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Students gather to remember victims of Parkland school shooting

By Jessica Giles
Alligator Staff Writer

In the midst of political parties campaigning and students rushing to class, 17 white balloons hovered over it all on Turlington Plaza on Friday afternoon.

One for each of the lives lost in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland on Wednesday.

What started as a small crowd grew to about 50 people as passersby stopped to join in the vigil organized by the Challenge Party. UF students who had graduated from Stoneman Douglas spoke about the strength of their community in Parkland and some of the lives lost. Counselors from the Counseling & Wellness Center, located at 3190 Radio Road, were available at the event for students who needed to talk.

“I thought that something like this needed to happen, but when you come here and you see how devastated people are, you realize that people need it so much more than you think,” said Anthony Rojas, the Challenge president.

Although the organizers had originally planned for Century Tower to chime 17 times to remember the victims, Rojas received an email Friday denying the request, stating the bells would be rung at a UF-sponsored vigil Wednesday, he said.

“I was very upset by it,” he said. “I think if these bells have to ring four or five times, 17 times, I think it’s for a great cause just to remember those victims.”

After pre-planned speakers, Rojas opened the floor to anyone who felt compelled to speak. Some students begged for political action, others for the spread of kindness. As alumni of the high school recalled the familiar halls they used to walk, attendees dressed in Stoneman Douglas apparel fought back tears.

UF President Kent Fuchs has previously said 283
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REMEMBERING STONEMAN DOUGLAS

Matan Ozery, a 22-year-old UF alumnus and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School graduate, speaks about his experience at Stoneman Douglas High at the UF Remembers Douglas Vigil held on the Plaza of the Americas, which 40 people attended. “You’re not alone in that school. You’re not alone in that community,” he said.

GAU accepts benefits contract

THE UNION CELEBRATED A VICTORY THURSDAY NIGHT.

By Elliott Nasby
Alligator Staff Writer

Graduate Assistants United celebrated new stipend increases, raises and other new employee benefits during its contract ratification party Thursday night in Ustler Hall.

The new contract includes a \$1,000 stipend increase for graduate assistants who work part time as well as \$550 raises and no cuts in the health care insurance plan. The benefits were tentatively approved by the UF Board of Trustees on Dec. 15, according to Alligator archives. The deadline for the contract was surpassed after June 30, according to Alligator archives.

Bobby Mermer, GAU’s bargaining chair, said graduate assistants will also have gen-

der identity protection, an improved anti-discrimination policy and stronger protections over intellectual property.

“We won a lot in this contract,” Mermer said. “The bargaining team fought very hard.”

Although the Board of Trustees approved the agreement in December, the contract was not officially in effect until ratified by GAU themselves, which took time, Mermer said. They needed to wait while school officials drafted a finalized contract and sent the information on the contract change to union members.

Voting took place Wednesday and Thursday, and the contract was ratified unanimously, with about 4 percent — or 176 graduate assistant employees — voting on it, Mermer said.

While GAU is satisfied with the current provisions, Mermer said they plan to go

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Free menstrual products available 24/7 at Reitz Union

By Amanda Rosa
Alligator Staff Writer

The Reitz Union hotel desk is the first 24/7 on-campus location to offer free menstrual products to UF students with a Gator 1 Card.

Pads or tampons, packaged in small bags, became available Thursday at the hotel desk, which is always staffed, Student Government Senator Branden Pearson (Independent, Lakeside) said. The project is funded by the student health fee.

“It’s the first step to really making sure that students have permanent access to menstrual hygiene products across campus,” Pearson said.

Pearson said he collaborated on the project with Gators Matter, Period., a

coalition advocating accessible menstrual products on campus led by Chase Werther, the vice president candidate for Challenge Party, but Werther said Pearson finalized the hotel desk project on his own, without the approval of Gators Matter, Period.

After an SG budgeting committee declined to fund menstrual products in January, a wave of student backlash led to UF buildings offering pads and tampons. Currently, free menstrual products are available in the Reitz Union GatorWell office, Infirmary and Field and Fork Pantry, according to Alligator archives.

Pearson organized a Jan. 26 meeting with Reitz Union Senior Director Myra Morgan, Senator Zachariah Chou (Inspire, Murphree), Senator Ali Gardezi

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GATORS COMPLETE SWEEP OF SAINTS ON SUNDAY

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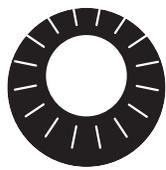


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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Spring SG Elections Feb. 20 to Feb. 21

Spring SG Elections will be held 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at locations across campus. These elections include the Student Body president, Student Body vice president and Student Body treasurer as well as 50 Student Senate seats representing the various colleges and classifications at UF. For more information, please visit sg.ufl.edu/elections.

Y-Not Theatre Trivia Fundraiser

Y-Not will hold the theatre's First Anniversary Theatre Trivia Fundraiser. Categories and clues are available on Y-Not Theatre's Facebook page. Refreshments from Sababa, vegan options and birthday cake will be available. Y-Not is focused on promoting, developing, presenting and producing new American plays in North Central Florida. Proceeds from the evening will help support Y-Not's efforts for this upcoming year. It will be \$25 per person to play, and cash and cards will be taken at the door. The fundraiser will be 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Hippodrome State Theatre basement.

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. The selection of artwork features a variety of media, including pieces from Asian and modern collections. Winning contestants will be awarded prizes. See guidelines at harn.ufl.edu/wordsoncanvas. The deadline is Sunday.

Law in the Library: Restoration of Civil Rights Workshops

The Alachua County Library District is partnering with the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association to present Law in the Library: Restoration of Civil Rights Workshops from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 22,

at Cone Park Library Branch, located at 2801 E. University Ave., and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 5 at Tower Road Library Branch, located at 3020 SW 75th St. Attorneys from Josiah T. Walls Bar Association and law students from the Levin College of Law will provide one-on-one assistance to persons who have been convicted of a felony and want to apply to have their civil rights restored. Event is open to the public, and registration is not required. For more information, visit aclib.us/law, or call 352-334-3900.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Japan public grade school under fire over Armani uniform

A Tokyo public school has adopted Giorgio Armani uniforms for students, triggering criticism in a country where hefty school fees are already burdening young parents. Taimei Elementary School in Tokyo's upscale Ginza shopping district has announced plans to introduce the new uniform option, which costs more than 80,000 yen (\$730) for a full set. A minimum set would be more than twice the price of the current uniforms.

Kosovo celebrates 10 years of independence, Serbs boycott

The Kosovo Assembly, or Parliament, convened in a special session Sunday to celebrate the country's 10 years of independence — a ceremony boycotted by the country's ethnic Serb lawmakers.

Iran says 65 killed in airplane crash

Iran's leaders have expressed their condolences over the passenger plane crash that killed 59 passengers and six crew members. The plane crashed near the remote mountain town of Semirum, which is south of the capital, Tehran. President Hassan Rouhani said he has assigned officials to investigate the case and apply measures to avoid similar incidents in the future.

Venezuela to reopen Miami consulate ahead of election

Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro says he's reopening the country's consulate in Miami, citing requests from fellow citizens who want to vote in the upcoming presidential election. The presidential election is set for April 22. Maduro is the only candidate so far to announce he's running.

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF MUSIC

Steven Thomas directs the Graduate Chamber Ensemble in their performance of "Pal-So-Seong" by Hyo-Won Woo. The whimsical piece caught the attention of the audience at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday evening, causing laughter and engagement throughout the piece.



Shelbie Eakins / Alligator Staff

A saxophone quartet, comprised of Brendan Catalano, Alexander Sinnott, Mason Anthony and Paul Lessard, performs "Peixinhos Do Mar" at the 90th Anniversary Collage Concert for the UF School of Music on Saturday evening at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

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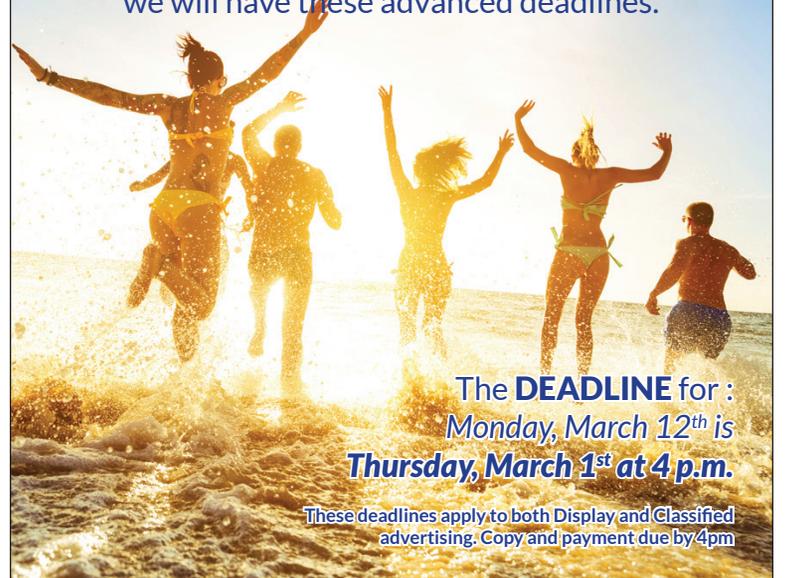
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UF group hosts final SG debate

By Meryl Kornfield
Alligator Staff Writer

UF College Democrats, a student organization, hosted the final Student Government debate before elections take place Tuesday and Wednesday.

Moderators from the political group asked the presidential and vice presidential candidates questions. Then, all nine executive candidates answered questions from audience members Friday night in Little Hall. Here are some of the questions and what each candidate said:

Q - "In light of the recent school shooting in Parkland, what will you do to ensure the safety of students on campus?"

All three presidential candidates emphasized a need for gun reform. Impact Party candidate Ian Green, Inspire Party's Revel Lubin and Janae Moodie from Challenge Party said they would lobby in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., for students.

Lubin said law enforcement on

campus, such as Gainesville Police and University Police, makes him feel safer.

"I've never felt unsafe on campus as it relates to gun or any other type of violence," he said.

Q - "What distinguishes you as a candidate from the others?"

Green said he loves UF and has done "tangible work," including increasing student jobs and making student codes understandable.

Moodie said she is a woman and an ally to those who need it. She said she keeps herself educated on diversity.

"I know what it's like to want an ally in a situation where I felt oppressed, or I didn't feel respected because of one of my specific identities," she said.

Lubin said his story is unique. He was orphaned at a young age, and his sister took care of him, he said.

"I could have gone down such a dark path, but there was people who came into my life," he said.

Q - "All three parties throw around "sexual assault" as a

buzzword, but what is your party's plan for dealing with this issue?"

Moodie, Green and Inspire treasurer candidate Alyssa Bethencourt said their parties support an online program called Callisto, which would improve the process of reporting a sexual assault and identify repeat offenders.

Q - "Would you give up your salary if you won?"

Green said David Enriquez and Stefan Sanguyo wouldn't give up their salaries. He said he would use the money deposited into his bank account for a youth program in his hometown, Marietta, Georgia.

Shayli Patel would give up 50 percent of her salary, while Moodie and Werther are still looking into it, Werther said.

Lubin said his ticket hasn't discussed giving up their salaries, but he wouldn't be able to afford to lose his salary.

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'Stomp the Swamp' event raises more than \$10,000

By Hannah Maggiore
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More than 100 children and family members ran around the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium bleachers Saturday help siblings and parents of those with autism.

About 400 attendees and sponsors raised more than \$10,000 at the 10th annual "Stomp the Swamp" event. The event fun-raised for safety devices used to track kids with autism and programs. Impact Autism, a non-profit organization under UF's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, helped organize the event, said Ziqi Wang, the vice president of Impact Autism.

"I'm doing this for my little brother, who was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder when he was 4," the 20-year-old UF junior said. "It's certainly been one of the

most meaningful experiences I've had here."

Scott Stricklin, the UF athletic director, spoke briefly about the awareness of autism, Wang said. He addressed how important it was for the community to come out together to support such causes.

Attendees participated in a Zumba warm-up and cooldown before and after they ran. At the end of the event, silent auction prizes were awarded, including a basketball signed by Mike White, UF's basketball coach, and a signed Tim Tebow football jersey, which sold for \$100.

Tina Vo, a UF psychology junior, took part in the run because of her interest in neuroscience and autism.

"I love to get to know the kids," the 22-year-old said. "Some of them are so bright, and you can't even tell, but it affects them."

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Alachua County library reopens after nearly \$2 million renovation

By Camille Graham
Alligator Contributing Writer

Crowds of people poured in Saturday morning to the newly renovated Tower Road Library, greeted by large windows that welcomed in natural reading light and the smell of fresh paint.

The Tower Road branch of the Alachua County Library district re-

opened after nearly a year of renovations. About 200 people came to the ribbon-cutting grand opening at the facility located on Southwest 75th Street.

The renovation had a budget of \$2.68 million, which the county allocated over many years, but \$87,000 wasn't used, said Shaney Livingston, the Alachua County library director. The Florida Depart-

ment of State's division of library services had granted \$500,000.

The Friends of the Library donated \$32,000 for the creation of the Quiet Reading room and a small bronze statue, Livingston said. The Alachua County Library District Foundation funded the Teen Spaces and Snuggle Up rooms by donating \$60,000.

About 8,500 square feet was

added to the library for a total of 23,500 square feet, said the Alachua County Library District spokesperson Nickie Kortus. Other renovations include three study rooms and a new space for kitchen demonstrations.

The library opened in 1992, and this renovation served to better fit the changing needs of the diverse surrounding community, she said.

"Tower Road serves a very diverse population both in economic and educational backgrounds," she said. "It's really important for the library to figure out those needs."

Mary Searle, 71, of Gainesville, said she was so excited for the reopening that she couldn't sleep.

"I've been keeping tabs on the construction for awhile now, but I'm just thrilled to see it," she said.

More vigils will be held

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UF students graduated from Stoneman Douglas.

Janae Moodie, a candidate for Student Body president, closed the vigil with a prayer.

"I pray for the families that will never get to say 'I love you' physically one more time," she said.

On Saturday, Gainesville residents held a vigil on the steps of City Hall at 7:30 p.m., and there will be a UF-sponsored vigil on Plaza of the Americas at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Abigail Shank, a UF political science sophomore, attended Friday's vigil to show her support for the Parkland community. One of her close friends is a Stoneman Douglas alumna, and she has seen the importance of reaching out in the aftermath of tragedy.

"I think if I can be there and be a supporter and just show solidarity with everyone affected, I think that's the least that I can do," the 19-year-old said.

Shank didn't realize just how much the tragedy had affected the UF community until she watched the crowd grow at the vigil.

"It's crazy how widespread the effect is," she said, "and that this one person can cause so many people — that he doesn't even know and won't ever probably be able to fathom — so much pain and hurt."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraiser

Date: Noon Monday to noon Thursday

Where: UF Levin College of Law courtyard

Who: Hosted by UF law students

What: Fundraising for victims of the shooting by collecting orders for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. They will also make cards to send to the hospitals treating victims. One doughnut is \$1, and a dozen is \$8.

Vigil

Date: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Turlington Plaza

Who: UF students

What: Stoneman Douglas alumni will wear white and speak at the event. The students are collecting donations, and 75 percent will be sent to the high school and 25 percent will be donated to a mental health non-profit in the names of the 17 students killed.

Vigil

Date: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Where: Plaza of the Americas

Who: UF

What: A UF-sponsored candlelight vigil will be hosted at 7 p.m. Wednesday on the Plaza of the Americas.

Members will see stipend increase

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back to the bargaining table with UF administration soon because it is an ongoing effort for them to monitor where UF is allocating funding.

UF Chief Negotiator Bill Connellan said he thinks the current agreement is satisfactory but knows future negotia-

tions with GAU will occur.

As UF aims to become a top-five public university, money goes where the market demands it, Connellan said.

"We need to be competitive in a national marketplace," he said.

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Some did not agree with the idea

REITZ, from pg. 1

(Impact, Engineering) and Women's Student Association president Rebecca Kravitz, who represented Gators Matter, Period., to discuss piloting free menstrual products at the Reitz Union.

During the meeting, Kravitz said the coalition hoped to offer menstrual products in gender-neutral bathrooms for students to access them discreetly.

Morgan said the Reitz Union wouldn't offer the products in public bathrooms because non-students, who don't pay the health fee, would be able to access them. She said there was

no data to prove a critical need of accessible menstrual products on campus.

"We're trying to see what's the need," Morgan said. "It's a question of how many people are asking for this program."

She said about 30,000 people visit the Reitz daily, and regulating who uses bathroom products would be difficult.

Pearson met with Morgan again Feb. 7, without a Gators Matter, Period. member present to confirm the deal.

Werther and Kravitz said they disagreed with the proposal because students might be uncomfortable asking a hotel staffer for pads and tampons. Werther said the coalition is

continuing conversations with Newell Hall and the libraries to make menstrual products more accessible on campus.

"I felt that the proposal was a little invalidating, and I didn't think it was something that was promoting a culture of care on this campus," Werther said.

Kravitz said she wouldn't feel comfortable asking for a tampon at the Reitz.

"I would maybe even say I would go home before I ask a stranger at a hotel desk to hand me menstrual products," she said.

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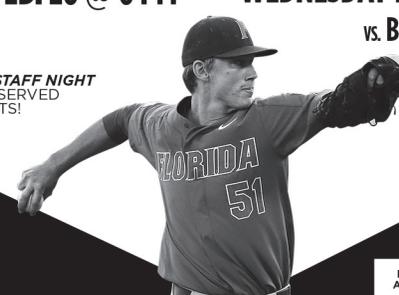
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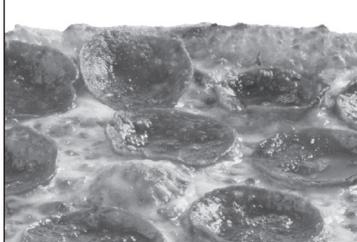
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The Alligator's SG endorsement

Editor's note: The Alligator's editorial board met with representatives from the three parties Sunday morning. We spoke about platform points and candidates' goals. Our endorsements stem from these meetings.

Student Government at UF has always been laden with scandal, greed and self-interest. Although that didn't change this semester, other factors did.

We saw the emergence of Challenge Party, after Janae Moodie resigned from Senate and left Impact Party. We saw Inspire Party grow and, unfortunately, we saw Impact remain the same. After considering the platforms, candidates and functionality of each party, we concluded the best choice for the Student Body is not one party, but two.

Getting voices from two parties to work in tandem, serving as a check and balance on each others' goals and promises, will best serve students. It is for this reason we're endorsing Challenge's executive ticket and Inspire's Senate ticket.

Janae Moodie, Shayli Patel and Chase Werther are competent women who demonstrate an obvious devotion to improving students' lives. Their platform offers important ideas like a telemedicine option to serve students' medical needs and the implementation of a waitlist system for full classes.

Sadly, we have reservations. We're concerned about Moodie's ability to remain professional in a tense political scenario and her vindictive attitude against Impact. However, she is the only presidential candidate with the boldness needed to revolutionize SG. We endorse Challenge's executive ticket, but we do not endorse the party. While we respect and admire its radical approaches and its allegiance to veering away from the system that has been in place, Challenge lacks the structure and organization needed to effectively operate in Senate.

We could not commit to endorsing Inspire's executive ticket because none of its candidates showed up to meet with The Alligator, sending a spokesperson in their place. Inspire's platform aligns well with Challenge's. Both draw attention to prevalent issues like creating a better environment for LGBTQ+ students and offering more services for undocumented students.

While we felt the executive ticket was weak, we were impressed by the party's method of completing goals. For each point on its platform, Inspire forms a small committee to ensure each goal is met. They further exhibit an adherence to transparency, especially when it comes to ensuring senators will share progress on each point with students.

We also feel a need to explain why Impact was left out of our bipartisan endorsement. Impact's platform focuses on luxury rather than necessity. It boasts efforts to supply campus restrooms with 2-ply toilet paper and to offer subsidized pricing for Uber Eats, but has no plans to implement online voting. The party wants bars in Midtown to stay open until later, but neglects the need for gender-inclusive residence halls or to improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on campus.

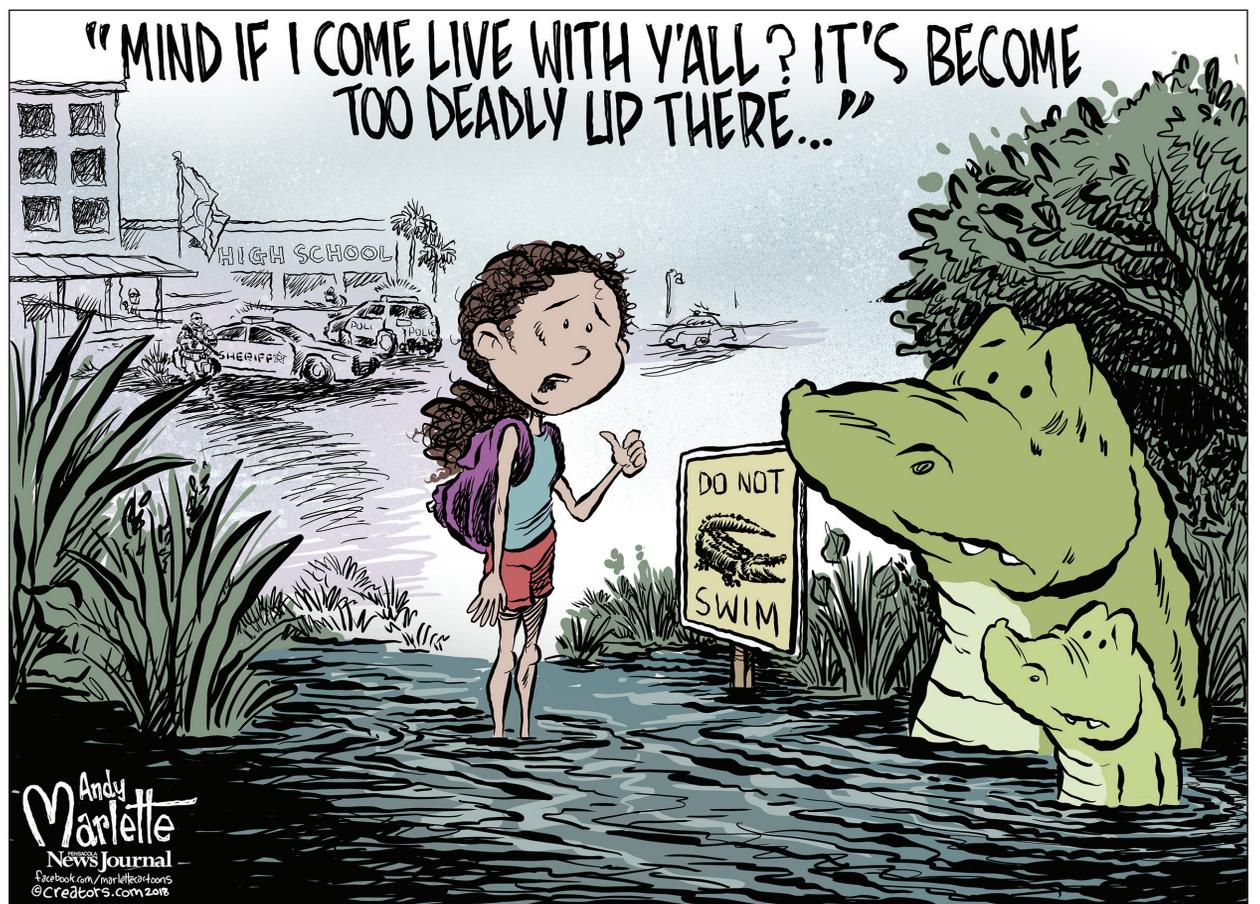
While it is true Impact's platform does also mention some key demands like increasing access to mental health services and sexual assault prevention, we didn't see anything unique. Every idea that was exclusively on its platform lacked substance.

In terms of Impact's leadership, we were further let down. We found Ian Green does not come off as a leader and appears to speak only when spoken to. Moreover, he has a presence that is, to be frank, unimpressive and lackluster.

This is why we feel the strong leadership provided by the Challenge executive ticket and the structural supremacy we see in Inspire is the most effective combination to advocate for students. It's a decision The Alligator's editorial board went back and forth on, and while we don't believe any candidate or party is perfect, we think this is the best option for students.

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Column

A world within your headphones: Listen to podcasts

I'm addicted to Spotify. Barely a minute goes by in my waking weekday life that Spotify isn't at least playing softly in the background, if not loudly through my earbuds on a run or through the speakers in my car. At some point, though, I started yearning for more, something in addition to music, that would expand my worldview. Enter: podcasts.

Podcasts have been around for a while, but it's taken me years to really get into them, and I think I have finally figured out the reason why. We live in an age of information overload, when it's not that knowledge isn't available to us, but there is too much knowledge to sift through to get to the "good" parts. It's not a dystopian, George Orwellian "1984" world we're living in. No, what we're experiencing is much closer to Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" of overstimulation.

With this data dump, though, there is a silver lining. Educators, pop culture experts, historians, professionals and novices alike have gotten way better at the whole podcast game. Better yet, our limited attention spans can actually accommodate them, if we at least have the time to find the right ones. In the last two or three years, podcasts have not only increased in popularity but also blown up in sheer quantities and varieties of genre. I argue there is now truly at least one out there for each of us.

The purpose of this column is to convince you to listen to more podcasts, to go outside your comfort zone and hear a different perspective each day, to understand the educational and social benefits of these magical audio clips in all areas of your life. I'll take you through a few of my personal favorites and fill you in on some of the benefits of listening on the way.

One of the huge advantages to podcasts as opposed to other information outlets like newspapers (sorry) and television shows is a balance of quick response to current events provided by multiple perspectives. What do I mean



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by that?

Well, take one of my favorite podcasts, "Pod Save America." It's a podcast built on progressive political commentary and interviews put out every Monday and Thursday by Crooked Media. Because it airs twice weekly, listeners don't have to wait long to hear from the hosts, who were aides to former President Barack Obama. That said, because it isn't distributed every day, the commentary is more composed, sounds thought-out and hits straight to the heart

of the political topics at hand rather than discussing every news bit that happened that day.

Podcasts also afford you the opportunity to educate yourself on issues in bite-sized chunks, whether you're looking to learn more about history and crime or technology and philosophy. The educational benefits of podcasts aren't limited to more standard topics and fields, either.

For example, just look at another one of my favorites, "Still Processing." This podcast, run by Wesley Morris and Jenna Wortham of The New York Times, takes an in-depth look at popular culture in the U.S. in order to address issues of race, class, gender and everything in between. When you've got two cultured writers teamed up on one podcast like this, the content goes beyond surface-level celebrity gossip; Morris and Wortham will make you think critically and question the world around you — a true podcast education.

If you can, take advantage of podcast libraries, student-discounted Spotify accounts to gain your own little education on-the-go. Broaden your horizons as you drive your morning commute, walk to class or hit the gym. And if you've got any good podcast suggestions, I fully expect you to tweet me your recommendations.

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Column

UF presents an all-black roster for Student Body presidential candidates

UF's upcoming Student Government elections present the most diverse lineup in its history. All three candidates for Student Body president are African American. Ian Green represents the Impact Party, Revel Lubin runs on behalf of Inspire Party and Janae Moodie heads the newly introduced Challenge Party.

When former President Barack Obama was elected in 2008, it was a turning point in political — moreover — American history. Having a Student Body president of color can have the same effect on a college as it can a country. When either Green, Moodie or Lubin take the podium, that will be the launch point for UF's path toward fundamental change and diversity.

College serves as an imitation of the real world, with its own government system and social scheme and prepares young adults for their lives after completing their educa-

tion. Electing a president of color reflects the increased diversity in leadership the school has embraced.

Black students are especially excited for this year's elections. Many think it's about time. The black community represents about six percent of the UF population compared to the about thirteen percent nationwide. Although UF's black population remains a minority, their call for change speaks for the majority. Students are encouraging one another to get informed and read up on the candidates' platforms. The political parties have taken over social media with candidate statements and promotional videos in order to reach students on their own turf. To add, the Black Student Union hosted a debate between the three students and provided a platform for students to educate themselves. The debate



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was held in the Reitz Union and allowed candidates to speak directly with the people they wish to serve, unfiltered and unedited. Political transparency is fundamental in building trust with the community and maintaining a well-functioning government body.

Looking back on the 2016 U.S. presidential election, UF's campus was split between not only the political parties but also racist bigots. The politics broke up friend groups. The election allowed students to show their true colors, and this unveiled a population of ignorance and prejudice. However, the school has been making progress toward unity with many student-led initiatives. Having three black presidential candidates symbolizes the headway the community has been making toward social harmony and progress.

The Student Body as a whole is the first

priority of SG, yet this year's candidate roster will also run SG with a new sense of cultural competency. Black students at UF are being given an immense opportunity to elect one of their own and have this person represent themselves as well as The Gator Nation.

It has been about 60 years since UF started admitting black students, and it's only right this year's Black History month hosts this historical election. The black community wins no matter what the outcome of the election. UF's new class of 2022 will be christened with a black Student Body president, and the situation will impact student culture significantly. Although there are many speculators criticizing the political parties themselves, they forget the bottom line of the situation: Change is coming.

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Column

At what point will people's lives be worth more than support for guns?

We talk a lot about breaking records. We try to break records for fundraising or athletics. Last week, however, we broke a record that should never have been broken: deadliest high school shooting in American history.

I've recently come across the phrase, "This is a mental health problem," far too often. More often than not, this phrase comes from politicians who aggressively support the Second Amendment. I agree mental health is likely a significant part of this problem. Mental health has freshly become the scapegoat for acts of violence. But there is little evidence those making decisions about access to help seem to think it is worth the attention.

At UF, we are incredibly fortunate to have the Counseling & Wellness Center, located at 3190 Radio Road, available to us, free of charge. However, the demand is far higher than the supply at the CWC. Students may have to wait months to see a mental health professional. Some students choose to seek treatment off-campus but as soon as we cross

the campus boundary, we begin to encounter a massive issue.

Mental health care is expensive. It's often expensive even if you have health insurance and, thanks to the lack of a suitable replacement for the Affordable Care Act, a lot of people do not have it. Even if you have insurance, you may have a managed care plan or a health maintenance organization. You may not have a choice in who your health professional is. Not all doctors are a good fit for all patients. But if the psychiatric professional you really should be seeing is out of your network, too bad.

I have a couple questions for our political representatives. At what point will people's lives be worth more than support for the Second Amendment? If it's not a gun problem but a mental health problem, will you fix the system that offers mental health services? How will you get people the mental health care they need? As one of the student survivors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High



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School said: You are the adults. These are just kids. You're supposed to protect them. What are you doing?

Children should not have to know what to do in an active shooter situation. Children should not have to run for their lives in a place that is supposed to be about learning, growth and self-discovery.

While the mental health of the shooter is a point of contention, we should also focus on the mental health of the students at Stoneman Douglas. Countless videos have been posted online detailing various aspects of the shooting, from text conversations between students and their parents to survivors being interviewed by the media. The real lives that were impacted by this are everywhere.

The shooter needed help — there is really no disputing that. But what about the survivors? What about the friends and families of the victims? They have lived through, presumably, the worst day of their lives. They

will never be the same again, even though our representatives seem to be waiting for this to blow over and for things to get back to normal. Their lives will never go back to normal and certainly not if they are given a quick "sorry for your loss," and then are shoved aside for more important things.

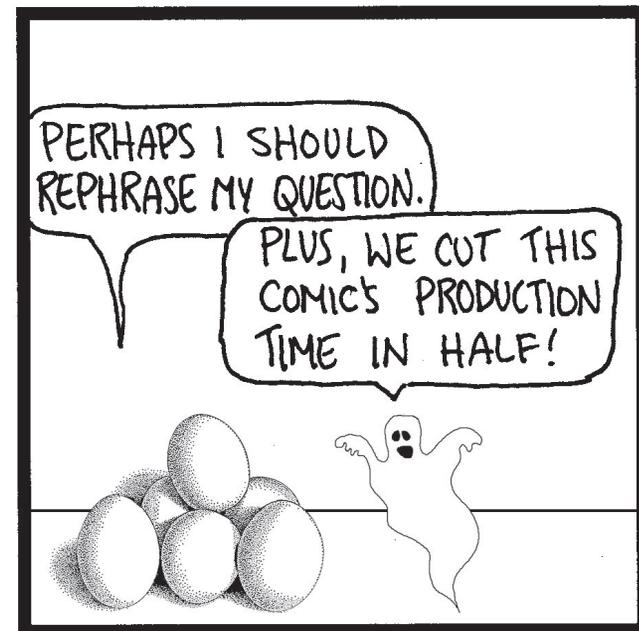
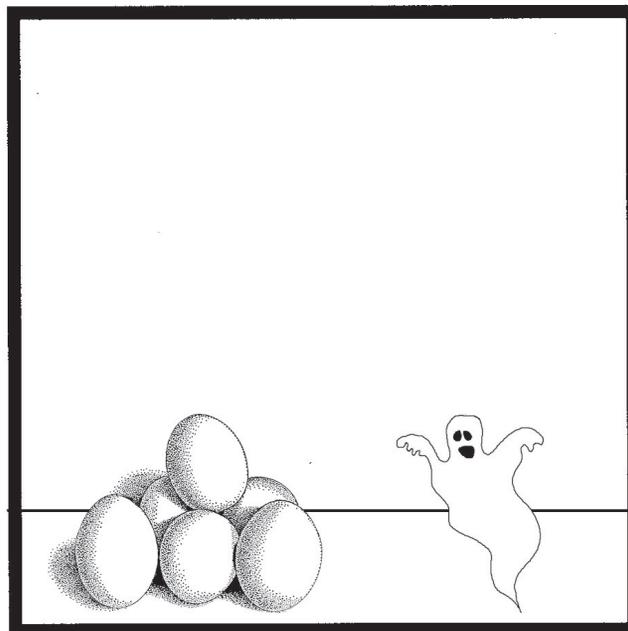
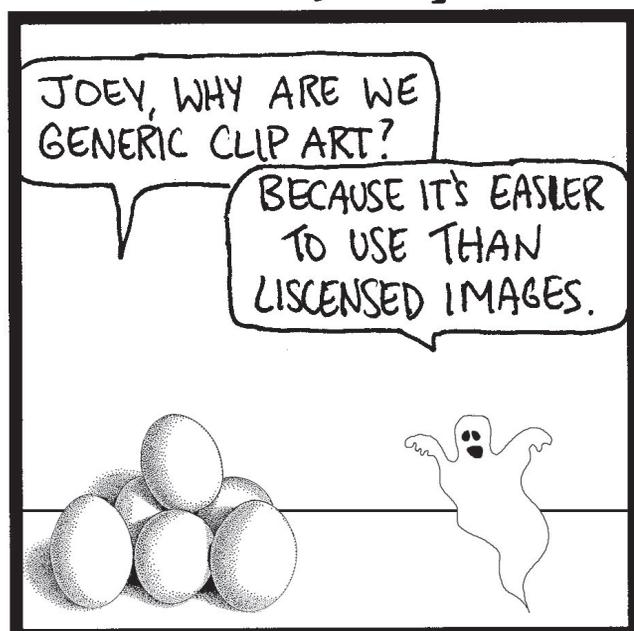
Continuing to support relaxed gun regulations and pushing aside legislation to improve accessibility to mental health services emphasizes that those in power care more about who is lining their pockets than about those who are suffering.

My heart goes out to the victims, their families and friends and everyone who calls Parkland their home. I am so sorry this is the world we live in. Keep your people close. While we do have senseless acts of violence and a lack of responsive action, we have love. We have friendship and unity and humanity. Don't let go of that, dear readers.

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Lifeless Joey

By Michael Smith



STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

By Christina Morales

Alligator Staff Writer



Janae Moodie learned to count her blessings in kindergarten when her dad survived the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11.

Her father, Henry Moodie, worked in the basement of the south World Trade Center Tower doing electrical work. As the towers came crumbling, he managed to run out but left behind his phone so his family waited anxiously to hear he was safe.

After that day, Moodie's parents constantly reminded her the importance of being grateful, she said.

"I could've lost him on that day," the UF psychology senior said. "It taught me about the fragility of life and finding purpose in the day-to-day things we get to do because really none of it is promised."

If she were to win the presidency, Moodie would become the first black female Student Body president in 32 years.

"It feels weird that it has taken that long, but it also feels humbling that the opportunity has come again and that I might be the one to fulfill that honor," the 21-year-old said.

In January, Moodie resigned as the SG Senate President Pro Tempore and disaffiliated with Impact Party. Three weeks later, she created Challenge Party. She has had previous leadership roles in SG. Moodie was also a Florida Cicerone and the vice chair of The Big Event, a community service event, in its inaugural year.

When she was a senior in high school in West Palm Beach, Florida, she was diagnosed with Lupus, an autoimmune disease through which the body's immune system attacks tissues and organs. She became sick the spring before coming into college. Through her diagnosis and treatment, her mom gave her hope.

"One of the things she always says is 'Make your mess your message,' and so even when the world is crumbling around me, she's always been able to recenter my life," Moodie said.

Moodie said Lupus is an invisible illness, which taught her to be less judgmental.

"It's taught me that you never know what people are going through because you can't always see it," she said. "At the end of the day, you don't know what's going on underneath all those layers."

Katelynd Todd, 23, was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in Spring 2015. Moodie gave Todd advice and compassion when they became roommates in Summer 2015.

"Janae is so willing to understand what's important to anyone, and she's so willing to understand what people are going through," Todd, a 2016 UF health education alumna, said.

When Ian Green was 14 years old, he wanted a new PlayStation console.

To get one, he had to present the case to his mom, Val Green. The now 22-year-old presidential candidate with Impact Party gave his mom statistics and argued his grades were high enough to justify the new gaming console, Val Green said.

His mother said it was just one of many times her son showed his persistence for what he cared about.

"When he sets his mind to something, he really does go with it," the 55-year-old said.

Val Green, a 1984 UF microbiology and cell science graduate, said she and her husband, another UF graduate, never imagined their son would run for Student Body president.

"Ian has helped to inform and shape our thoughts and opinions around how much things have changed on campus," Val Green said. "It's always wonderful when you can learn from your kids."

In Fall 2017, Ian Green, a UF business management and economics senior, became the third black Student Senate president in UF history. His involvement also includes Florida Cicerones, Black Student Union and his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta.

He found his home at the Zion Baptist Church and started the Sons of Zion mentoring program with his dad.

"God always gives each person a purpose," Ian Green said. "I discovered mine at Zion."

He said he found his value in mentoring and still continues it in his work at UF.

"If I can just have the smallest impact on someone, that means I made somewhat of a difference, and that means the world to me," he said. "By being intentional with your change and your mentoring, that's how you foster a sense of community."

Ian Green said his dad's dedication to service inspired him to be a leader and serve others.

"We're always willing to give the shirt off our backs," he said.

In the sixth grade, Ian Green began volunteering by putting on a church service at a nursing home once a month. His dad preached to the guests while Ian Green sang in Marietta, Georgia, where he grew up.

Though Ian Green did it each month, he said he never saw the value in it until he was in seventh grade and his grandfather died. Then, he said he realized not everyone is fortunate enough to have family around them in their time of need.

"A lot of times people really talk about making a big, monumental change, but it's the small things," Ian Green said.

Revel Lubin grew up admiring thugs, killers and drug dealers.

The now 22-year-old grew up in Orlando with his mom until she died from a brain aneurysm when he was 11. His sister, Maude, adopted him and his three younger siblings when she was 24.

In high school, one of his classmates, Alexandria, lost her mother, and she began to cut herself. She was depressed and didn't want to live anymore, Lubin said. He advised her on how to cope with loss, and she came back to school the next day and thanked him. She told him because of his advice, she didn't kill herself.

Lubin, a UF criminology and African American studies junior, said two deans at his middle school changed his mindset by encouraging him to yell, scream, rant and pound the table instead of jumping to discipline him.

"I was considered the 'troubled child,'" Lubin said. "My primary classroom became the administration's office because my teachers didn't want to deal with me."

As he matured, he began to find purpose in his life. During his freshman year in high school, he served as class president.

Lubin said he has tried to emulate his freshman adviser, Mr. Mark Noel, ever since. Noel constantly made Lubin question what more he could do for the Student Body. Further than that, he showed him what leadership looked like firsthand.

Every morning, Noel would pick Lubin up for school and drop him off in the afternoon. Sometimes, they went out to eat at restaurants like Chili's Grill & Bar, where they would share chips and salsa. Lubin said he couldn't thank him enough because he would oftentimes go home to an empty fridge.

"He showed me in his position in how to lead and what leadership looks like," Lubin said. "He'd ask, 'How can I serve you?' Or 'What can I do to best help you?'"

Revel currently serves as the SG treasurer. In January, he disaffiliated from Impact Party and decided to run for Student Body president with Inspire Party. In the past, Lubin has served as a Florida Cicerone and was the cabinet director of Leadership, Development and Involvement on campus.

Jessilyn Boakye-Donkor, 20, met Lubin in their "First Year Florida" class. They've been friends ever since.

The UF business management junior said Lubin is like a spiritual brother to her. In Fall 2017, they prayed together while she was going through some hard times.

"Being able to pray with me in that moment just showed how great of a friend he is," she said. "With him, I'm not led astray. His advice is definitely Godly advice."

STUDENT BODY VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

CHALLENGE

After her parents took refuge in the U.S. from Uganda in the 1980s, Shayli Patel has worked every day to make them proud.

"They've always taught me to do the best I can," Patel said. "My mom and dad taught me — whatever I wanted to do, do it with 110 percent."

The first time Patel heard about SG was through her older sister, Ishani. By the time Shayli Patel came to UF, she knew she wanted to get involved.



Patel

"She told me UF was an amazing place and I had to put myself out there to find a community," said Patel, who is running for vice president with Challenge Party.

The UF economics junior ran with Access Party in Spring 2016 for a sophomore Senate seat and lost. In Summer 2016, she served in a replacement seat for Summer C and became the Minority Party Leader.

Patel has been involved with the Indian Student Association, Gatorship, the Office of Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs and has been a resident assistant.

The first time Patel remembers standing up for something she believed in, it cost her a close friend. She was shocked to see her best friend making Islamophobic comments on Facebook the summer after her freshman year in high school, but she argued back.

"I take risks in putting myself out there and fighting for what I believe in," Patel said.

Former Access Party President Praveen Varanasi met her in 2016 when the two were campaigning.

He said he remembers seeing Patel drenched from rain but still standing outside trying to talk to students, walking them to class with her umbrella.

Varanasi said Patel taught him how to be a better leader.

"I think that Shayli leads through compassion, she leads through love, she leads because she wants the best in people, not because she wants people to view her as the best," he said.

IMPACT

David Enriquez went from living in a shack in Buena Vista, Cuba, to meeting former President Barack Obama in the White House when he was about 17. "My American Dream was becoming true," the UF philosophy junior said.

The Cuban immigrant said he'd never forget when his mother told him they'd won the Cuban lottery to go to America. It was a bittersweet adventure for him when he hopped on the plane. He remembers looking out, only 6 years old, feeling his stomach sink.



Enriquez

"I was struggling with the very difficult truth that no immigrant really wants to leave their shores," he said.

On July 4, 2003, he landed on American soil.

"I proudly call it my independence day," Enriquez said. "I thought the fireworks were for me."

Enriquez has served as the chief of staff to current Student Body Vice President Mario Agosto and is the vice president of programming in the Hispanic Student Association. He's now running for vice president with Impact Party.

With the political oppression Enriquez and his family experienced in Cuba, he said he learned about the responsibility to help others.

"For me, public service is not a pastime, it's my career choice," Enriquez said.

Enriquez's mentor, Stephen Sessums, said Enriquez's interests in religion, politics and philosophy grew since the moment they met, about seven years ago when he volunteered to be his mentor through the Hillsborough Education Foundation.

"He was quite ambitious to make his mark and contribute to make the world a better place," the 83-year-old said. "Even though he was a leader, he was shy. But if you were to describe David, you wouldn't describe him as shy today."

INSPIRE

At 7 years old, Bijal Desai was held at gunpoint, forced to watch his father and uncle get assaulted.

Desai was sitting in his grandfather's Indian spice shop, Fargo Trading, in Cape Town, South Africa, around closing time. Then, about six men walked in pretending to buy an item, drew their guns and demanded money. His uncle and father were beaten, he said.

Earlier in 2003, his cousin and dad were held hostage in his cousin's soda factory, Double O, where they were demanded of anything of value.



Desai

The two attacks inspired Desai's family to move to the U.S. in the summer of 2004.

Desai said he had a difficult time adjusting. On his first day in the third grade, he asked for a rubber and was given a detention. In Cape Town, a rubber meant an eraser.

In 2012, Desai received protected status through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

"One of the reasons I'm running is because I'm publicly able to express that I'm a DACA student because I have that much confidence that I'll be safe," he said. "But I want to use any power I have to make sure I can be an advocate for people in the same situation that I am."

Desai founded the Gator Civitan Club, a service organization. He was also president for Volunteers for International Student Affairs at UF. He is now running as Inspire Party's Student Body vice presidential candidate.

Desai's roommate, Nihir Patel, 21, met Desai in the Indian Student Association's freshman leadership experience.

"He's been so welcoming, kind and caring," Patel said.

Patel said he's learned a lot about dedication and planning from Desai. Patel, a UF computer science junior, said last spring when Desai was studying for the LSAT, he'd get up at 4 a.m. to study for his exam.

"He's always got his eyes two weeks, a month, two months ahead," he said.

STUDENT BODY TREASURER CANDIDATES

CHALLENGE

When Chase Werther started at UF, she knew she wanted to be in SG.

"It's always been a dream of mine to come here and really experience every single part of my hometown," said Werther, who was born and raised in Gainesville.

Werther, a UF philosophy and political science junior, first experienced politics when she became president of her sixth grade class at Fort Clarke Middle School. The position allowed her to look outside of herself, she said.



Werther

"I learned that the students mattered more than the teachers," the 21-year-old said. "It really changed my perspective. It taught me that I'm a student leader and a student advocate first."

Werther, who is running for Student Body treasurer with Challenge Party, has been involved in the SG Women's Affairs Cabinet, Access Party, Women's Student Association, Gatorship, the PACE Center for Girls and Gators Matter, Period., a movement that helped bring free menstrual products in different locations on campus.

Brooke Henderson, who's served alongside Werther through the Gators Matter, Period. movement, said Werther takes action for anything she believes in.

"It's the little things that Chase does that are huge things," Henderson, 21, said.

Werther said she sees herself as an agent of change.

"It's important to make people feel uncomfortable because they need to question why," she said.

Werther said she owes her current approach to political thought to her friend Mariam Mohamed, who she met at 16 at a sleepover. They became best friends overnight. Mohamed said she wasn't surprised when Werther decided to run for Student Body treasurer.

"She's always been a supernatural born leader, and she really cares about changing this school for the better," she said.

IMPACT

While Stefan Sanguyo's friends were focused on prom and graduation, he stayed up worrying about his parents' health.

Sanguyo's father had a heart attack, and his mom was diagnosed with breast cancer during his senior year of high school. The difficult time increased his desire to make his parents proud, he said.

"My mom has always given back to me and my brothers and supporting our family, Sanguyo, 20, said. "This is why I wanted to go to college — to make my family proud."



Sanguyo

As a freshman at UF, Sanguyo wanted to retreat into his room as he dealt with his mom's illness. He said he never imagined he'd run for UF's Student Body treasurer.

"I just knew I wanted to get involved and help other people, but I didn't know the magnitude of how far I would go," the UF criminology junior said.

Sanguyo is currently a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences senator with Impact Party. He's served multiple roles with the Asian American Student Union and ROTC, and has served as the treasurer for UF's Pi Delta Psi chapter.

Growing up, he struggled with confidence as an Asian American. He said in high school, people assumed he was the smartest in the room and would ask for help on group projects. Others would make fun of his eyes.

Woowon Choi, 23, said his best moment with Sanguyo was when he decided he wanted to run for treasurer for Pi Delta Psi. Choi, a UF applied physiology and kinesiology senior, said Sanguyo has "changed the game" in the way the fraternity handles its finances.

"It was kind of heartwarming to see how he stepped up to that challenge of taking responsibility at a younger age when most people shy away from it," he said.

INSPIRE

Alyssa Bethencourt's heart rate was only 33 beats per minute when she was 15 years old.

For her age, around 70 to 100 beats per minute would be considered normal. At 14, she was diagnosed with anorexia.

Food was Bethencourt's way to cope with her sister Christine heart condition. At first she decided to eat less but became obsessed with counting her calories.

"With everything, you experience some hardships in life, and those are also experiences I'm very thankful for because they made me who I am today," the 20-year-old said.

Bethencourt's sister, 34-year-old Michelle Sanchez said she started to notice her sister's anorexia when they went on Bethencourt's quinceañera cruise. At breakfast, Sanchez said she noticed Bethencourt was barely eating.

"It was a huge struggle, and the whole family had to walk on eggshells because it's hard to identify with something you've never dealt with," Sanchez said.

The way her younger sister handled her disorder shows her true character, she added.

Bethencourt said the most important thing she learned from her disorder was to have a positive outlook on things.

"Nothing is going to be easy, and that's with everything you commit yourself to," Bethencourt said.

It took two years for Bethencourt, a UF Innovation Academy telecommunications junior, to overcome her disorder, she said. At UF, she became a part of the Freshman Leadership Council and directed the group's SG Outreach Committee. She sat in the sophomore seat of the Student Senate and was on the Allocations and Judiciary committees with Impact Party. She was also involved in the Black Student Union. She is running for treasurer with Inspire Party.

"I've been trying to be well-versed all over campus and multifaceted in all my involvement," Bethencourt said.

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20 Events/Notices

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 41 The Netherlands, informally | 52 Wander |
| 1 Android downloads | 1 Brother of Cain | 42 Lounge around | 53 Take the lid off |
| 5 Array around a surge protector | 2 Cuban currency | 43 Formally accuses of, with "for" | 54 It usually has a set of rules |
| 10 Words after deal or count | 3 Respected Smurf | 44 Heart-to-heart | 55 "That makes sense" |
| 14 Bridges of Hollywood | 4 Basking locale on a cruise ship | 45 Used to change a ceiling light bulb, as a chair | 56 Hard-to-resist feeling |
| 15 Part of a sports complex | 5 Walks like a duck | 48 Relieved (of) | 57 Actor Richard |
| 16 Enveloping glow | 6 Baghdad's country | 50 Move on tiptoe, say | 58 Moved quickly, old-style |
| 17 "NBA Friday" channel | 7 Eye care solution brand | | 59 Squad car driver |
| 18 Peachy | 8 Pulled the plug on | | |
| 19 Dental exam image | 9 Ties the knot | | |
| 20 Inquiry meant to entrap | 10 Largest amount | | |
| 23 Right-angled shape | 11 Money in Malta | | |
| 24 Per ___: daily | 12 Mideast nation in a 2015 nuclear deal | | |
| 25 Freebies with a bowl of soup | 13 Vote against | | |
| 30 Mud ___: type of wasp | 21 Lodge logo animal | | |
| 34 Sharp-eyed flier | 22 Hazmat suit hazard | | |
| 35 Nonfluctuating method of doing things | 25 Seals in the juices of | | |
| 37 Org. supporting flossing | 26 Traffic report source | | |
| 38 Freelancer's encl. | 27 Spy plane acronym | | |
| 39 QB scores | 28 Sit for a bit | | |
| 40 Impressionist once labeled "The Man of a Thousand Voices" | 29 ERA and RBI, e.g. | | |
| 45 Pedometer unit | 31 Montana city | | |
| 46 "Already?" | 32 Tribal leader | | |
| 47 First-stringers | 33 Talks hoarsely | | |
| 49 Honorary legal degs. | 36 Stetson hat material | | |
| 51 Ipanema's city | | | |
| 52 Wealthy, and a hint to the first word of 20-, 35- and 40-Across | | | |
| 59 Pop music's "hottest spot north of Havana" | | | |
| 60 Shut down | | | |
| 61 Three, in Germany | | | |
| 62 Baking chamber | | | |
| 63 Makes docile | | | |
| 64 Folklore brute | | | |
| 65 Remain up in the air | | | |
| 66 Sport with clay disks | | | |
| 67 Can't live without | | | |

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Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

- Who was the last St. Louis Cardinals player before Jedd Gyorko in 2016 to hit 30-plus home runs in a season?
- New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra caught three no-hitters — two by one pitcher. Name that pitcher.
- In 2015, Saquon Barkley broke the Penn State freshman record for rushing yards (1,076). Who had held it?
- When was the last time that the Houston Rockets swept a playoff series 4-0?
- Name the last team before the Pittsburgh Penguins (2016, 2017) to win consecutive Stanley Cups, each time in six games.
- When was the last time the U.S. men's team lost an individual backstroke final at the Olympics?
- In 2017, golfer Cristie Kerr set a record for most career points for a U.S. team member at the Solheim Cup (21 points). Who had held the mark?

Answers

- Carlos Beltran had 32 home runs in 2012.
- Allie Reynolds tossed both in 1951.
- D.J. Dozier rushed for 1,002 yards as a freshman in 1983.
- The Rockets swept Orlando in the 1995 NBA Finals.
- The Philadelphia Flyers, in 1974 and 1975.
- It was 1992.
- Juli Inkster had 18.5 points in her Solheim Cup career. Paula Creamer (19.5 points) also passed Inkster in 2017.

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| 5. Danger | | LIPRE |
| 6. Impelled | | UGEDR |
| 7. Provide, furnish | | NERDRE |

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| CLUE | DOWN | ANSWER |
| 1. Fife was one | | PUEDYT |
| 2. ___ bottle | | EMEUFPR |
| 3. Duty-bound | | BDEGIOL |
| 4. Bird of prey | | OCROND |

CLUE: The third-largest species of rodent.

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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BASEBALL

Gators demolish Siena to cap off opening weekend sweep

By Morgan McMullen
Sports Writer

Sophomore pitcher Tyler Dyson spiked his pitch into the dirt. The ball skipped between the legs of catcher Cal Greenfield and rolled to his right, allowing Siena's Brendan Conley to advance to third.

Conley had initially reached base because of another erratic throw from Dyson — a first pitch to Conley that grazed his elbow.

Dyson needed help. The encouragement started from the crowd, circling the bleachers.

"Let's go, Tyler!"

It spread to the infield. From second baseman Blake Reese and first baseman JJ Schwarz, the cheer made its way to right fielder Nelson Maldonado.

"Come on, Dye!"

Needing just one strike to get out of the jam, Dyson let a 2-2 pitch fly.

The ball struck aluminum and came right back through the middle of the infield to score the run.

While Dyson struggled with command of his fastball, the Gators' offense let loose on its way to a 19-2 win in the finale of its series with the Saints on Sunday afternoon at McKethan Stadium.

Dyson ended his afternoon after six innings pitched, allowing one earned run on five hits while compiling three strikeouts.

He also hit Siena shortstop Marcos Campos in the head with the first pitch of his at-bat,

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UF pitcher Tyler Dyson struggled with his command early in Florida's 19-2 victory over Siena in the series finale. "I got kind of out of sync and was pushing the ball a little bit," he said.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UF cruises past Vanderbilt for home victory on Senior Day

By Justin Ahlum
Sports Writer

A hand in her face didn't stop Dyantria Anderson. From the left wing of the three-point line, the senior guard shot over her defender, finding nothing but the bottom of the net and giving Florida a 16-point lead midway through the third quarter.

It was one of Anderson's two three-pointers on Sunday afternoon, as she and her fellow seniors enjoyed their second-to-last home game at the O'Connell Center with an 88-71 victory over Vanderbilt.

The contest belonged to the Gators' veterans, as they stole the show from start to finish. Before tip-off, Anderson, forwards Haley Lorenzen and Paulina

Hersler and guard Gabby Seiler were honored at half court as their teammates and spectators joined together to thank them for their contributions.

"(It's) exciting for our seniors to be able to go out like this," coach Cameron Newbauer said after the game. "They deserve it. They're special young ladies that have done so much for Florida in a number of areas."

After the honors, the Gators (11-16, 3-11 SEC) took the floor, dominating Vanderbilt (6-22, 2-12 SEC) on the offensive end of the floor. The team's scoring attack was led by its starting lineup, with four of the five Gators starters notching double-digit points.

Redshirt junior Funda Nakkasoglu led all scorers with 25 points on 8-of-

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Dear Adam Silver: Show the All-Star draft, please

Show the draft! That's how I feel about the new NBA All-Star Game format. I like that the league is trying to shake things up.

The All-Star Game is a whole bunch of dunks, threes and not a lick of defense. People want to see a more competitive game than last season's 192-182 circus act win for the Western Conference, its third in a row and seventh victory in the last nine years.

So how did NBA commissioner Adam Silver solve the competitive-balance discrepancy?

He took the game's top vote-getters, LeBron James and Stephen Curry, and had them take turns picking the remaining All-Star selectees, regardless of what conference they play in.

The prize money for the winning team



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was also increased to \$100,000 per roster member, incentivizing a more competitive game.

For all that, I give NBA commissioner Adam Silver a solid 'A' for his effort to create a more entertaining All-Star Weekend. There's just one problem.

The draft with LeBron and Steph was never televised!

And for that, I have to adjust his final grade to a 'C', and that's being generous.

Some people have argued that the draft shouldn't be shown so that the players who get picked last will have their identities protected. Seriously?!

I'll say it again. Seriously?!

It's not like the actual draft order won't come out eventually.

In fact, there are reports that big men Al Horford and LaMarcus Aldridge, who have a

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Florida pitcher **Aleshia Ocasio** gave up a walkoff home run in 11th inning of Sunday's matchup with Louisiana, ending UF's eight-game winning streak, pg. 14

UF women's golf team in first place at Allstate Sugar Bowl

Florida shot 5 under after Day 1 of the event held in New Orleans. Sophomore **Sierra Brooks** led the team with a score of 3 under, followed by sophomore **Marta Perez** at 2 under. Michigan State is one stroke behind Florida for second place. Round 2 of the competition starts this morning.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

White: Only thing consistent about UF is inconsistency



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Chris Chiozza allowed Vanderbilt guard Riley LaChance to drive past him for a go-ahead layup with less than two minutes remaining in Saturday's 71-68 loss.

By Jake Dreilinger

Sports Writer

As Vanderbilt guard Riley LaChance's second free-throw attempt bounced off the rim, guard Joe Toye sprinted into position, jumped up and brought down the rebound. With 2:04 left in the game and down by only one point, the Commodores had another chance to take the lead.

Nearly 11 seconds later, that second chance turned into an easy layup from the top of the key, as LaChance blew by UF guard Chris Chiozza and drove to the basket uncontested.

In the final 10 minutes of Florida's 71-68 loss Saturday against Vanderbilt (11-16, 5-9 SEC), the Gators looked like a different team than at the beginning of the game.

"First half, I thought we guarded at a really high level," UF coach Mike White said. "We were in a position to potentially steal one."

It's something White has been trying to fix all season — maintaining intensity throughout the game.

For the most part this season, the Gators have looked good in the first half, doing what their coach expects of them. But as the second half of those games approached the midway point, the other team typically creeps back into the game.

And it usually starts with the Gators' defense.

On Saturday, LaChance, who was limited to just six points in the first half, continuously found a way to get by Chiozza in the second, amassing 15 points in the frame.

In the last seven minutes, LaChance made two three-pointers, 3-of-4 free throws and a crucial layup with just under two minutes left, leaving White and the Gators with no answer for the senior guard.

"He's really good, and we can't allow those backoff threes that he shoots," White said. "We were trying to make him bounce the basketball."

The next thing to go is Florida's offense. Down the stretch, the Gators struggle to record a basket when needed.

In the last seven minutes against the Commodores, UF shot 4 of 12 from the field, missing two last-second three-pointers in the process.

Narrowing it down, after LaChance took the lead, Florida missed four shots that would've either taken the lead or tied the game, like guard Egor Koulechov's missed jump shot or guard Jalen Hudson's layup that bounced off the rim.

"If you're gonna steal one on the road," White said, "you got to make a layup."

Florida's inconsistency has plagued it this season, something it will need to sort out before the season ends. In the final 10 minutes, the Gators play like a different team.

With tough matchups against Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama and Kentucky coming up, they'll need to figure out how to close out games.

"It's not puzzling because it's who we are," White said. "The only thing consistent about this team is our inconsistency."

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GYMNASTICS

Balance beam bringing both highs and lows for Gators gymnasts

By Alana Gomez

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In what was supposed to be a series of perfect back handsprings, senior Alex McMurtry dropped to the floor off the balance beam. It was the first time since the 2017 season that she had competed in every event, a thought that didn't escape her mind even as she wrapped up her last event of the night. The fall resulted in a 9.325, one point higher than her season-low score of 9.225 against Auburn on Feb. 2.

In their 196.950-196.125 win over Geor-

gia on Friday night in Athens, the No. 5 Gators (6-1, 4-1 SEC) continued their five-meet winning streak. Despite taking three of the meet's four events, Florida's balance beam rotation stood out as it featured both an individual achievement and misstep.

"I feel we are still moving in the right direction," coach Jenny Rowland said in a release. "We had to count a fall, but on the other events, we showed big strides."

Though McMurtry didn't post a top score, two other Gators were able to find success against the No. 14 Bulldogs (3-4, 3-3 SEC). Sophomore Amelia Hundley took second with a score of 9.875, and freshman Alyssa Baumann's 9.900 was good for

her second career win. Baumann's routine proved to be more difficult than usual, as the duration of her performance was overshadowed by the sound of a home Georgia crowd celebrating Sydney Snead's 10.0 on floor.

"I couldn't hear myself think," Baumann said. "I just tried to tell myself (the cheering) was for me and to stay calm and confident."

Baumann's first career title came on Jan. 5 in Florida's season opener against West Virginia. Similar to her most recent competition, her score of 9.900 last month on beam helped her tie for first alongside sophomore Rachel Govey and junior Alicia

Boren. One person who is not surprised by the SEC Freshman of the Week's ability to adapt is Rowland.

"I know she heard it," Rowland said. "She didn't let anything get to her — really proud of her."

As UF heads back home to face No. 8 Arkansas on Feb. 23, Rowland remains confident in the team's ability to make improvements in its routines.

"Beam is an event we are very solid on," Rowland said. "And we will work out those little bumps."

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SOFTBALL

Walk-off home run seals Louisiana's upset win over Florida

By Mari Faiello

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Pitcher Aleshia Ocasio bent over and picked up some clay on the mound with her right hand.

She ran it through her fingers moments before her last pitch of the game, trying to keep herself composed 11 innings into the Gators' matchup against Louisiana. However, that calm demeanor on the mound changed to one of disappointment as Ocasio watched Ragin' Cajuns outfielder Cassidy Chaumont blast a home run toward left center field, securing two runs and a win for Louisiana.

No. 16 Louisiana (7-2) defeated No. 2 Florida (8-1) in the third and final game of the series on Sunday afternoon in Lafayette, handing UF its first loss of the season, 4-3.

Starting pitcher Kelly Barnhill was taken out of the game after three innings, finishing with one hit and two runs allowed — one unearned.

Three innings into the game, the Gators and the Ragin' Cajuns were tied 2-2, but both teams remained scoreless for the next seven innings.

Ocasio, who took control of the circle in the fourth inning, finished the game with six hits and two earned runs. It took five innings for the Gators to get a hit after they recorded two hits in the top of the third.

In the top of the ninth, utility player and catcher Danielle Romanello hit a line-drive single up the middle, but it wasn't enough for the Gators to get back on the scoreboard by the end of the inning.

One of the highlights of Sunday's game was in the bottom of the 10th when Ragin' Cajuns shortstop Alissa Dalton hit a ball over Ocasio's head right in front of second base.

The ball bounced once before it was fielded by shortstop Sophia Reynoso, who threw it to first to retire Dalton. First baseman Kayli Kvistad then slung the ball across the diamond to third base-

man Nicole DeWitt who outed Brittany Rodriguez as she slid through the base.

The 6-3-5 double play ended the inning and gave Florida enough momentum to score another run in the top of the 11th with the help of second baseman Hannah Adams.

With Ocasio already on second base, Adams drove a pitch to center field, giving Ocasio enough time to run home and put the Gators up 3-2.

Chaumont's two-run bomb in the bottom of the 11th, however, ended the game on a walk-off.

Despite Sunday's loss, Florida finished the series 2-1 overall, dominating Saturday's doubleheader with shutout scores of 4-0 and 9-0.

Up next for the Gators is another doubleheader against the Oakland Golden Grizzlies at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium on Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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FLORIDA'S
TOP PERFORMERSOF Amanda Lorenz
2-for-6, 2 RBIsOF/P Aleshia Ocasio
2-for-4, 2 Runs; 7.1 IP, 6 Ks, 2 ERC Janell Wheaton
1-for-4, 1 Run

Anderson, Lorenzen, Hersler combine for 50 points vs. Vandy

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16 shooting. She was lights out from behind the arc on Sunday, draining 7-of-13 shots from deep. When asked about her recent success (21.8 points per game in the last four contests), she deflected credit to the rest of her teammates and coaches.

"They gave me so much confidence today," Nakkasoglu said. "They were on my back through thick and thin."

The seniors who saw the court — Anderson, Lorenzen and Hersler — combined for 50 points and four triples on Sunday. Lorenzen also collected 11 rebounds, good enough for her 12th double-double of the year, while Anderson shot 6-of-9 from the field.

"We shot the ball really, really well," Lorenzen said. "And I think that's what helped open up the inside a lot. We've gotten really good at passing the ball inside, and my teammates just delivered the ball in great spots in the right moments."

Sophomore guard Delicia Washington didn't reach the double-digit point plateau, but flirted with a triple-double while battling an ankle sprain. She scored nine points, collected nine rebounds and dished out eight assists in the contest, despite doubt linger-

ing over her readiness prior to the game.

Newbauer said the decision to play her was made about 20 minutes before the opening tip.

"I thought she was terrific," Newbauer said. "I did not think she was gonna play. But that's just the mind over matter that she's grown to have. That maturity level from her this year has been fantastic for us."

Florida also controlled the battle on the boards, out-rebounding Vanderbilt 48-29 and grabbing 12 offensive rebounds in the process.

The Gators might have celebrated their seniors on Sunday, but there is still one more home game on the schedule. This Thursday, they will welcome another top-25 team when No. 11 Tennessee comes to Gainesville for the two teams' first and only meeting of the year.

Despite having one final home game, Florida's seniors enjoyed the day, grabbed a victory, snapped a six-game losing streak and were sent off in style.

"I couldn't be more grateful than to be battling with these girls every single day," Lorenzen said. "I'm very grateful and very blessed to be a Gator."

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Florida guard Dyandria Anderson scored 16 points and added four assists in UF's 88-71 win over Vanderbilt on Sunday.

Dyson allowed one run through six innings

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sending his batting helmet spinning to the dirt in the top of the third.

The hit batter preempted first baseman JJ Schwarz jogging to the mound for some quick encouragement from the senior captain.

"There's some things that I need to tweak a little bit," Dyson said. "A couple of times today, I got kind of out of sync and was pushing the ball a little bit."

While he may not have brought his best stuff to the mound, Dyson still threw his fastball at a consistent 92-93 mph while sparingly using his 82-mph changeup.

"He was a little off, to be honest," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "I would bet that you're gonna see a much better Dyson next weekend."

Florida started off the scoring in the first inning with a bases-loaded double from designated hitter Keenan Bell that scored two runs. The sophomore finished

the game 2-of-3 from the plate with four RBIs, hammering a home run into Siena's bullpen in right center field in the fifth inning.

"Keenan's a legitimate power bat in the middle of the order," O'Sullivan said.

Heading into the bottom of the sixth with a 7-1 lead, the Gators' offense wasn't content with cruising to the finish line.

UF sent nine men to the plate before the Saints recorded their first out of the inning. The frame featured a bases-loaded wild pitch, a balk and three extra-base hits.

Reese's bases-clearing double to right-center field drove in three of the Gators' nine runs in the sixth. He ended the game going 2-for-4 from the plate with four RBIs, a walk and two runs scored.

By the time Siena finally recorded its third out, the game had morphed into a 16-1 dismantling of the Saints.

"I think it's a testament to a long off-season and a lot of hard work," Reese said. "I was really impressed with our offense, obviously. I don't remember putting up 19 runs, I think, since I've been here."

Florida closed out the game with freshman right-handers Tommy Mace and Hunter McMullen in the eighth and ninth, respectively. The two combined for four strikeouts and allowed just one hit.

The Gators have Monday off before returning to McKethan Stadium to face Florida Atlantic on Tuesday night at 6.

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total of 11 All-Star appearances between them, were the last two picks in this year's pickup-style draft.

"I'm not a flashy player," Aldridge said. "That's OK."

See? That's OK.

It's alright to be the last of 22 All-Star picks (26 if you count the four players who were replaced due to injuries after the initial list was released) because there are 400-plus other NBA players — all of whom are among the world's best at the game of basketball — that didn't make the cut.

Honestly, are these guys' egos so fragile that they can't handle the general public knowing that they weren't a top pick?

To me, this is where the "prove 'em" mindset comes in handy.

Get picked first? Prove 'em right. Get picked last? Prove 'em wrong.

Aside from that, I want to see the players' reactions as it happens.

I want to see Kyrie Irving's face as he is selected by former teammate LeBron James.

I want to see how Russell Westbrook and Kevin Durant react when James picks the two former OKC teammates.

Please, oh please, I just want to see the draft.

Let me know, Mr. Silver.

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Florida's Top Opening Weekend Performers

P Brady Singer **7 IP, 8 Ks, 0 ER**

P Jackson Kowar **7 IP, 10 Ks, 2 ER**

C/1B JJ Schwarz **5-for-12, 1 HR, 3 RBIs**

2B Blake Reese **7-for-12, 4 Doubles, 5 RBIs**

SWIMMING & DIVING

SEC CHAMPS: UF men's team wins sixth straight conference title

By Jacob McManamon
Sports Writer

The Florida men's and women's swimming and diving teams completed the final day of the SEC Championships Sunday night at Texas A&M University.

The men's team clinched its sixth straight SEC championship in dominant fashion, winning by over 200 points. The men scored a total of 1,237 points, while second-place Georgia had 975.5 points.

The team finished the five-day competition with three more victories on Sunday. The first was by senior Caeleb Dressel in the 100-yard freestyle event, whose time of 41.01 seconds set a new SEC record. His performance comes on the heels of setting a new American record in the 100 breast with a time of 50.03.

"I think I'm in a good spot right now," Dressel said. "I think we're in a good spot as a team."

Another victory on Sunday came in the men's 200-yard breaststroke when senior Mark

Szaraneck won with a time of 1:51:86.

"I swam faster than I thought I would ever go," Szaraneck said. "It's been four years that I've wanted to win one of these SEC championships. I'm glad to get it done in my last event."

The men also won the 400-yard freestyle relay, which was the final event of the championships. Dressel, Szaraneck and sophomores Khader Baqlah and Maxime Rooney combined for the victory.

The women finished in seventh place with 619 points. Freshman Taylor Ault had a strong performance in the 1,650-yard freestyle, where she placed second place behind freshman Courtney Harnish of Georgia.

The Gators come home for the Florida Invitational Last Chance meet starting on Friday at the O'Connell Center. The NCAA Championships start on March 21 in Minnesota.

A TV broadcast contributed to this report.

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Florida's men's swimming and diving team won its sixth consecutive SEC Championship on Sunday, outscoring second-place Georgia by over 200 points.

MEN'S GOLF

Florida notches second-place finish at SunTrust Gator Invitational

By Sam Campisano
Sports Writer

After 36 holes on Saturday, the No. 8 Florida men's golf team was just one stroke behind No. 3 Vanderbilt for the lead in the SunTrust Gator Invitational, its first competitive event of the spring season.

Entering the final round Sunday, the Gators had a realistic opportunity to win their home event — held annually at the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville — for the first time since 2011.

Instead, Vanderbilt (-18) pulled away, finishing nine strokes ahead of the Gators (-9) for an easy victory. Florida was able to salvage second by shooting 2 under on the day, with South Florida, North Florida and UCF

rounding out the top five.

Despite his team finishing second out of 16, Florida coach J.C. Deacon wasn't happy with his team's performance.

"We just didn't have our best stuff this week," Deacon said. "Just didn't have it. We weren't good enough, and we gotta be better if we're gonna beat teams like Vanderbilt."

Florida's best performer this weekend was junior Gordon Neale, who shot 4 under and finished the tournament tied for eighth place. He was the only Gator in the top 10. Despite Neale's finish, Deacon believes his junior still has room for improvement.

"He made some pretty big mistakes today that cost him some bogeys, down the stretch especially," Deacon said. "If we're gonna be great, he's gotta be great."

Senior Alejandro Tosti was the only other Florida golfer to shoot under par, finishing 2 under.

"It was OK," Tosti said of his own performance. "Could have been better."

It was a solid weekend for freshman John Axelsen, who shot an even par. Sophomore Andy Zhang recovered after a poor performance on Saturday, shooting 2 under to finish the event at 1 over. It was not a good Sunday, however, for redshirt sophomore Blake Dyer, who finished the event at 5 over after shooting an even par on Saturday.

Florida freshmen Chris Nido and Won Jun Lee entered the event as individuals and did not factor into UF's overall score. They finished at 4 over and 6 over, respectively.

Vanderbilt played the role of the domi-

nant leaders Sunday, shooting 10 under in the final round. For the weekend, the Commodores had three players place in the top 10. Junior Will Gordon and sophomore John Augenstein both shot 6 under, putting them in a tie for fourth place in the event. Senior Theo Humphrey finished tied for eighth after shooting 4 under.

Missouri senior Hayden Buckley was the event's individual champion, shooting 6 under in the final round to finish the weekend at 8 under par.

Florida's next competitive action will take place at the Southern Highlands Collegiate, which begins on March 5 in Las Vegas.

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