2018 season against Siena at 6:30. Singer will be on the mound as Friday night's starter for the first time, while Kowar will follow on Saturday. Each

hopes to contribute meaningful innings to UF's first-ever national title defense and show Siena's hitters that, while they long toss and lace their cleats like any other ball players, they pitch like no one the Saints have ever seen.

They'll tell you they don't think about the hype, titles, their draft stock or any of it. That they're just taking it, as the old athlete cliché goes, "one day at a time," with goals centered on attacking each at-bat and fixing whatever problems arise. And adding to a lineage of prestigious pitchers for which Florida has become known? They really don't think about that.

But as a spectator, it's impossible not to wonder. With all the recent success of Florida's arm arsenal, are these two poised to be the two best of them all?

Look at the mound. The same mound where Singer stood exactly 249 days ago, rain pelting his face, prepared to face Wake Forest right fielder Keegan Maronpot. The winner of that game advanced to the College World Series, and Singer, as always, wanted the ball. If his team was gonna go to Omaha, dammit if he wasn't the one to seal it. But the rain poured hard enough to make his cap drip and turn the clay beneath his feet to orange pudding.

The umpire called for a rain delay. That was familiar to Florida. The Gators had already endured two rain delays in the three-game series with the Demon Deacons, which may have contributed to what happened next.

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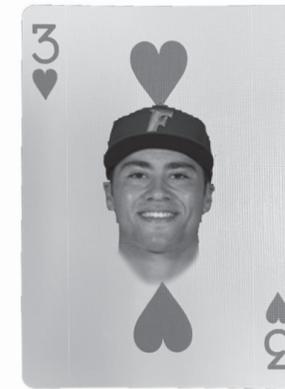
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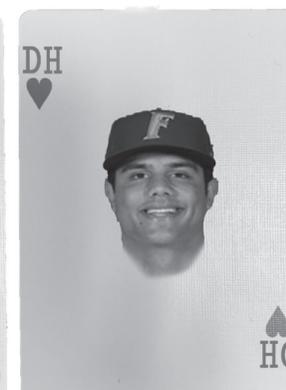
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