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## New apartment complex on Southwest 13th announced

By Jessica Giles  
Alligator Staff Writer

Students could have another apartment complex to choose from come Summer 2020.

Campus Advantage, a Texas-based student housing management company, submitted plans to the city to build a four-story apartment complex with an accompanying five-sto-

ry parking garage at 1900 SW 13th St., said Michael Orsak, senior vice president of Campus Advantage. Americas Best Value Inn currently sits at that address, but the owners have already agreed to sell Campus Advantage the property if the plan is approved.

“We like this side in particular because it’s very close to the medical school of UF and the hospital,”

he said.

The complex will be built in a figure-eight shape and have 618 bedrooms. More than 50 percent of the units will be studios, one-bedroom or two-bedroom, which will target medical students, hospital staff and interns, he said. They will also offer three- to six-bedroom apartments.

Campus Advantage will settle rent prices after the total cost of con-

struction has been accounted for, Orsak said. Rent prices will be competitive with other newer complexes like The Nine at Gainesville and The Standard at Gainesville.

Amenities are still being discussed, but there will be a pool and at least eight study rooms. The company is considering including a courtyard with permanent hammocks hung up, grills and benches,

he said. Campus Advantage has allocated more than 12,000 square feet of space for amenities.

Orsak said the city could take up to nine weeks to approve the plan, but Campus Advantage intends to begin construction Oct. 1.

“We’re looking forward to developing and owning and managing our own property in the marketplace,” he said.

## Comedian John Mulaney cancels UF performance

By Elliott Nasby  
Alligator Staff Writer

Comedian John Mulaney will not be performing at UF, Accent Speakers Bureau announced Monday. The bureau is searching for another comedian to take his place.

Accent chairwoman Shelby Buchanan said Mulaney’s agents said he had “career opportunities that were too good to pass up.” Mulaney was scheduled to perform April 19 in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. She said no backup acts were prepared.

“We’re just as disappointed as people that we see on our Facebook page,” she said. “It’s been kind of a whirlwind.”

Mulaney was available to reschedule the show after April 26, but Buchanan said that would have conflicted with exams and the end of school.

The event, which was going to be co-sponsored by Student Government Productions and Accent Speakers Bureau, was part of Mulaney’s “Kid Gorgeous” tour, according to Alligator archives. He was supposed to be paid \$85,000 for the performance, but no refund has to be made because Accent pays speakers after performances.

Zach Marshall, a UF event management sophomore, said it was unfortunate because he was excited to see Mulaney perform. But he knows from his major that planning events is all about crisis management.

“He is only human, so these things happen,” 20-year-old Marshall said. “In a situation like this, being transparent is the best thing that you can do.”

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### A FLOWING FIRE

Sam Konchan, a UF botany junior, spins a set of fire fans in the backyard area of Flow Space, located at 117 NW 16th Ave. Spinning fire is only one form of the flow arts through which 21-year-old Konchan finds peace. See the story, pg. 4.

## GPD faces understaffing, sees rise in violent crime reports

By Amanda Rosa  
Alligator Staff Writer

Although Heather Fitts came to Gainesville Police Department’s town hall to ask about after-school programs, she learned about a decrease in the number of officers employed and increase in violent crime reports.

GPD Chief Tony Jones presented the department’s goals and accomplishments to about 40 residents at Gainesville High School on Tuesday evening.

Jones said the increase in violent crime reports by 8.4 percent is due in part to the success GPD has had in encouraging sexual as-

sault victims to file reports. Property crimes, which mostly involve theft from unlocked vehicles, decreased by 3.5 percent from last year, he said.

Jones said the department has closure rates above the national average, with 100 percent of homicide cases closed. Jones said Gainesville saw four homicides in 2017, an anomaly to the usual two a year.

Jones also announced the department will create its first strategic plan to determine how to increase efficiency from 2019 to 2022. The department will use surveys and input from GPD staff and Gainesville residents and already had tablets and laptops set up at the town hall

for anonymous feedback.

“It will give us some benchmarks that we will need to strive for within the next three years,” Jones said in an interview. “You always gotta have a roadmap of where you’re going.”

GPD only staffs 279 officers of its 307 allocated positions, which Jones attributes to a national depletion of law enforcement officers. The department lost officers to resignation and retirement, and few new recruits have taken their places. Jones said federal agencies have recruited GPD officers by offering better pay.

“We’re hurtin’ for police officers, folks,” he said.

Jones also updated residents on the department’s 2012 Disproportionate Minority Contact Initiative, which reduced the arrests of black youth by 57.3 percent from 2014 to 2017. Jones attributed the initiative’s success to programs that encourage dialogue between officers and youth and mentorship.

“What we try to do is tear down that barrier so that we can communicate,” he said.

Fitts, a 22-year-old Gainesville resident, said GPD should give east Gainesville students an equal opportunity to those of west Gainesville.

“There’s an issue with equal enforcement,” she said. “Even though it’s 2018, race is still a

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### GETTING ON TRACK

UF sprinter Kunle Fasasi moved from Nigeria to Gainesville in 2015 to pursue a collegiate track career, pg. 15.



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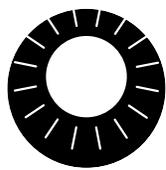


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Authors@UF: Whitney Sanford**

Whitney Sanford's book "Living Sustainably: What Intentional Communities Can Teach Us about Democracy, Simplicity, and Nonviolence" illustrates how groups of intentional communities are living out values such as nonviolence, social equity and sustainability. She will discuss her book at 6 p.m. in the Smathers Library, Room 100. Between 2011 and 2015, Sanford visited more than 20 intentional communities across the U.S., including ecovillages, cohousing communities and Catholic worker houses and farms to see how these communities translate values into actual practices of eating, building and governing.

**Libraries closed for Easter**

Alachua County Library District will be closed for Easter Sunday. All branches will be closed. Book drops at branches and online services through the Library District's eBranch at [aclib.us](http://aclib.us) will be available. All 12 branch locations and two bookmobiles will resume their regular schedules April 2. For more information, visit [aclib.us](http://aclib.us) or call 352-334-3900.

**Take Back the Night**

Strive UF will hold "Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence" from 5:30 to 9 p.m. April 4 on the Plaza of the Americas. Survivors are in-

vited to speak on the nature of their sexual assault and recovery. Free T-shirts or tank tops are available for the first 300 marchers. For more information, call 352-273-4450.

**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 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 5 at Tower Road Library Branch, located at 3020 SW 75th St. Attorneys from the Josiah T. Walls Bar Association and law students from the Levin College of Law will provide one-on-one assistance to those who have been convicted of a felony and are interested in applying to have their civil rights restored. These presentations are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information, visit [aclib.us/law](http://aclib.us/law) or call 352-334-3900.

**National Library Week**

During National Library Week, which is April 8 to 14, Alachua County Library District joins libraries nationwide to celebrate the many ways libraries lead their communities with the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer. Celebrations include National Library Workers Day on April 10 and National Bookmobile Day on April 11.

**Fulbright Awareness Month**

Have an event planned? Add it to the **alligator's** online calendar: [alligator.org/calendar](http://alligator.org/calendar)

The UF International Center will hold Fulbright Awareness Month until April 12. Multiple informational sessions for students, scholars, faculty and staff will provide opportunities to learn about the Fulbright application process and hear about the experiences of past scholars and students. This year, information sessions will be led by Peter VanDerwater, the director of outreach at the Council for International Exchange for Scholars in Washington, D.C. To schedule an individual consultation with VanDerwater, email [canumba@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:canumba@ufic.ufl.edu). For more information, visit [internationalcenter.ufl.edu](http://internationalcenter.ufl.edu).

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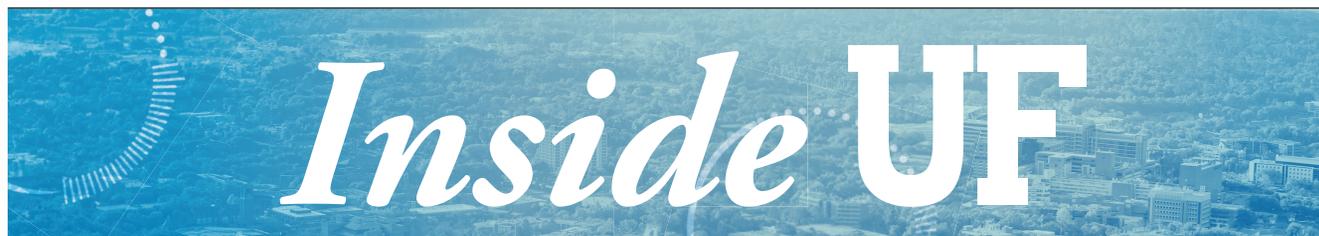
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The class is free, but enrollment is limited to ensure the highest level of quality instruction. Below are the following classes in the Spring semester.

- Thursday, Mar. 29 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 11 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 30 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 14 6:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at the UFPD – Community Services Division classroom (Building 596). The UFPD is located at the corner of Museum Road and Newell Drive.

For more information or to register, please email the program coordinator, Officer Susan Pratt, at [spratt@ufl.edu](mailto:spratt@ufl.edu). Please provide your name, email address, phone number, and which class dates you would like to attend.



## Looking for Summer Camp Possibilities?

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## Four Cabinet-Level Searches Underway

Four UF cabinet-level searches are currently underway and expected to be filled within the coming months.

In January, Jane Adams, UF's current Vice President for University Relations, announced she would retire from UF in April after more than 13 years of exemplary service at the University of Florida. As part of the search to fill her role, President Fuchs has established two leadership positions—a Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing as well as a Vice President for Government and Community Relations.

In November, the university also announced searches to fill the Vice President and General Counsel as well as a Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Advisor to the President.

While the timeframe for each of these searches will vary slightly based on scheduling availability, in general, each will follow a similar process that includes preliminary interviews with the search committee as well as opportunities for top candidates to engage with the campus community and to interview with key stakeholders.

All of the positions will remain open until filled and the university hopes to have all positions filled and ready to go by the beginning of the fall semester, if not earlier.

Faculty and staff interested in engaging with any of the finalists should be on the lookout for announcements of campus visits in campus communications.

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## UF Celebrates Bike Month

On Friday, Mar. 30 — “Bike to Campus Day” — the UF Office of Sustainability will welcome bike commuters with free breakfast and information about the “Gator Go: Bikes” program at the Plaza of the Americas from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, Mar. 31, a community bike ride will be held from UF to Depot Park. The all-ages ride will take participants to bicycle infrastructure and friendly roads that make UF and Gainesville one of the best cities to bike. The ride will start at the Plaza of the Americas at 9 a.m. and conclude in Depot Park at approximately 9:30 a.m.

For more information about UF Bike Month, please visit [sustainable.ufl.edu/news-events/events/uf-bike-month](http://sustainable.ufl.edu/news-events/events/uf-bike-month) or email [info@sustainability.ufl.edu](mailto:info@sustainability.ufl.edu).



## Family Day at the Farm

The University of Florida's Dairy Unit invites you to the 5th Family Day at the Dairy Farm on Mar. 31. This annual event is an open house to visit a working dairy farm. There will be 20 stations with educational information, staffed by professors, graduate students and volunteers. Attendees can expect a fun-filled, educational experience with researchers and veterinarians who work to improve Florida's dairy production, animal welfare and

environmental sustainability. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and is located at 13515 NW CR-237 in Alachua.

Family Day at the Dairy Farm is presented by University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, with support from Florida Dairy Farmers.

For more information, visit: [facebook.com/FamilyDayattheDairyFarm](https://facebook.com/FamilyDayattheDairyFarm)



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# UF student finds peace, community by juggling fire and props

By Madi Spector

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Sam Konchan's neighbors called the police on him, he said he wasn't committing arson.

He was just spinning a flaming hula hoop around his body.

Konchan, a 21-year-old UF botany junior, has been performing with fire and props for three years, but has been playing with props since his sister left her batons unattended when he was 12 years old.

In the summer of 2015, while he was at Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Tennessee, he was drawn to a girl's LED hula-hoop performance.

As he watched her roll the illuminated hoop from her forearm across her chest, like basketball players with balls, Konchan was mesmerized.

After the festival, Konchan practiced tricks for hours each day. Three years later, he's improved his techniques in flow arts.

He practices in the field by Oxford Terrace II Apartments, at Depot Park, as well as on the Plaza of the Americas. He usually does it at night — when it's easier to see at West Side Park.

Konchan started his journey with a prop of tethered weights called "poi," which is manipulated to look like spinning fire balls. He also uses hula hoops, which have three to four wicked prongs, and a dragon staff, or a metal rod with pinwheel-like ends that can be twirled in the air.

Practicing brings him peace, Konchan said.

"It's this meditative state. It's a flow state of mind," he said. "You zone really hard on the present."

His first professional performance was at the 2017 Imagine Music Festival in Atlanta. He walked around wearing multi-colored sequined leggings and fake pink scales painted on his body.

Konchan worked as an unpaid character actor dressed as a merman and performed with LED props.

"It was great to be a part of something I believed in," he said. "I love the vibe of people being themselves and opening themselves up."

He plans to return to the festival in 2019 as the leader of a group of roaming character actors. In 2020, he hopes to be on stage as a fire performer.

Konchan said his family and friends have been supportive of his passion. He has received some negative jeers from strangers, who called him a f---, but he said he found the

comments immature. He knows the flow arts community, which spreads across the globe, is accepting. A Facebook group he's in, Infinite Circles, currently has about 30,000 members, he said.

Another local performer, AJ Henry, 26, has been practicing flow arts for four years. He and Konchan met three years ago in a Gainesville group of fire performers called Ambiance. The two are also part of a group called Phoenix Fire & Performance Art that includes 10 people from Gainesville and Jacksonville.

Henry learned to breathe and eat fire at Flashpoint, a festival for artists and jugglers, last October in Stuart, Virginia. He said he became addicted to practicing.

There are numerous safety precautions when performing, he said. One misstep could lead to hospital-

ization, so he always has someone present with a fire blanket in case anything goes wrong.

For Henry, the community offers lifelong friendships.

"When I go to a festival or a show in a different city, I know that I will either know someone there, or I will be able to make new friends," he said.

In the future, Konchan sees himself possibly working for The Walt Disney Co. as a performer. He said he wants to keep exploring the practice because he thinks it brings people together.

"With cellphones and technology now, people have a hard time just sitting down with their eyes closed and not fidgeting," he said. "But having something active and moving in calm states, it gives you time to zone in and be really peaceful."

## GUIDE TO DINING OUT

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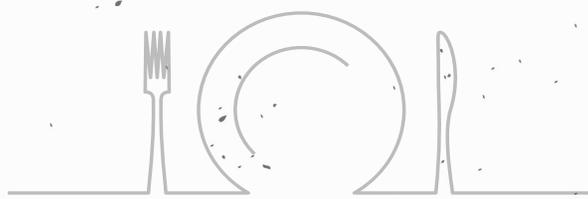
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# GPD arrests man a day after hotel clerk assaulted

**THE ATTEMPTED BATTERY TOOK PLACE AT SLEEP INN AND SUITES.**

**By Robert Lewis**  
Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man was arrested a Tuesday after a hotel clerk was attacked Monday morning. Gainesville Police said he left his phone at the scene.

Anthony Carl Williams, 38, walked into the lobby of Sleep Inn and Suites, at 4110 SW 40th Blvd., at



Williams

about 2 a.m. and sat near the clerk, Officer Ben Tobias, a GPD spokesperson, wrote in an email. He whispered about a car and Waffle House, and she told him they were out of rooms to rent and asked him to leave, according to an arrest report.

He refused to leave, and after she asked again, Williams took out a Bible and started talking about Chris-

tianity, police said. The clerk told police Williams walked in and out of the restroom and then grabbed her by the neck with both hands, dragging her to the hotel's kitchen, according to the report.

She struggled to free herself and screamed for help as he dragged her to the kitchen of the hotel's dining room, took off her sweater and started unbuttoning her blouse, police said.

A hotel guest heard the struggle and walked in, causing Williams to let go of the clerk and flee, police said. He left his phone behind, and

police used a search warrant to go through the phone and identify Williams, according to the report.

The clerk's neck, stomach and left forearm were cut during the attack, police said.

Someone at the Waffle House near the hotel told police they saw Williams that morning, and officers saw him on security camera footage wearing the same clothes the clerk described, according to the report.

The witness from the restaurant picked Williams out of a photo lineup, but the clerk chose a different person, according to the report.

Police didn't interview Williams about the crime because he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

He also faces a charge of attempted sexual battery, a charge of false imprisonment and kidnapping, according to the GPD report.

Williams was arrested Tuesday by Alachua County Sheriff's Office on an unrelated charge of drug equipment possession or use, according to court records.

Williams was taken to the Alachua County Jail where he remains, as of press time, in lieu of a \$4,000 bond.

# UF Board of Trustees votes in new chairman for two-year term

**THOMAS KUNTZ WAS CHOSEN AS VICE CHAIR.**

**By Elliott Nasby**  
Alligator Staff Writer

The UF Board of Trustees unanimously selected an Iranian immigrant as its next chairman in a meeting last Friday.

Mori Hosseini, the CEO of a construction company named Intervest Construction Inc., was nominated by the board's current chairman, Bill Heavener. Hosseini will assume his new role July 1, UF spokesperson Margot

Winick, wrote in an email.

A new chair is chosen every two years, Winick said. Trustees volunteer to serve on the board and do not get paid, according to bylaws.

Prior to coming to UF in 2016, Hosseini was chairman for other boards, including the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

UF President Kent Fuchs said that as an

immigrant from Iran, Hosseini recognized the immense value in a college education as a means to a better life.

"We're very, very fortunate that he is the (next) chair of our board," Fuchs said.

Hosseini first studied at Chelsea College in England for a few years before receiving his master's in business administration from Embry-Riddle in 1982. Two years before he graduated, he founded Intervest Construction Inc. in Daytona.

As a chairman-elect, Hosseini nominated board member Thomas Kuntz, also elected unanimously, to serve as vice chair.

Kuntz, also a former chairman for the

Board of Governors, joined the board this Spring after being appointed by Gov. Rick Scott in January, according to Alligator archives.

Fuchs said Hosseini is invested in improving Florida's higher education and regularly meets with Gov. Rick Scott and other politicians in Tallahassee about getting more funding for state universities in his free time.

"The word passionate is really the only word I can think of," Fuchs said.

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# Senate supports early voting at UF

**By Christina Morales**  
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Senate unanimously passed a resolution declaring support for early voting locations on college campuses Tuesday night.

Now that the resolution, co-written by senators and sponsored by groups like Chomp the Vote and the Vote Everywhere Ambassadors, is passed, it will be sent to several Florida universities as well as state officials, including Gov. Rick Scott, Rep. Chuck Clemons and Sen. Keith Perry.

An early voting forum will be held at 6 p.m. on April 4 in Pugh Hall to offer information about how to pass legislation to allow for early voting locations on campus, said Sen. Sam Jenkins (Inspire, District C), who co-authored the resolution.

Sen. Michael Rosen (Impact, Liberal Arts) won the open seat in the Information and Communications Committee in a vote of 43-36 against Jenkins.

Senate also unanimously passed a \$572.99 bill for Lucha Latina, a new student organization aiming to help Latinas prepare

for interviews and create bonds through a mentorship program.

Sen. Maria Perez (Impact, District D), who also serves as the president of the organization, said the purpose is to reach out to the community but also prepare its members. She wants to create a scholarship program for high school seniors in the area and help students prepare for the college application process.

"We want to be able to create a safe space not only for Latinas, but all UF students," Perez said.

# About 40 people attended

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big issue, and GPD isn't equal in its hiring and arrests."

Mayor Lauren Poe attended the town hall to hear from both GPD officers and the residents they serve, he said.

"We always know we can do better. We take our job very seriously here," Poe said. "We got a great leader in the chief, and we'll constantly be trying to improve."

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**Announcements made during Jones' presentation:**

- GPD stopped using Pressure Point Control Technique, which is used to deescalate potentially violent suspects by manipulating pressure points, in 2017.
- Officers attended mandatory in-service training on the updated use-of-force guidelines.
- The department's Student Resource Officer program was awarded "Unit of the Year" by the Florida Association of School Resource Officers.
- GPD is looking to transition patrol vehicles from Dodge Chargers to Ford Interceptor SUVs.

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## Editorial

## Don't forget about Puerto Rico

Ever since Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico Sept. 20, the island and its people have struggled to get by. It was the most powerful storm in about a century, and the island of about 3 million people was struck head on.

You may assume that in six months things have gotten back to normal, but some residents in Puerto Rico are still without water, shelter and power. In the town of Yabucoa, where 35,000 people sat through the eye of the storm, just 35 percent of the town is energized, according to Mother Jones. The town is providing water to its citizens by using 25 generators to power pumps. Significant damage can be seen throughout the town, including piles of debris near city hall.

According to The New York Times, the hurricane knocked out all electricity for nearly 70 percent of all households and destroyed towns with floods and mudslides. Six months later, 7 percent of the island's population still has no power, according to the Los Angeles Times.

In November, the island officials estimated that after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, they would need nearly \$95 billion to rebuild the island. But the money received hasn't been enough. Puerto Rico officials have complained continuously that the federal government isn't doing enough to help with recovery.

If Florida got hit as Puerto Rico did, we wouldn't be writing this editorial. The Red Cross would have stepped in. The National Guard would be working to help people from their homes and distribute food and water. The government would have passed emergency funding to ensure available resources for power and restoration of available water. You saw this after Hurricane Irma as officials ordered evacuations to protect residents and make sure supplies were ready.

And while it's more difficult to give emergency aid to an island than a part of the contiguous U.S., we need to do more. And we need to start with representation.

Out of the 540 people who represent the U.S. and its territories in Congress, only one person goes to the Capitol on behalf of Puerto Rico. Her name is Jenniffer González-Colón, and she has no vote.

And she's not the only one. Representatives for Washington, D.C.; American Samoa, Guam; the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands also have no vote on legislation on the Congress floor.

And while these representatives can propose legislation political clout, this lack of power is reflective of how the U.S. views its territories: as second-class.

Don't forget about Puerto Rico. But most importantly, don't forget about the people.

While some are still on the island waiting patiently, thousands have left. The majority of the migrants have come to Florida, according to CNN. We must be conscientious of this. We must keep this in mind and try to help as much as possible.

In an op-ed column in The New York Times, Daiza Aponte Torres, who is living in a New York hotel with her two daughters, wrote, "We're barely surviving ... We were confined to our rooms all day. My limited English has made it difficult to find a job. I applied for welfare assistance so that I could feed my children, but the request was denied twice."

It can be difficult to feel connected to the island when at the political level it faces an uphill battle for representation.

It's on us to make sure they feel welcome and ask our legislators to represent the voice of Puerto Rico.

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## Column

## 'The Office' doesn't get love and relationships right

This past weekend, I watched a lot of episodes of "The Office." Episodes of this show are like potato chips — just one is never enough. And, pretty soon a third of the bag is gone. That's how this weekend went for me: I blinked, and I'd watched five episodes in a row.

It's one of the most uncomfortable yet compelling things I've ever watched. I have to restrain myself from yelling at the TV during almost every episode. Usually, my aggression is toward Michael Scott for doing things like kissing Oscar or promising young African American children he could pay for their college tuition when he's deeply in debt. There's never been a show like "The Office." There's never been a show that can elicit a cringe and a laugh so effortlessly at the same time.

But that is not the only reason I find "The Office" interesting. Some of the most memorable scenes and storylines on the show were the office romances: Jim and Pam, Michael and Holly, Dwight and Angela, Andy and Erin. The list goes on.

In almost every case, the office romances that the characters of the show favored consisted of two radically homogenous people with similar tastes, senses of humor and personalities. Jim and Pam goof off and see the absurdity in modern corporate life; Dwight and Angela hate everything and everyone except each other; Michael and Holly never grew up.

I find this interesting and reflective of how our culture relates to love and romance in the real world. True happiness comes from finding your soulmate — this view is embedded within almost every episode of "The Office." Jim and Pam, for instance, discovered the people they were with, Karen and Roy, respectively, weren't their true loves; they were people they could share a good life with but not a fulfilling one. They discovered they were meant for each other and couldn't exist or live full lives without each other.

Their romance is sweet; not rooting for them is like not



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wanting the Rebels to defeat the Empire. But their romance is flawed, or at least the show's view of love is flawed. It transfigures romantic relationships into something they are not and can never be. Relationships are not glamorous, divine or messianic; relationships are not always wonderful and fun. Relationships are like gardens, not theme parks. They take cultivation, care and work, but the fruits are infinitely worth the labor.

My girlfriend and I have dated for almost four years now, and it has not always been pretty. Sometimes I wondered if we should break up; we have had disagreements, fights and doubts, and sometimes we have just wanted to be around each other. I'm glad we have remained together, but why should we expect any different? We are two deeply flawed people in close emotional proximity. We are bound to have problems. Indeed, we should expect them, not naively think we can pass over them.

And yet, we are quick to disillusionment at the first hints of trouble. We have a fairytale conception of love. "The Office" preaches if we just found our special someone, everything would be better. What happens, though, when the feelings of love diminish as they always do? Because we expect love to be nothing but bliss, we struggle to account for why we don't always feel love for our significant others or why we don't always want to be around them.

"The Office," or hardly any form of pop culture for that matter, does not show this side of the coin. Our culture associates love with feelings and wonders why love is so hard to find — why it always eludes us. Feelings are like the wind — we have no idea where it comes from or where it is going. Feelings are the ficklest things about us. To build a relationship off of them is to inevitably bury yourself in quicksand.

Love is a lot of ambiguous things, but I know it is more than feelings. I wish I could tell Michael Scott that.

Scott Stinson is a UF English junior. His column focuses on popular culture.

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

## MUSIC

# Big Freedia 'Queen of Bounce' to perform tonight at High Dive

By Emma Witmer  
Avenue Writer

Big Freedia is coming to High Dive tonight with all of the hype and booty shaking that fans know and love.

Local artists Hugo Sanchez and Prayze will be opening for the New Orleans-based rapper. The doors for the show open at 8 p.m., and the show begins at 8:30 p.m.

As always, High Dive shows are open to guests 18 years or older, and those under 21 will be charged an additional \$3 fee. Tickets for the show are available for \$17 at highdivegville.com and the High Dive box office. Tickets can also be purchased at Hear Again Records for an additional \$1 charge.

Big Freedia is an energetic rapper who shatters crowds with fast-paced, crowd-interactive bounce music meant to get audiences moving and shaking. Big Freedia is also known for addressing social issues within her music, particularly regarding LGBTQ issues. While Big Freedia uses feminine pronouns, she told the Huffington Post in 2014 she prefers not to be categorized by gender.

"People get confused by if I am he or she," Big Freedia said in an opening monologue for the song "Explode."

"I am more than just Big Freedia. I am more than just Queen Diva. I am more than just Freddie Ross. I am

me," the Queen of Bounce said.

Big Freedia's opener Hugo Sanchez is an ever-expanding Gainesville hip-hop artist whose themes often grapple with politics and social justice matters as well. His most recent album, "Bad Hombres," delves into those topics.

"I think that art, for a long time, has had responsibility to shine a light on issues and express things that are difficult to express ... The role of the artist has always been to observe what's going on around you," Sanchez said.

Sanchez approaches these topics with a modern take on a 90s sound. The rapper gets inspiration from old cartoons, video games, music videos and other millennial retro subject matter.

"I'm really just in love with that aesthetic for a lot of reasons, you know," Sanchez said. "First of all, the sound — artistically it really appeals to me, but also it intrigues me the way that it's subversive, you know. There was a lot of bad stuff happening in the 90s. It wasn't that great of a time."

Sanchez said exploring media from his childhood has allowed him to peel back a curtain and see the effects of a lack of minority representation in that time.

"I realized as a Latino, as a brown-skinned man, that the only time I saw minorities in ads or in commercials

was in a food commercial or dancing or something," Sanchez said. "For a long time, the media and society have been telling people of color that they fit into certain roles and certain roles only. They've been telling women the same thing ... I think all of that is crumbling now."

For this same reason, Sanchez said he feels connected to the 60s as an era of social unrest and youth activism.

"Despite the problems that they had, despite the struggles that they were fighting, despite who the ruling class was at the time, the art still came through," Sanchez said.

Despite his frustrations with the slow progress in minority representation, Sanchez said he feels encouraged by the uptake in youth activism today, particularly surrounding the #NeverAgain movement against gun violence.

"It's like these young protesters are saying," Sanchez said. "The older generations are failing us, and it's because we haven't jumped into the ring to fight for our own causes."

In addition to his performance with Big Freedia, Sanchez has several projects in the works. He is working on music videos and a new hip-hop album, which will be titled "The Burp Stack Rack Files." Sanchez is also working with other artists to expand beyond the hip-hop genre into a more rock and soul sound.



Courtesy to The Alligator

Big Freedia, who is largely credited with popularizing New Orleans' bounce genre, will perform tonight.

# Electronic producer Crankdat to perform in Gainesville

*Here are six of his songs you must hear before Friday's show*

By Natalie Rao  
Avenue Editor

Each Spring, UF's Phi Kappa Tau chapter turns from normal fraternity house to lush paradise — with nearly 100,000 pounds of sand included.

The tropical transformation is Phi Kappa Tau's "Oasis," a yearly party and concert that brings impressive electronic performers to Gainesville. Previous headliners include Kap Slap, Project 46, Candyland, Sam Feldt and SNBRN, with the headliner growing more popular each year.

The annual event will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, with \$10 tickets available from fraternity members (more information on how to get tickets is available on the Facebook event page.) Local performers Les Voss and Netgate will provide opening support for the show.

Crankdat, one of electronic music's fastest rising producers known for both diverse originals and unique "Re-Cranks" and remixes, will headline "Oasis" this year.

At just 21, Crankdat may be younger than a handful of the students he'll perform for Friday. This youth shines through in the vibrancy of his releases, which push the limits of production while still maintaining a clean sound design beyond his years. The artist has proven time and time again he can dive deep as well as dial it back. He has experimented in genres like trap, bass house, electro house, dubstep and future. No matter the style, Crankdat always seems to do it justice while simultaneously breathing new life into the sound.

Here are some of his best tracks:

### Need Somebody

This is one of Crankdat's most recent releases, and it could be one of his best. He

turns up the bass for a ferocious foundation while tying in higher-pitched, distorted synths that keep things unexpected.

### I Hold Still (with Jauz, feat. Slushii)

Last summer, Crankdat teamed up with Jauz for one of the most exciting bass collaborations of the year. Together they created a song that's both uplifting and heavy-hitting, with a light intro leading into a powerful bass house drop.

### Joyryde – The Box (Crankdat Re-Crank)

Any doubt in Crankdat's range of sound is squashed with his remix of "The Box." The drop is absolutely relentless with gritty bass kicks, heavy percussion and varying vocal samples dropped in throughout.

### Lil Yachty – 1 Night (Crankdat Re-Crank)

Although Lil Yachty's voice is recogniz-

able, the radiant synth melodies and bouncy percussion of this remix make for a reinvented sound that'll have you smiling and dancing all at once.

### Game Over (with Lookas)

The name of this 2016 collaboration with Lookas is no surprise — the furious-paced production and ominous overall sound would make a fitting match for a post-apocalyptic video game. With nearly 3 million plays on Spotify, fans seem to agree.

### Dollars

As one of his most popular releases with more than 1.5 million streams on Spotify, "Dollars" is also one of Crankdat's most fun. With a production style that doesn't take itself too seriously and lyrics that are impossible not to sing along to, we hope this one is a shoe-in for his set Friday.



Keep up with the Avenue on Twitter. Tweet us @TheFloridaAve.

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Essential tracks to get you into local music, pg. 9.

LOCAL

# The best events to attend this weekend in Gainesville

By Natalie Rao  
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This weekend, Gainesville is allowing you to do more than simply look for treat-filled Easter eggs. Gainesville is holding concerts, events and mini-festivals leading up to the Christian holiday on Sunday.

No matter how you enjoy spending your time — whether your thing is experimental electronic music, opera or art — you'll most likely find something you're interested in, in our event breakdown below.

**March 29: An Evening with Friends at the University Gallery**

This event for the Friends of Art + Art History will be the first of its kind. It will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the University Gallery, located at 400 SW 13 St. The gallery will show its "MFA Thesis Candidates Exhibition I." It will offer catering by Blue Water Bay. A silent auction featuring work by both faculty and locals will take place. Membership is required to attend. For more information and to register, interested people can visit [arts.ufl.edu/artistry](http://arts.ufl.edu/artistry). Annual membership starts at a \$50 donation, according to the website.

**March 29: COFRESI, SIDE TRAKD and Losa Folk at High Dive**

With an experimental sound that pulls from atmospheric synth melodies, skittering percussion and heavily distorted vocals placed in a relaxed ebb and flow of sound, Chicago-based producer COFRESI consistently breathes fresh air into electronic music. His songs are unique and no two songs sound the same as the artist dips into genres like trap, future bass, rhythm and blues and more. COFRESI will bring that sound to High Dive, located at 210 SW Second Ave., at 9 p.m. The event will also feature local performers opening: SIDE TRAKD and Losa Folk. Tickets are available at [ticketfly.com](http://ticketfly.com) starting at \$12.

**March 30: PhaseOne at Simon's**

Diehard electronic fans can keep the music going Friday. Hailing all the way from Australia, electronic producer PhaseOne is traveling half a world from home to perform at Simon's, located at 8 S. Main St. This artist may be one of the



Australia-based artist PhaseOne's fusion of heavy metal and bass music has taken him on tour all around the world.

heaviest in the game right now, as he fuses the in-your-face, rumbling basslines of dubstep with the ferocious guitar, percussion and vocals of heavy metal to create a ruthless signature that has brought him all around the globe. Myprey, Ferra and FLTHYVBZ will open the show, which starts at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) starting at about \$12.

**March 30 and 31: The Barber of Seville at the University Auditorium**

The UF Opera Theatre will show a comedic opera titled "The Barber of Seville" at the University Auditorium, located at 333 Newell Drive. The opera is by Italian

composer Gioachino Rossini. The family-friendly performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday. Tickets can be found at the Performing Arts Box Office or at [performingarts.ufl.edu/ticket](http://performingarts.ufl.edu/ticket), with prices starting at \$10 for students.

**March 31: Spring Full Moon Fest**

In addition to celebrating the full moon, this miniature festival at First Magnitude Brewing Company, located at 1220 SE Veitch St., features performances by Stew, Everybody Gaines and Head Stash. Local groups Locochino and Aquanova will also come together to host the third "Stank Jam." The event starts at 4 p.m.

and goes until 11 p.m. Admission to the family-friendly event is free.

**March 31: Mindwalk at Heartwood Soundstage**

Mindwalk, a local contemporary group with musicians of all ages, will bring its talent to Heartwood Soundstage, located at 619 S. Main St. The ensemble has performed at festivals like SunFest, Kissimmee Jazz Festival and Gator Growl. Its smooth jazz show will start at 8 p.m. Tickets start at about \$19 after fees and are available at [heartwoodsoundstage.com](http://heartwoodsoundstage.com).



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MUSIC

# Avenue's Essential Playlist of talented local musicians

By Emma Witmer  
Avenue Writer

into the vibrant local scene may seem overwhelming, so here's some essentials to get you started...

- Flipturn** – Vanilla
- The Hails** – Younger
- Retrolux** – Silhouettes
- Pearl and the Oysters** – Lake Alice
- Alumine** – Lele
- Hugo Sanchez** – Brown Privelege
- The Savants of Soul** – Mr. Medicine Man
- Flipturn** – Churches
- The Hails** – Parking Lot
- The Savants of Soul** – Second Chance Lover
- Whale Feral** – Alice
- Alumine** – Cómo Te Ves
- Pearl and the Oysters** – Melinda Melinda
- Retrolux** – 21
- Flipturn** – Hypoxia
- Hugo Sanchez** – Lil Tony Danza

Of course, there are even more artists and music developing all the time in the Gainesville area. This just scratches the surface of the talent in our town.

If you love music and you're sick of the radio, check this out.

Gainesville is home to a talented and diverse array of musicians who are churning out quality jams right under your nose. Maybe you've caught them at a show at The Atlantic, Dance Marathon or High Dive but never looked them up. Or maybe you've made it to massive events like Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival only to realize the talented group you're seeing is actually from your college town.

Listening to local artists not only exposes you to new music, but it also allows Gainesville to continue to be the cradle of creativity it is today. And if one thing is for certain, some of these bands won't always be in Gainesville playing affordable shows at local venues, so there's no time like the present to get familiar with them.

From socially conscious rap to soulful big band to modern indie rock, there's a local group for everyone in Gainesville. Diving



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Flipturn is just one of many local bands making waves in Gainesville. Their most recent single, "Churches," dropped in February. Find it on Spotify.

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# Doggy Easter egg hunt raises money for local pet rescue

By **Natalie Weymouth**  
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Similarly to how they do it when their owners arrive home, more than 50 four-legged friends bolted through the gates of Dogwood Park on Saturday morning as soon as they were released from their leashes.

The dogs were looking for treats. But instead of having to make googly eyes and beg, they had to scour the park for hundreds of treat-filled Easter eggs if they wanted to fill their bellies.

The fifth-annual Easter egg hunt at Dogwood Park & Daycare, at 5505 SW Archer Road, raised \$3,186 for Gainesville Pet Rescue, Danielle Cummings, the developmental coordinator at Gainesville Pet Rescue, wrote in an email. Families paid \$10 for their first dog to participate and \$5 for each additional dog.

All of the proceeds benefited

the pet rescue's efforts to save homeless, sick or injured animals in Alachua County, Cummings said. The donations went toward veterinary services or products from business.

Dogs posed for a photo booth in front of a pastel backdrop with bunny ears and a basket of eggs.

Deirdre, a 1-year-old black lab mix, jumped straight into the water after being unhooked from her leash. She passed by about 20 multicolored plastic eggs filled with dog treats without even realizing.

None of the dogs seemed to care about finding eggs. It was their owners who were competitive. One dog owner carried a plastic grocery bag with more than 40 eggs inside.

By the end of the hunt, Deirdre, now covered in mud, only collected about eight.

"At first, I had an angry soccer mom attitude," said 24-year-old

Lois Schwartz, Deirdre's owner. "Then I realized how much fun she was having and that I was really there to help support other pups finding their homes so they can also have fun."

The dog and owner who found the most eggs were awarded a three-month membership to Dogwood Park & Daycare. Dogwood members receive discounted prices for park entry, boarding and daycare.

Second place received two free nights of boarding, and third place received a bath card good for 10 baths at the self-service station.

The hunt lasted for a little more than an hour. Volunteers were available after to bathe the muddy pups in exchange for a donation to the rescue.

"I was so thankful for the doggy baths," Schwartz said. "Deirdre didn't have to get back in the car smelling all gross."



Natalie Weymouth / Alligator

Luna, a soft-coated wheaten terrier, finds a hidden treat at Dogwood Park & Daycare on Saturday. She was one of more than 50 dogs that attended the Easter egg hunt.

## UF study finds Floridians will pay \$7 more for local plants

By **Megan Ricker**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Floridians want to buy locally grown plants, and they're willing to pay more for them, according to a recent study.

A UF researcher asked 87 state residents to pick between different plants, including blueberry bushes, pineapple plants and kiwi vines. Some plants were grown locally and labeled with a "Fresh From Florida" sticker while the rest were imported.

Hayk Khachatryan, the UF Food and Resource Economics Department assistant professor who led the study, wanted to see whether the label affected people's purchasing decisions. As the participants viewed images of the plants on a computer screen, a camera tracked how often they glanced at features, in-

cluding the "Fresh From Florida" label.

Khachatryan said the study, which was published online Dec. 29, found consumers were willing to pay \$7.17 to \$7.22 more for plants with the logo than imported plants. The starting price for the plants was \$15.98, the study said.

"Consumers associate locally grown with health benefits and contributions to the local economy," he said.

Ben Bolusky, CEO of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, wrote in an email that the association was interested in understanding how the research would impact the industry. Membership for producers to use the logo is \$50 per year, he added.

"Retailers and landscape professionals will indeed benefit from increased sales and increased awareness," Bolusky said.

## UF air force cadets win sports event for the first time in 30 years

By **Jessica Curbelo**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

After 12 hours under the sun, Cadet Jett Wright was exhausted. His muscles felt sore after competing in four sports throughout the day.

But he knew every athletic match was leading up to a special moment in which he would find out if his team would fall short of receiving the first place — again — or not.

Despite never winning the gold during his time at UF, the business senior had a hunch this year would be different. He was right.

On Saturday, UF's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps team won the Lime Cup, a major sports competition held between AFROTC cadets. The last time the 14-person UF team won the tournament was 30 years ago in 1988, said Cadet Andrew Holland, a team co-captain.

"It was surreal finally achieving it my senior year," said 22-year-old Wright, the other team co-captain.

Seven schools in Florida and southern Georgia competed at the University of Central Florida this year. It included four sports: beach volleyball, basketball, football and soccer.

The UF team took the cup from the reigning champions — the University of South Florida — by nine points, said Holland, a UF construction management junior.

The Gators won on a final drive down the football field when they scored with nine seconds left on the clock. They beat the University of Central Florida, which hadn't lost football in at least five years, 14 to 7, Holland said.

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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>		<b>RACK 2</b>	
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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>		<b>RACK 4</b>	

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- U.S. CITIES: Which U.S. city is popularly known as "Beantown"?
- MUSIC: What was the best-selling music single of all time?
- MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, how many graces are there?
- TRANSPORTATION: Which major airport is known by the three-letter code DCA?
- TELEVISION: What are the names of the two Muppet characters that heckle the cast from their balcony seats?
- LITERATURE: What is the first name of Agatha Christie's detective Miss Marple?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is triskaidekaphobia?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest freshwater body in Africa?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the strongest earthquake recorded?
- TOYS & GAMES: What is the main ingredient of Silly Putty?

**Answers**

- Boston
- "Candle in the Wind" (1997, Elton John)
- Three: Aglaia, Euphrosyne and Thalia
- Washington National Airport
- Statler and Waldorf
- Jane
- Fear of the number 13
- Lake Victoria
- 9.5 magnitude, near Valdivia, Chile, in 1960
- Silicone

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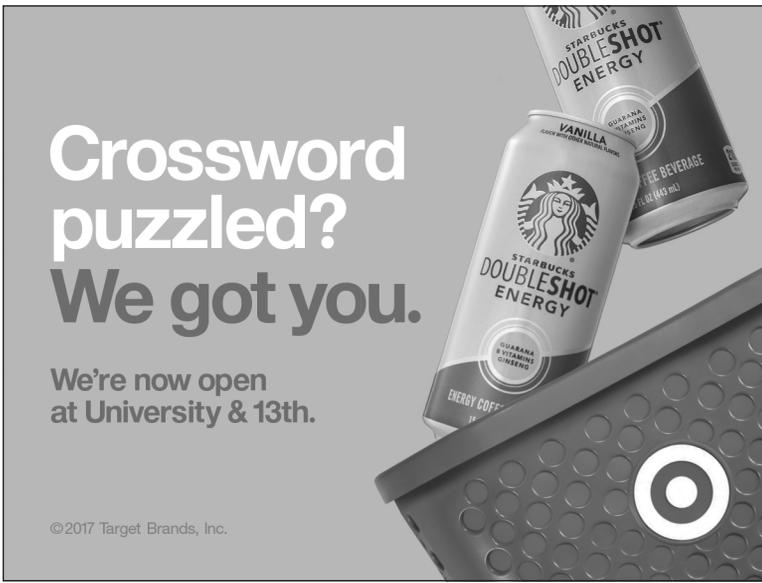
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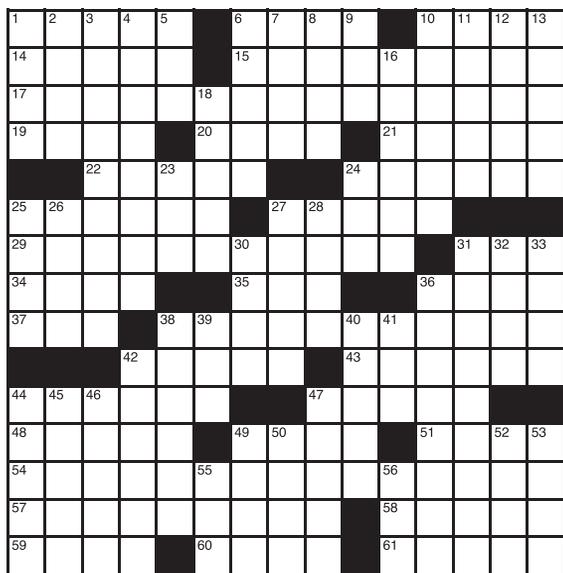
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Touch, e.g.
  - 6 Model in a bottle
  - 10 SALT weaponry
  - 14 "Ta-ta, mon ami"
  - 15 Students' lunchroom
  - 17 Secondhand wave of excitement
  - 19 Surprised cries
  - 20 Court plea, briefly
  - 21 Bridal path
  - 22 "Uh-uh— however ..."
  - 24 They may be raised in casinos
  - 25 Saudi neighbors
  - 27 Google Apps component
  - 29 Place to get delivery instructions?
  - 31 Pro bono TV ad
  - 34 "Hamilton" climax
  - 35 27-Across alternative
  - 36 Has second thoughts about
  - 37 Member of the fam
  - 38 Hare care site
  - 42 Thick
  - 43 Off the beaten path
  - 44 Arcade activity
  - 47 Welcome words to a hitchhiker
  - 48 Kicking partner?
  - 49 Ancient France
  - 51 St. Petersburg's river
  - 54 Minister or imam, say ... and, in two ways, a hint to words hidden in 17-, 29- and 38-Across
  - 57 Jaguar's jaguar, e.g.
  - 58 Clarence Odby in "It's a Wonderful Life," e.g.
  - 59 Give a finer edge to
  - 60 Word with bill or ball
  - 61 In \_\_\_: unborn
- DOWN**
- 1 Hockey announcer's cry
  - 2 Actress Falco
  - 3 The Sultan of Swat and The Splendid Splinter
  - 4 Like produce at farm-to-table restaurants
  - 5 The Danube's cont.
  - 6 "Run along now"
  - 7 Pull with effort
  - 8 "Assuming it's true ..."
  - 9 Guinea pig, e.g.
  - 10 Taken from above, as photos
  - 11 Invigorating
  - 12 Jacque's thousand
  - 13 Cyber Monday events
  - 16 "To clarify ..."
  - 18 Operating
  - 23 Show \_\_\_
  - 24 Copenhagen carrier
  - 25 Former GM division
  - 26 Haleakala National Park locale
  - 27 Round Earth map
  - 28 Landlocked African nation
  - 30 Airport lineup
  - 31 Made tense
  - 32 Doctrinal faction
  - 33 Tennis great Arthur
  - 36 Cud-chewing mammal
  - 38 Go back (on)
  - 39 Director Lee
  - 40 Disruptive forum visitor
  - 41 With it, once
  - 42 Cut into parts
  - 44 Brooks with two Grammys
  - 45 Last 25-Down model
  - 46 Italian fashion city
  - 47 Iditarod runner
  - 49 Hockey announcer's cry
  - 50 Pervasive glow
  - 52 Turn sharply
  - 53 Guthrie who sang about Alice
  - 55 Little trickster
  - 56 Seine filler

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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A <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>		RACK 1 =	<u>12</u>
F <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	RACK 2 =	<u>89</u>
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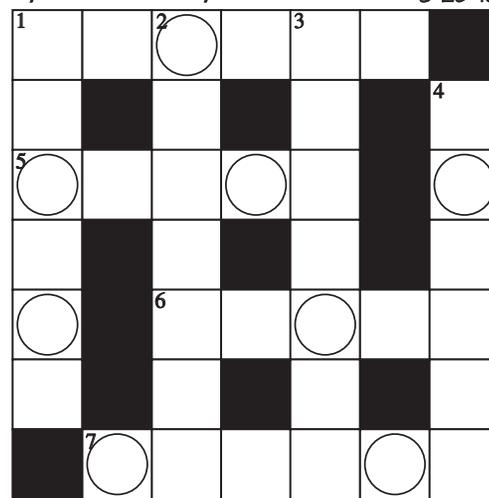
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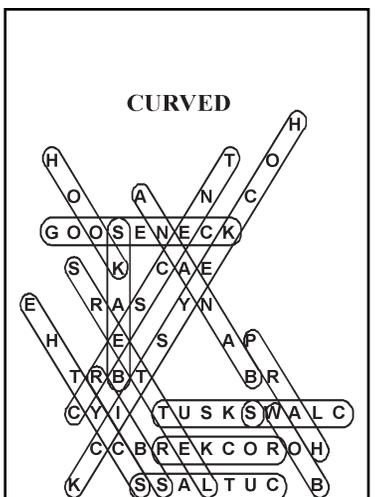
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## BASEBALL

# Dalton's lone run helps Florida squeak by Florida State



Courtesy of UAA Communications

Right fielder Wil Dalton scored the only run of the night on Tuesday in Florida's 1-0 win over Florida State.

By Morgan McMullen  
Sports Writer

Right fielder Wil Dalton took a modest lead off of second base in the bottom of the fourth inning. After smacking a ball down the left-field line and into the corner, the precious scoring opportunity could've been the only one Florida would have for the rest of the game, for all he knew.

After catcher JJ Schwarz grounded out to FSU first baseman Rhett Aplin on the first pitch he saw, left fielder Austin Langworthy took a cut on his first pitch and hit a chopper once again toward Aplin. This time, however, the 220-pound senior couldn't get to the ball as it squirted into right field.

Dalton sprinted to third, rounded the corner and headed home. FSU right fielder Reese Albert scooped the ball and heaved it to the plate. Catcher Cal Raleigh snagged the throw on a short hop just in front of the dish and turned desperately to apply the tag on Dalton.

But there was no catching the Florida right fielder. Dalton slid in safely ahead of Raleigh's tag and, in one fluid motion, jumped into the air, spun 360 degrees in midair and hopped around

before slapping UF second baseman Blake Reese's hand in celebration.

The run proved to be the most consequential play of a 1-0 Florida win over the No. 5 Seminoles (20-6, 5-4 ACC) in Jacksonville on Tuesday.

The No. 2 Gators (22-5, 4-2 SEC) started freshman Jack Leftwich on the mound in the rivals' second matchup of the season. After getting smacked around in his last start (five hits, six runs and four walks given up in 2.2 innings against UCF on March 6), Leftwich received the responsibility of squaring off against FSU with poise. The right-hander spun a near-perfect five innings pitched, allowing one hit and one walk while striking out five Seminoles batters.

Leftwich perhaps could've gone further into the game, but coach Kevin O'Sullivan made the decision to pull him once Leftwich developed a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

Leftwich credited his tendency to get ahead in the count as a big component to his dominant outing.

"I talked to (pitcher Brady) Singer and all those guys, and he just said, 'You've gotta focus on every pitch,'"

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## FOOTBALL

# Former UF players hoping to impress NFL teams at pro day

By Andrew Huang  
Sports Writer

Eighteen former Florida football players will have the chance to impress NFL scouts this morning at UF's annual pro day.

Defensive lineman Taven Bryan and wide receiver Antonio Callaway headline the 2018 group of Gators looking to boost their draft stock.

The 6-foot-4, 291-pound Bryan — a projected first-round pick according to NFL.com — played in all 11 games for Florida a season ago, finishing in the top five among the team's leaders in tackles, tackles for loss, sacks and quarterback hurries. His four sacks tied for the second most on the team last year behind defensive lineman CeCe Jefferson (4.5), and he also forced a team-high 22 yards lost off his sacks.

Callaway, on the other hand, was suspended the entire 2017 season for his alleged

involvement in a credit card scam along with eight of his teammates. Before missing his junior year, he led Florida in receiving yards as a freshman and sophomore. His 1,399 receiving yards in that span were nearly twice as much as the next closest receiver.

Brandon Powell — another pro day participant — was second behind Callaway with a combined 777 receiving yards in 2015 and 2016. Powell added a career-high 406 receiving yards as a senior in 2017.

Senior Duke Dawson is one of six defensive backs taking part in pro day. Dawson grabbed four interceptions (tied for a team-high) in 2017, including one he returned for a touchdown against Michigan on Sept. 2. He recorded pick-sixes on three of his six total career interceptions.

Marcell Harris and Nick Washington, two of the other five defensive backs participating

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## Jake's on a Plane / Opinion

# NFL takes a step in the right direction on Tuesday regarding player safety

It's about time.

It's about damn time.

On Tuesday, the NFL took a huge step in the right direction when it came to fixing a major rule, or lack thereof, that has haunted the league over the last decade.

If you thought I was talking about how the NFL finally figured out what a freaking catch is, you are dead wrong.

I'm talking about a new targeting rule. Or should I say, the beginning of one.

Playing Rule Article 8, a new guideline announced by the NFL on Tuesday, states that if a player initiates contact with his helmet against an opponent, he will be called for a 15-yard penalty and may be ejected from the game. If the player is on defense, it will also result in an automatic first down.



Jake Dreiling  
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It has always puzzled me as to why the NFL wouldn't take that extra step to ensure player safety. Heck, even the NCAA has a targeting penalty that aims to protect defenseless players from hits to the head.

But at least its professional counterpart is starting to make the necessary changes as well.

While it's not the same as college football's definition of targeting — you can't hit a defenseless receiver above the shoulders — the rule will no doubt make a significant impact in the way the game is played.

It will help limit severe injuries, like the one Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier received during the 2017 season.

In a game against the Cincinnati Ben-  
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All-American pitcher **Kelly Barnhill** and the rest of Florida's softball team is facing FIU today in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m.

## Hudson declares for draft, Egbunu not returning

Florida guard **Jalen Hudson** confirmed he is declaring for the 2018 NBA Draft without an agent on Tuesday. By not signing with an agent, Hudson remains eligible to return to the Gators next season. Center **John Egbunu** will not be back with UF in 2018-19 after announcing plans to turn professional on Tuesday.

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## TRACK

## GETTING ON TRACK: Sprinter Kunle Fasasi thriving at UF

By Alanis Thames  
Sports Writer

The beat of Lil Wayne's "6 Foot 7 Foot" fades to silence as Kunle Fasasi wraps his earbuds around his iPhone. He places them inside his orange and blue backpack, whispers a quick prayer and jogs over to Lane 6 inside Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium.

It's late in the afternoon on March 10. Kunle and the rest of the Florida men's track and field team are in College Station, Texas, for Day 2 of the 2018 NCAA Indoor Championships.

The final for the 4x400-meter relay is about to begin, and Kunle is leading off for the Gators.

Clutching his baton, the junior sprinter crouches close to the ground with his arms stretched in front of his body. He places his right heel into the metal footplate on the ground and — in the same routine motion — pulls his left leg in toward his bowed head.

There are three other athletes holding Kunle's same position in their respective lanes.

He glances at the sprinter to his left. Then at the one on his right. He knows he's looking at an opponent, someone who's aching for his team to cross that white finish line first just as badly as he is.

But that's not who Kunle sees.

Instead, he sees a slim-figured, 6-foot-1 sprinter wearing a black Nike mesh headband tied at the back of his head. He sees his same black watch wrapped around his right wrist and an orange elastic bracelet hanging on his left. He sees another Kunle Fasasi.

At least, that's what he tells himself before every race. He makes himself the opponent, and he visualizes it until that image becomes a part of him. Because in his mind, it's more about Kunle than anyone else.

He has, after all, faced adversity throughout his athletic career. Whether it was a coach who told him he wouldn't succeed or a lack of training resources available to him in his hometown, Kunle only had one mindset throughout his journey to becoming a college athlete.

"You have to work for what you want," he said.

And that way of thinking is exactly what got him here.

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"Set!" the official's voice echoes throughout the indoor track stadium.



Courtesy of UAA Communications

Junior sprinter Kunle Fasasi left Nigeria in 2015 to enroll at UF and join its men's track and field team.

Kunle straightens his legs and lifts his body into a stationary position. The runner to his left does the same thing. Kunle peeps over at him.

He pictures himself at 7 years old, back when he spent most of his days inside his house in the small town of Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Most children in Ile-Ife spend their free time outdoors playing sports, but Kunle's interests fell elsewhere.

He was a homebody.

He preferred staying inside to watch classic movies like "Coming to America" and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He lived with his mom, Motunrayo; his dad, Adeyini; and his two older sisters, Biodun and Kemi.

Adeyini — who teaches physics and materials science at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife — made academics a top priority for his children.

Earning good grades was always the No. 1 focus in the Fasasi household.

And Kunle was an introvert. He mostly kept to himself in the comfort of his own room.

But every now and then, Kunle would sneak away from his open books and study guides to play some friendly games of soccer with his peers.

"I loved everything about it," he said.

His friends always thought he was quick and suggested he start to run track.

And after some early apprehensions, he decided to give it a try.

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POW.

The sound of the starter gun ripples through the stadium as Kunle and his competitors begin to sprint forward. Kunle feels the runner to his left dash ahead of him. He pictures himself at 17 years old.

At that time, the 2012 Summer Olympics were being broadcast on local television networks in Nigeria.

Kunle sat in front of the TV in his living room and waited for the highly anticipated men's 110-meter hurdles to begin. The race featured a pair of veterans in reigning world champion Jason Richardson of the United States, as well as world-record holder and defending Olympic champion Dayron Robles of Cuba. An afterthought in the field of competitors was American hurdler Aries Merritt, a 27-year-old from Marietta, Georgia, who had relatively little experience on the big stage.

Kunle's eyes zeroed in on Merritt, who was sporting a red USA uniform on his chest and cornrows on top of his head.

He observed as Merritt flew off the starting line, pulling away from his opponents as he flung his body over each hurdle. He watched as Merritt leaned across the finish line, becoming the first American to win a gold medal in the men's 110-meter hurdles since Allen Johnson accomplished the feat in 1996.

That moment solidified Kunle's decision to become a track runner.

"I think I can do this," he said to his father.

Kunle started searching for a coach to help him train. He reached out to one local man who refused to help him. He felt that Kunle was too skinny and didn't think he could run.

But Kunle persevered, knowing that no part of the journey would be easy.

"You have to work for what you want," he said.

Eventually, he found coach Ayokunle Odelusi.

Kunle wanted to train for the hurdles after being inspired by Merritt's Olympic race. But Odelusi didn't have access to enough hurdles in Nigeria to train him for that event. He felt that one of Kunle's strengths could be endurance, so he decided to train him for the 400.

Kunle trained with Odelusi five days a week.

He woke up every morning, said his usual prayer and departed for his 7:30 a.m. training session, which lasted anywhere from two to three hours. Until he finished high school, he rushed straight from practice to class.

One day, a sudden realization hit Kunle. If he was going to reach his full potential as a track athlete, he would have to move to the United States.

Living in America would provide him with the security he needed to participate in sports while also getting a quality education. He'd have the proper resources, the proper training facilities and the proper environment he'd need to be successful.

Read the rest of this story online at [alligator.org/sports](http://alligator.org/sports).

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## Kunle Fasasi

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# Harris to participate in pro day after missing 2017

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in drills today, both dealt with season-ending injuries in 2017. Harris tore his right Achilles tendon last summer, forcing him to miss the entire year. However, he racked up a team-high 73 tackles and recorded two interceptions in 2016.

Washington injured his shoulder against LSU on Oct. 7, and missed the remainder of the season. He started five games at safety and was on pace to set a career high in tackles before getting hurt.

Special teams standouts Eddy Pineiro and Johnny Townsend will also participate.

Pineiro was a two-year starter for the Gators and led the nation in field goal percentage in 2017, hitting 17 of 18 attempts. A fan favorite, Pineiro made 38 of 43 total field goals during his time in Gainesville, including a 5-for-5 mark on kicks 50 yards or longer.

Townsend, a punter, affected all three phases of the game for Florida. He led the nation in yards

per punt in 2016 and 2017, averaging 47.9 and 47.5 yards, respectively.

Other members of UF's 2017 roster participating in pro day are quarterback Malik Zaire, running back Mark Thompson, tight end DeAndre Goolsby, offensive linemen Antonio Riles and Ricardo Benalcazar and defensive backs Joseph Putu and Garrett Stephens.

Quarterback Austin Appleby and running back Mark Herndon, who last played for UF in 2016, as well as former NFL defensive back Matt Elam, who last played for UF in 2012, will also take part in drills.

While the event isn't open to the public, former Florida wide receiver Chris Doering will be providing coverage of the event for the SEC Network. Pro day is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. and will end in the early afternoon.

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Safety Marcell Harris is one of 18 former Florida football players participating in UF's pro day this morning.

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gals on Dec. 4, Shazier attempted to tackle Bengals wide receiver Josh Malone, leading with the crown of his helmet. When he made contact, his body instantly went limp and his left hand went toward his spine. He suffered a severe spinal injury, one that over four months later still requires him to occasionally use a wheelchair.

With all the pressure the NFL has received over lawsuits dealing with concussions and other head injuries from former players, it's no surprise the league would want to implement this new rule.

According to NFL injury data, 47 percent of concussions last season came from helmet-to-helmet collisions, a large increase from 33 percent in 2015. Overall, the number of concussions in 2017 was higher than in previous years.

A form of the targeting rule was 100 percent necessary in the NFL. The players hit much harder than in college, and the overall impact of those hits can do a lot more damage to the body.

I know it's just a start, but I'm hoping this new targeting rule will actually change the way the league views the seriousness of concussions and the risks caused by tackling the wrong way.

It's about time the NFL did something meaningful to start protecting its players.

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# Michael Byrne recorded his sixth save of the season

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Leftwich said in a televised interview after the game. "I try to at least get one of the first two pitches in for a strike, and then that just sets up the whole at-bat."

For FSU right-hander Andrew Karp, nearly perfect wasn't quite perfect enough. The red-shirt junior threw hard all eight innings and let up just four hits, including the two in the fourth inning that ultimately led to his sec-

ond loss of the season. He also struck out seven Florida batters and walked two.

The Seminoles threatened to tie the game one last time in the top of the ninth. Two FSU singles set up men on the corners with one out.

But UF closer Michael Byrne, who had come on in the eighth inning, struck out Alpin on four pitches and forced Raleigh into a soft dribbler to first baseman Keenan Bell on the first pitch he saw to seal the game, net-

ting Byrne his sixth save of the season.

Leftwich, an Orlando native, said that while both schools have a heavy recruiting presence in his hometown, he'd been waiting for this specific opportunity for a long time.

"Just being a Gator fan, we don't like FSU that much," he said.

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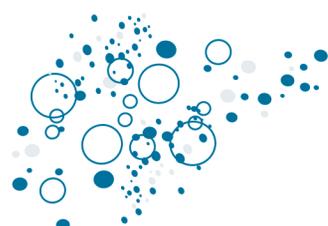
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