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## No joke: UF to forgive parking tickets for food donations

### Alligator Staff

*Editor's note: This is not an April Fools' Day joke.*

Since the beginning of his tenure, UF President Kent Fuchs has made it a mission to leave students at the university confused on April 1st.

In 2015, he pretended to switch roles with former UF football coach Jim McElwain.

In 2016, he joked UF would merge with Florida State Univer-

sity.

In 2017, he claimed he would "drain the swamp."

But on Sunday, Fuchs made an announcement that broke his streak of pranks.

In a 38-second video, Fuchs announced UF would have an amnesty program for parking fines.

"For many years, parking tickets have been a source of contention between the university administration and our students, staff, faculty, alumni and visi-

tors," he said in the video. "And today, I'm calling on Scott Fox, the director of Transportation and Parking Services to create, by tomorrow, a program that will allow the past 12 months of parking tickets to be forgiven."

Scott Fox, director of transportation and parking services, confirmed the details to The Alligator.

The "Food for Fines" program will apply for all unpaid parking citations issued by the UF Office of Transportation and Parking

Services between April 1, 2017, and Sunday, April 1.

"We know people don't like receiving parking tickets. We also don't like issuing them," Fox said. "We do it reluctantly, and we do it as our duty because we need to maintain some sort of order on our campus."

The program works like this: Any person with an unpaid parking ticket needs to donate five food items or other supplies listed on the Field and Fork Pantry's

wish list to the Parking Services office, located at 1273 Gale Lerner Drive, any time before 5 p.m. Friday. Items can be dropped off any time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Some items that can be donated include toiletries, canned and boxed nonperishable food, baby formula and diapers.

There is no limit on the number of tickets that can be covered by the program, as long as participants

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Will Clewis / Alligator Staff

### MOVING BELLIES

Members of The Belly Gators dance during the final performance of the Belly Gators Hafla at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Sunday night. Several dancers were elected to different club positions following the event. See the rest of the photos on pg. 10.

## Panel discusses history, future of La Casita, IBC

**THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DELAYED AFTER CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE REDESIGN.**

By Elliott Nasby  
Alligator Staff Writer

David Horne said a rock thrown at Tigert Hall in the '70s sent things out of control.

Horne, a former UF student, helped organize the sit-in that followed on April 15, 1971, when dozens of students occupied the office of Stephen O'Connell, UF's president at the time, to demand a black student cultural center on campus.

The peaceful protest, later called Black Thursday, escalated when someone unaffiliated with Horne's group threw the rock. Police were called, Horne said.

That day, 66 students were arrested. O'Connell didn't comply with

their request for the center until 10 months later, when the Institute of Black Culture was dedicated on Feb. 11, 1972.

"We raised hell, we got spanked, and y'all got some buildings," Horne said. "But apparently the struggle, the work is still not done."

Horne and three other panelists, including two student activists and the former Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures director, discussed the future of the now-demolished cultural centers with a crowd of about 40 in Pugh Hall on Friday as part of the "Tale of Two Houses" event hosted by the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

In June 2017, UF's Department of Multicultural and Diversity Affairs suggested the remodeled institutes be a single, "U" shaped building that would house both cultural centers.

Daniel Clayton, a UF electrical engineering senior and one of the

SEE **PANEL**, PAGE 4

## Man detained by police after possible hostage situation

**THE SUSPECT'S IDENTITY HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY POLICE.**

By Amanda Rosa  
Alligator Staff Writer

A man was arrested Sunday afternoon after police responded to a domestic violence and possible hostage situation, Gainesville Police said.

An 18-year-old woman called 911 and told police in Spanish her husband struck

her with a handgun at an apartment at 3717 SW 28th Terrace, GPD spokesperson Officer Ben Tobias said. As University Police interpreters helped translate, she told police the violence had started Saturday and she fled while her husband was still inside the apartment with a handgun and possibly a 6-year-old child.

Police officers responded to the apartment around 11:30 a.m. Sunday and found the child unharmed in the crowd that formed outside, according to a press release.

Negotiators were able to call the suspect, who initially said he was inside the apartment but later said he was not, Tobias said. Police found him half a mile away and detained him.

The identities of the suspect and victim have not been verified by police, but the suspect is believed to be a Guatemalan national, Tobias said.

Police closed Southwest 28th Terrace and Southwest 31st Drive and evacuated nearby homes for about four hours, Tobias

said.

Additional weapons are believed to be inside the apartment, and police are waiting to secure a search warrant, said GPD Lt. Dan Stout.

The suspect is expected to face aggravated assault, domestic battery and false imprisonment charges, according to a news release.

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### INDIA CONTINUES HITTING STREAK

Florida third baseman Jonathan India increased his hitting streak to 15 games on Sunday in UF's 8-2 win over Vanderbilt, pg. 14



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### Exhibit shows sexual assault survivor's art

Survivors recreated what they wore during their assault, pg. 4

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Local Events / News in Brief

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**'Finding Eternity in Cyber Land'**

Jerald Milanich, a professor emeritus in anthropology, will reveal backstories for four books which recently became e-books, at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smathers Library, Room 100. The accounts will reference a number of notable people, places and things, including former UF historian Samuel Proctor and former Florida Gov. Bob Graham, frozen peas and Gatorade, Antarctica and Gainesville's own Winnjammer Bar. The presentation is the first in the "Florida and the Caribbean Open Book Series."

**'Take Back the Night'**

Strive at GatorWell's "Take Back the Night March and Rally to End Sexual Violence" will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday on the Plaza of the Americas. Survivors can speak on the nature of their sexual assault and recovery, and anyone demonstrating support for survivors is welcome. Free T-shirts or tank tops for the first 300 marchers. For more information, contact 352-273-4450.

**Communication skills workshop**

A communication skills workshop that focuses on listening will be held at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St. Eze Sanchez, a local life coach, will be the host.

**'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. Thursday at Tower Road Library Branch, located at 3020 SW 75th St. Attorneys 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. For more information, call 352-334-3900.

**Live storytelling event**

In partnership with Guts & Glory GNV, the Florida Museum of Natural History will offer "When Nature Calls: A Live Storytelling Event" from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday featuring original, true, first-person storytelling. Attendees must be 18 years or older. For more information or to register, visit [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/when-nature-calls](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/when-nature-calls) or call 352-273-2062.

**Poetry jam**

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold Gainesville's longest-running open mic poetry reading, 25 years and counting, starting at 8 p.m. Thursday. All forms of word-based art welcome, including poetry of every possible sort, short prose, miniature theatrical pieces, word-centered performance art, acoustic music and/or hip hop.

**Open jam and art show**

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold an open jam and art show from 8 to 11:40 p.m. Friday. The center encourages people to play some songs they know, some riffs or progressions they've been working on or just feed entirely off the moment and co-create something new with strangers. The open jam comes with all the accoutrements, drum kit, bass and guitar amps, microphones and room on the board.

**Florida Museum plant sale**

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host a sale with more than 175 species of difficult-to-find and pollinator-friendly plants from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Accent, host, native and nectar plants as well as edible plants from Natural Treasures Farm & Nursery will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the museum's "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibit. For more information, call 352-273-2057.

**UF Bug Week scavenger hunt**

To celebrate UF's annual Bug Week, the Florida Museum of Natural History will hold a free scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Teams will be given bug-related clues for a chance to win prizes. Visitors may also touch live insects at the UF entomology department's Bug Zoo near the "Discovery Zone" exhibit. For more information, call 352-846-2000.

**Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Art + Feminism**

Join members of the campus and community from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Harn Museum of Art to edit and create Wikipedia pages related to art and feminism and underrepresented peoples in the arts. No experience is required. Interested people can bring their laptop. The event is organized by the Harn and the UF School of Art + Art History, and presented with the worldwide fifth annual Art + Feminism Edit-a-thon. For



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

details, visit [artandfeminism.org/our-story/](http://artandfeminism.org/our-story/).

**The Fine Print 10-year bash**

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold a bash to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of The Fine Print, Gainesville's only "alt" magazine, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. The event will feature music from EW, Piss Test and The Co-Pilots. Activities include Twister, cake, bubbles and Nintendo games.

**National Library Week**

During National Library Week, which is Sunday to April 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Correction:**

The byline on Friday's front page incorrectly credited Aaron Ritter for taking the photo. Alligator writer Meryl Kornfield took it.

**Correction:**

A story that ran Friday titled "Disability Resource Center struggles with growing demand" incorrectly stated that more than 11,000 students take exams in the center a year. Instead, more than 11,000 exams are administered in the DRC annually. The article also stated the center requested an increase in funds from 4 cents per credit hour to 5.2 cents per credit hour. The center requested an additional 5.2 cents per credit hour.

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# Passover service in Gainesville offers home away from home



Aaron Ritter / Alligator

Hundreds of students celebrate Passover Seder on Friday at the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student Center. Traditionally celebrated with family, the event provided students with a community away from home, said co-director of the center, Chanie Goldman.



Aaron Ritter / Alligator

Rabbi Berl Goldman leads the Passover service on Friday at the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student Center. "Passover inspires, empowers and illuminates our innate desire to be the best we can be," Rabbi Goldman said.

# After church services, children enjoy hunt for Easter eggs



Shelbie Eakins / Alligator Staff

GracieElla Chaffin, 2, scours for colorful eggs to fill her basket at the annual Easter egg hunt on Sunday hosted by Gainesville Baptist Church. The hunt immediately followed the church's worship service but was open to everyone.



Shelbie Eakins / Alligator Staff

Children and their families rushed around with excitement at Gainesville Baptist Church's annual Easter egg hunt on Sunday morning. The hunt was split into two age-appropriate areas, each filled with eggs full of an assortment of treats and prizes.

# Exhibit displays sexual assault survivors' art, clothing

By Amanda Rosa  
Alligator Staff Writer

The simple black dress pinned onto a board caught Erin Andres' eye as she made her way around the artwork displayed at the Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., on Friday night.

Andres, a 36-year-old Gainesville resident, maneuvered past the people crowding the food bar to reach the dress. She caught her breath when she realized what it represented.

The card next to the dress told the story of an anonymous 17-year-old UF student who was raped by a fraternity brother after a semi-formal. As a survivor of mental and physical abuse herself, Andres said she was amazed by the student's bravery.

"When you realize that's what someone was wearing when their life changed forever, it's just inspiring that they would share it," she said. "It's a powerful image."

About 60 people attended the fifth-annual "Survivors of Violence Art" exhibit, hosted by Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center, to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month, said co-organizer Ashley Flattery. The free show featured spoken word, dance performances and artwork submitted by abuse victims and advocates.

The exhibit will remain in the center until Thursday. It will be moved to the Harn Museum of Art, located at 3259 Hull Road, on April 10 and stay until April 29, Flattery



Amanda Rosa / Alligator

Eddie Valiant, 28, and Katie Zarada, 24, view artwork displayed at the "Survivors of Violence Art" exhibit in the Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., on Friday night.

said.

Flattery said the event gives survivors an opportunity to express themselves freely in a safe space.

"Instead of speaking for them, we pass them the mic," she said.

The black dress was on loan from the UF "What Were You Wearing?" exhibit, which is installed in the Ustler Hall Library from Monday to April 30, Flattery said. The exhibit, hosted by Sexual Trauma Interpersonal Violence Education at GatorWell and the American Medical Student Association, displays rec-

reations of the outfits students wore the day of their assault, according to Alligator archives.

Cassandra Moore, the crisis center project coordinator, said "What Were You Wearing?" challenges the connection between a victim's clothing and sexual assault. The outfit recreations range from jeans and a sweatshirt to child-sized pajamas.

"You have the right to wear whatever you want, and no one has the right to assault you," Moore said.

Andres, who lists her artwork under her nickname Katniss, felt



Amanda Rosa / Alligator

Elle Eclectica, 32, performs a lyrical dance about her experience escaping an abusive relationship inside the Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St.

inspired by the vulnerability of her fellow artists. She submitted "Girl on Fire," a painting done by an acrylic pouring technique, to the "Survivors of Violence Art" exhibit. She said her art has been part of her healing process after enduring 25 years of abuse.

"I learned that my art is one of the best ways to get out my emotions and get out my feelings if I can't get it out verbally," she said.

Although she has been an artist since childhood, she began experimenting with paint pouring a month

ago.

By spilling yellow to black shades of fire onto the canvas, Andres said she lets herself lose control. "Girl on Fire" depicts both her pain and healing, she said.

"Sometimes the only way out is to go through the fire. That's how abuse is," Andres said. "You may have a few scars and burns but ultimately, you survive."

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## New movie theater coming to Gainesville

By Robert Lewis  
Alligator Staff Writer

A Regal Entertainment Group movie theater is opening in Gainesville at Celebration Pointe and offering preview screenings to benefit charities ahead of its grand opening.

Crown Pointe 10 & RPX, located at 4901 SW 31st Place, will open for three days of preview screenings April 8 ahead of a grand opening on April 12, Richard Grover, Regal Entertainment Group's vice president of communications, wrote in an email. During the preview event, tickets, popcorn and soda will be \$3 each, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald House and Child Advocacy Center, Grover said.

The new theater will have 10 screens, reclining chairs and surround sound technology, Grover said.

The theater will join a Bass Pro Shops store, which opened November 2016, as the anchor of Celebration Pointe, a 160-acre mixed-use development in Gainesville near the intersection of Southwest Archer Road and Interstate 75, according to Alligator archives.

A Tommy Hilfiger store and Nike factory store are among the shops planned to open near townhouses, restaurants

and live entertainment, according to Alligator archives.

Alyssa Marotta, an 18-year-old UF biological engineering freshman, said she likes the reclining chairs feature but is looking for a closer theater.

"If (the theater) was super high tech I would probably go once, but would otherwise find something closer," Marotta said.

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### Movies that will be available for \$3

- Baby Driver
- Coco
- Despicable Me 3
- Dunkirk
- The Fate of the Furious
- Justice League
- Logan
- The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
- Spider-Man: Homecoming
- Star Wars: The Last Jedi
- Transformers: The Last Knight
- Wonder
- Wonder Woman 3D

## Construction is expected to start this summer and finish in 2019

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panelists, said the design was a "disaster." He said it was an insult to combine the two buildings, which had distinct and hard-fought histories.

"That's what diversity is to the University of Florida, homogenizing culture," the 23-year-old said.

MCDA's initial design sparked student protests and the "No La IBCita" movement, which fought to keep both student centers separate, according to Alligator archives. In July, MCDA announced the two buildings would remain separate and designers would start over, according to Alligator archives.

Christopher Garcia-Wilde, 22, serves as a student co-chair for the reconstruction project. He said construction will begin this summer in the institute's lot on West University Avenue. Construction is estimated to finish in April 2019, according to UF facilities' website.

He said it's a battle to hold the architectural firm DLR Group and UF accountable. He said they strike down students' requests to recreate the look of the old wooden buildings, citing city codes requiring buildings on West University Avenue to look commercial.

Cooperating with administration has been demanding, but he said he's proud of how he pushed UF to pay more attention to minority student needs.

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### Timeline:

**April 15, 1971: "Black Thursday:"** black UF students protested unfair representation and lack of a cultural space on campus.

**February 11, 1972: IBC officially dedicated**

**1994: La Casita founded**

**April 2016: UF announces IBC and La Casita are to be torn down, remodeled**

**July 12, 2017: Students march against the idea of a unified building, organized by the "No LaIBCita" group**

**July 18, 2017: Multicultural and Diversity Affairs announce the IBC and La Casita will remain two separate buildings**

**August 19, 2017: The IBC and La Casita are demolished.**

**Spring 2018: Initial projection for when construction on the institutes would end, deadline later pushed on April 2019.**

# Internet-famous drag queens connect with community

By **Veronika Vernachio**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Casa Vina, in a blue sequined dress, and Selena Minogue, in a flamenco skirt, joked about the terrible things their interpreters have done through American Sign Language. Falling asleep, arguing and never showing any expressions were common problems.

The two drag queens, who gathered internet fame through their YouTube channel called Deafies in Drag, performed Friday night at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. The event was hosted by Signing Gators, a UF student deaf culture organization. About 80 deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people attended the event, which ended Gainesville's Deaf Awareness Week events.

The Deafies in Drag channel, which they started in 2015, has more than 2,400 subscribers. The two queens have comedy videos on the worst types of interpreters, drag slang

in sign language and sketches about deaf culture. Their Facebook page has more than 50,000 likes.

At the show, the drag queens played games with the audience members, including trying to lip read what people were mouthing and using foam hands to sign sentences.

Vina said drag works well for the deaf community because it's an exciting visual art and goes against negative stereotypes of the community, such as hearing people thinking deaf people can't be performers.

"We needed something different, something happy, something fun, something big," she said.

The queens also said they use their show as a way to connect with the hearing community about what it means to be deaf.

"Deafs aren't going to bite you," Minogue said. "We like interacting with hearing."

Kia Vallery, a deaf Gainesville resident, said through an interpreter she wants the hearing community to un-

derstand she can do the same things they can do despite being deaf.

"We want people to understand that we are not sad because we're deaf," the 47-year-old said. "We don't want to be treated differently. We want equality."

Ashleigh Poole, the Signing Gators president, said this year the organization held its longest Deaf Awareness Week, going from five-day events to seven.

Friday's show of Deafies in Drag had the most deaf community members to attend a Signing Gators event in the past four years — about 50.

It cost \$3,000 to bring the queens, which was funded by Signing Gators and other student organizations, Poole said.

Poole said she encourages UF students to learn from the deaf community members themselves.

"As hearing students, even though we're officers of the club, we don't want to be the ones teaching deaf culture or ASL to students," Poole said.



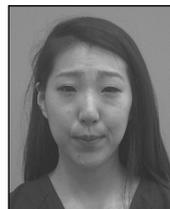
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Deafies in Drag stars Casa Vina (left) and Selena Minogue (right) were paid \$3,000 to speak at UF on Friday in the Reitz Union.

## UF student accused of drunk driving in the wrong direction

By **Meryl Kornfield**  
Alligator Staff Writer

A UF student was charged with drunk driving early Friday after she was accused of driving in the wrong direction, Gainesville Police said.



Choi

Hannah Choi, 29, drove a black 2014 Mini Cooper north in the southbound lane of Northeast Waldo Road near Northeast 16th Avenue when an officer noticed her and pulled her over, an arrest report said. The officer smelled alcohol and told Choi to park, but Choi reversed and began driving away.

When two officers yelled at Choi to stop, she exited the car, the report said.

Officers handcuffed her and placed her in a patrol car, where she was able to squeeze a

hand out of the handcuffs, the report said.

She told police she had two drinks at a pub called Munegin's On 13th, the report said. She initially agreed to sobriety tests but then told the officer he was "drunk and coked out" and put her hands on his chest.

Her blood alcohol content measured by a breathalyzer was 0.198, more than twice the legal amount to drive, the report said.

"(Choi) made statements of 'Try me!' as she looked at me with the meanest expression she could muster," an officer wrote in the report.

Choi is a UF student, according to a UF directory.

Choi was charged with driving under the influence and resisting arrest without violence. She was released from the Alachua County Jail on Friday afternoon on a \$20,000 bond.

Choi did not respond to a request for comment.

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## Sustainable UF encourages students to ride bikes

By **Catie Wegman**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Christine Infantolino rides her bike to campus from her Oxford Manor apartment every day, totaling up to at least 30 miles a week.

"It's nice to be out, feel the weather and get some fresh air," the 21-year-old UF political science senior said.

To recognize students like Infantolino who ride their bikes to campus, Sustainable UF hosted its inaugural "Bike to Campus Day" on Friday morning on the Plaza of the Americas. About 50 bike-riding students ate free breakfast, learned safety precautions like mapping out their routes. They also received free bike lights and black helmets from University Police.

Jacob Adams, the office manager for UF's Office of Sustainability, said the

event was one of many the organization held during March to honor Florida Bicycle Month.

Bike riders only account for 6 percent of students who commute to campus. He said he hopes these events will bring attention to the environmental, economic and health benefits that come from biking to campus. The advantages include not releasing harmful gases from automobiles and saving money on gas and insurance.

"We just want to take this really easy, sustainable solution that works for people very well and make it more available and a more desirable option," Adams said.

He also said the bike-friendly campus will help. There are about 13,000 bike spots across campus, he added.

"That's something UF recognizes as an option and wants to encourage," Adams said.

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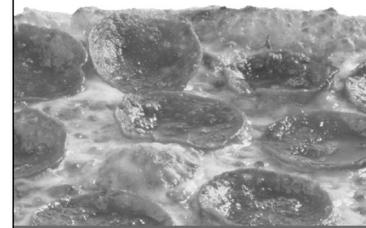
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## Editorial

### It's time for a women's history museum

**E**arlier this month, the head of the Smithsonian Institute announced the museum complex will launch a Women's History Initiative to highlight women's achievements throughout history. Unfortunately, according to The Washington Post, Smithsonian Secretary David J. Skorton said he does not support the idea of creating a stand-alone museum to honor this initiative — at least not right now, anyway.

Skorton pledged the Smithsonian would hire curators and create programs that would focus on women and their contribution to history but said the museum is in no position to initiate any new museums in the near future. In support of the initiative, Congress passed a \$2 million spending plan.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), the author of the bill that would establish a stand-alone museum, believes the initiative will prove crucial in achieving this goal. But she told the Post she remains frustrated at the lack of support she has seen for the project from the Smithsonian.

This Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative is certainly admirable and long overdue; however, so is a museum dedicated solely to women and their accomplishments.

As a country, America has been guilty of neglecting women when it comes to recognition for their accomplishments. Not only have women been consistently left out of historical narratives but are often times overshadowed by their male counterparts.

Think of Frida Kahlo, who, in her obituary, was described first as the "wife of Diego Rivera," before she was dubbed a "noted painter." Or consider the life of Ida B. Wells. Wells wasn't even originally given an obituary in The New York Times after devoting her life to fighting racism in the deep South.

Look at Abigail Adams, who proved to the nation that women had the ability to be more than just the silent and poised wives of statesmen. Nonetheless, she is still most commonly referred to as the wife of the second president of the U.S. rather than a political trailblazer of her own accord.

In recent years, we've seen some of these snubbed women start to get the acknowledgement they deserve. The film "Hidden Figures," which came out in 2016, highlights the achievements of three African American women at NASA. Without these women, astronaut John Glenn may have never made it into orbit. Sadly, few people knew they ever existed until their story became an item of popular culture. But, as a result, most of America knows the important role these women played in American history.

Since 1851, obituaries in The New York Times have glossed over impressive females and instead allowed the pages to be disproportionately saturated with the life stories of white men. In 2018, after nearly 170 years of disregard, the paper is rectifying their mistake and publishing obituaries of the women who should have been honored years before.

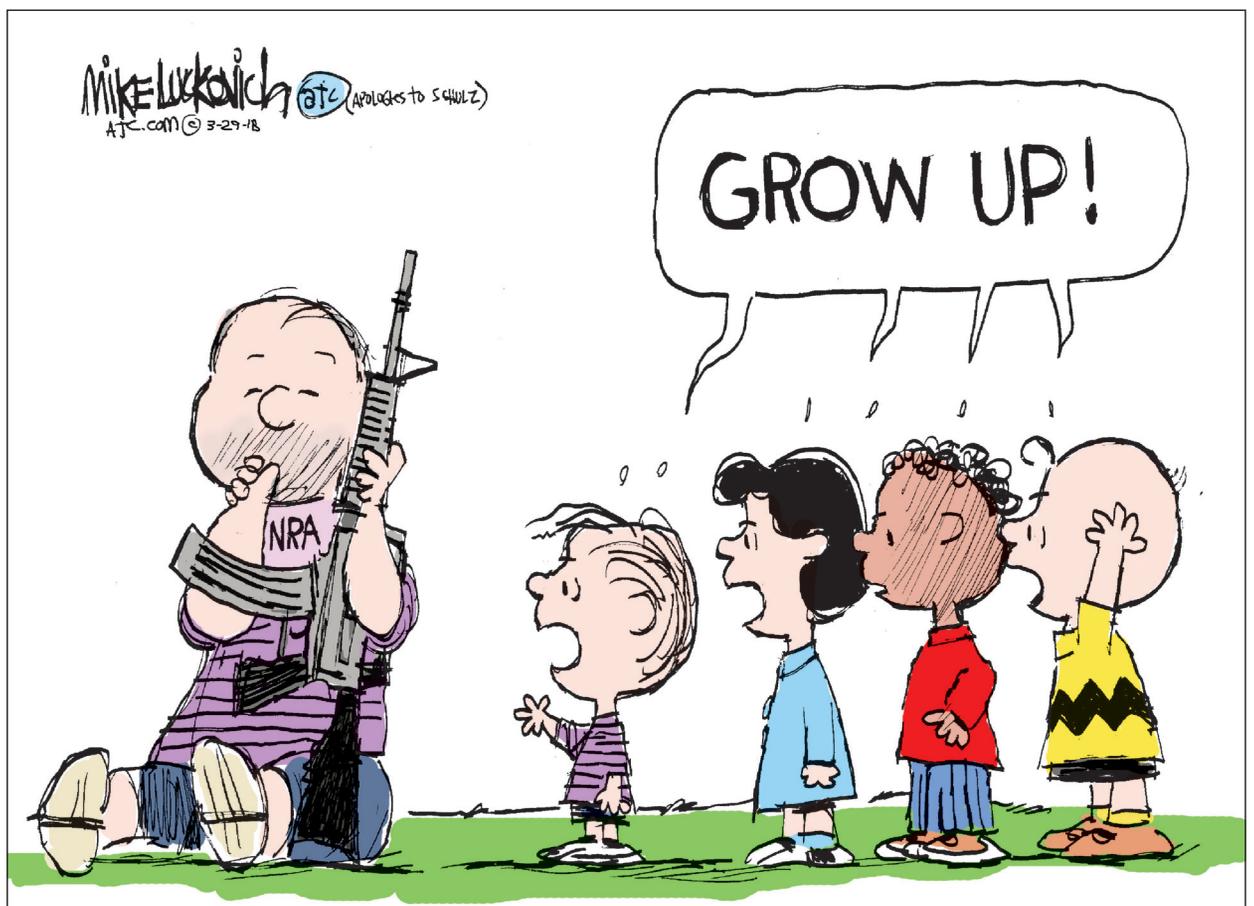
In 2017, three women enlisted as the U.S. Marine Corps' first female infantrymen. That same year, Imelme Umana was elected as the first African American woman to serve as president of the Harvard Law Review, and in 2016, Carla Hayden became the first female Librarian of Congress.

Women have made great strides, that's for sure, but they certainly aren't done yet. And although as a nation we have started to improve when it comes to recognizing women and their accomplishments, there is much room for improvement. We need a place that is devoted just to women — a place that will hold their accomplishments throughout time and protect their legacies.

It's time we give women the museum and the honor they deserve.

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## Column

### Delete Facebook – it may make you feel better

**O**ver the past few weeks, #deleteFacebook has been rampant across the web. Cambridge Analytica, a political data-mining and consulting firm, got a hold of the personal information of 50 million Facebook users. It may have later used the information to craft ads and messages for President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign. Now, according to a survey from Raymond James investment firm, 84 percent of users are somewhat or very concerned about how their data might be used by Facebook. However, nearly half of these people said this would not affect how much they use Facebook.

American Facebook users, on average, spend 50 minutes each day browsing the social media platform. We obsess over how many likes we get and how many people comment on our statuses. If we don't break our like record on Instagram, we wonder whether it is because our picture is bad or because we posted at a bad time. We Google the best time each day to post to hit ideal engagement. They have us hook, line and sinker. We wake up and the first thing we do is check social media. Our whole lives are documented, and plenty of people we have as friends or followers have no way of keeping up with us aside from our profiles.

It doesn't really seem like what a giant company does would affect us so much. But it does. Think of everything on your Facebook page. Think of everything you have sent over Facebook Messenger. Even if you are among those who try to keep their most personal information off Facebook, there is probably a lot more about you on that website than you realize. From your personal information such as where you work and where you went to college to pictures of you and your friends and everything in between, anyone who looks at your page can tell a lot about you.

Research has shown using social media can cause anxiety, stress and depression, and it can negatively affect sleep quality. It can be addictive and hurt your self-esteem. The



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culture of comparison can be toxic, but generally we only worry about the people we interact with. Now we worry about being "on the grid." We worry the same way we worry our Amazon Echo is always listening, and anything we even think about is used for targeted advertising.

We've been taught from an early age to be careful what we put online. Future employers, significant others' parents and our own parents can see what's on our pages, and even if you delete it, someone could have already seen it or

taken a screenshot. This is not news to us. It causes some stress because we have to carefully monitor what we are tagged in and who captures our behavior in a photo or on video. However, this aspect is fairly easy to keep track of. If it's "on private" or in a direct message, only our friends and ourselves can see it.

Except that's not true. Advertising and analytics companies have your information. It's out there. We absentmindedly click "I agree" on those thousand-page privacy and usage agreements. Is it a little shady our information gets sold to these companies? Maybe. The issue is not even the legality here. The issue is how we feel about it.

So, dear readers, be careful. If you try too hard to be in complete control of what information of yours is out there, you'll drive yourself crazy. But, for your own sanity, try to keep some things private. You'll feel more in control. A large cause of stress is feeling as though you have no control over your life. Try to hold some things close to the vest. You may feel better. Also, don't feel like you can't delete social media. If that's the best choice for you and your mental health, do it. Your friends will still talk to you, and you'll still know what's going on in the world. Do what's best for you.

Taylor Cavaliere is a UF journalism and psychology junior. Her column focuses on mental health.

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

## Column

## We're not ready for driverless technology

For the past century, cars have had a continuing impact in shaping American lives. Ever since people started to come up with ways to take people from one place to another, cars have coincided with progress and development.

One hundred years ago, it was the horseless carriage. Today, it is the driverless car. Scientists envision a safer world with driverless cars, and engineers are already planning futuristic cities where individual vehicle ownership becomes obsolete.

Although autonomous vehicles could be beneficial to society, car companies are prematurely pushing the possibilities of driverless technology. All of them are trying to be the first company in the driverless car market. It might seem that it would be best if car companies paved the way for driverless cars. However, these companies are focused on ambitious financial goals. As a result, the U.S. is rushing to embrace a technology that is not ready.

The major drawback to the current cars we so heavily rely on are the dangers they bring. Car accidents kill more than 30,000 Americans every year. The National Highway Safety Administration estimates more than 90 percent of car accidents are caused by human error. With human error virtually eliminated with driverless vehicles, the world would be a safer place.

Of course, this significant societal benefit only comes to fruition if everyone chooses to use autonomous vehicles. Realistically, consumers are hesitant to use them. According to a recent study from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, half of the participants researchers contacted for a survey would never purchase a car that completely drives itself.

If a significant portion of the driving population refuses to use driverless cars, human error will continue to be a part of driving, leaving the primary purpose of even developing driverless technology as nothing more than a gross exaggeration of what's possible.

Another problem is car companies overselling the capabilities of their driverless technology, giving drivers a false sense of safety. Most brands on today's market are at level 2 automation. That means cars can drive themselves on highways, but drivers must be able



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to take over at any time. Under this impractical assumption that passengers will be attentive of the roadway even though they are not driving, car companies are not designing driverless cars to the level consumers look to use them.

Now, many may think they can avoid this technology by simply choosing not to purchase driverless cars nor use services with autonomous vehicles. However, Congress has recently proposed legislation that yields a legitimate cause for concern. The proposed American Vision For Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act would lower safety standards and liability for driverless car companies. It is a trade-off of safety for the hopes of major advancements in autonomous vehicle technology. Nevertheless, in just the past two weeks, a pedestrian was struck in Arizona by an Uber autonomous vehicle and a driver was killed in California while using the autopilot feature in a Tesla. The government would be unjustifiably asking every American to assume more risk when using roads as car companies tinker with unproven technology.

Instead of developing full-fledged autonomous vehicles, car companies should focus on driver-assist technology. Lane departure warning and blind spot detection systems are already reducing the number of accidents that occur on the road. The Institute for Highway Safety calculated lane departure warning systems reduced injuries from sideswipe and head-on collisions by 20 percent in 2016. People make mistakes, but don't take people out of the driver seat. Driver-assist technology can prevent accidents caused by human error without the over reliance on the technology itself.

In an ideal world, driverless cars would save lives. In reality, car companies are currently pushing autonomous vehicles on consumers that don't want them, and the government is looking to dissolve safeguards that would protect users of the road while this technology develops. Driverless technology may be beneficial one day, but not today, nor in the near future.

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## Guest Column

## College students, proclaim your independence in your health care

College is the time to spread our wings, gain independence and discover who we are. However, sometimes the unexpected occurs and changes plans. More often than not, we are not prepared for that and we find ourselves in trouble. This happens because we spend too much time planning one day at a time and don't stop to think about the "what-ifs."

As The Band Perry says in their hit song, "If I Die Young," "A penny for my thoughts, oh no, I'll sell them for a dollar. They're worth so much more after I'm a gone." Your words, thoughts and wishes are invaluable when you're no longer able to speak for yourself. You deserve to be your own health care decision-maker. When the unexpected requires urgent medical attention, the best plan is to have advance directives in place. If college is the time for people to gain independence, then they can start by filling out an advance directive.

Advance care planning involves making health care choices, executing advance directives and informing our loved ones. Completion of an advance directive enables an individual to state his or her wishes for care, even during a period of incapacity such as after unexpected illness or accident or at the end of life. Now is the time to engage in these important conversations with loved ones and legally document your medical care choices. Talking about your end-of-life-care decisions is one of the most important things you can do, and it is never too early for anyone to start the conversation.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has declared April to be "National Healthcare Decisions Month." UF, UF Health, Haven Hospice, LifeQuest Organ Recovery Service and other organizations across Alachua County have planned activities to show how these conversations can make a difference.

Interactive "Before I Die" walls will be installed at the Reitz Union, Bo Diddley Community Plaza, Depot Park and UF Health Sun



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Terrace among other locations. The walls are public art projects that enable people to express their creativity and jot down bucket-list items. Postcards at the sites will encourage participants to document their medical preferences.

A group of about 70 UF students dedicated to raising the advance directives completion rate have volunteered to con-

struct the walls around Gainesville. They will study the likelihood that adults who visit the walls proceed to document their health care decisions by completing advance directives.

National Healthcare Decisions Day is celebrated April 16, right after Tax Day because only two things in life are certain: death and taxes. This is the day the Reitz Union's "Before I Die" wall will be up for participants to start writing. Students are encouraged to take this interactive activity to really think about how they want their health care decisions handled in cases of emergency.

April 30 is the last day students can participate in the Reitz Union wall, but there will also be a lawyer present near the wall all day to answer any questions and help students fill out advance directives on the spot.

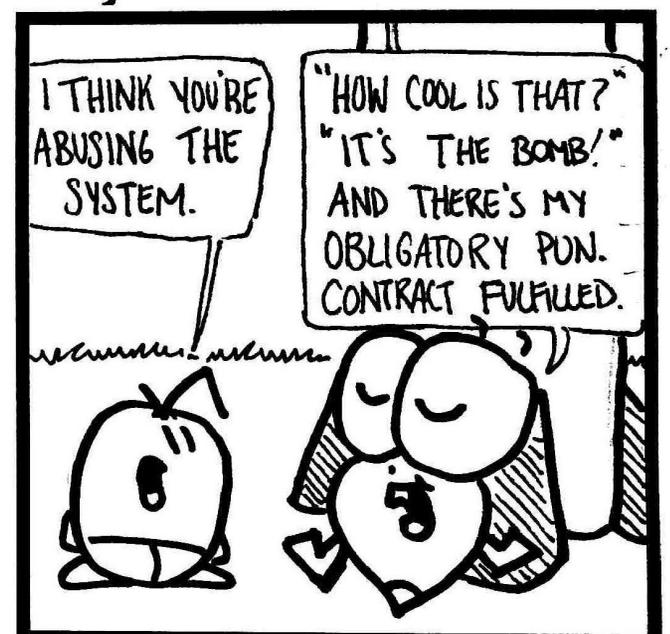
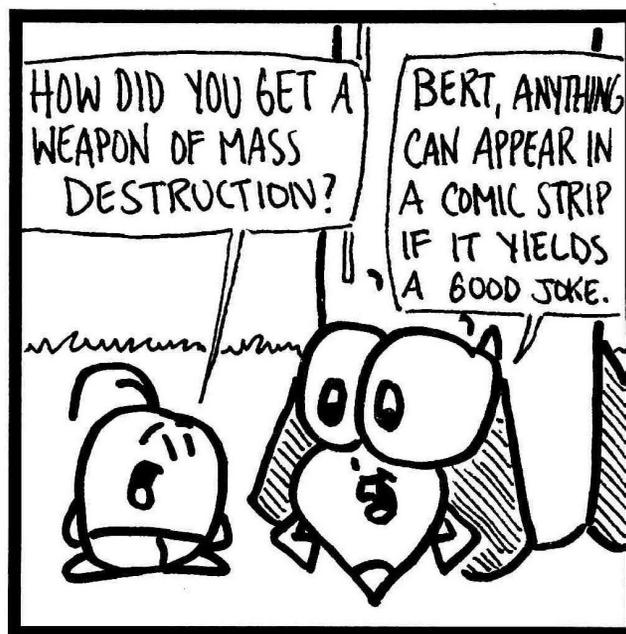
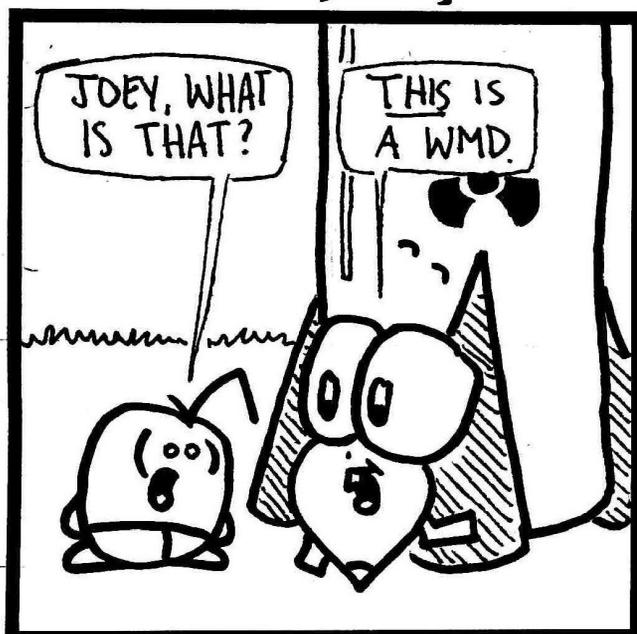
On April 23, an interdisciplinary panel at the Alachua County Senior Recreation Center will also help citizens seeking assistance in the completion of advance directives. If you'd like to attend this forum, call 352-265-9040.

Visit [ufhealth.org/advance-directives](http://ufhealth.org/advance-directives) to find details about this month's activities and more about advance care planning or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/gnvNHDD/](https://www.facebook.com/gnvNHDD/). If you have any further questions, you can reach out to Anne Meiring at [meiria@shands.ufl.edu](mailto:meiria@shands.ufl.edu).

Do you really want your mom and dad still making decisions about your health care? April is the month for independence. Now is the time.

*Veronika Vernachio is a UF Health intern. This is a guest column.*

## Lifeless Joey



By Michael Smith

# More than 12,000 citations have been issued in the past year

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pants bring in five items for each. It also applies for anyone who is in the process of appealing their parking ticket. But individuals who have paid off the ticket cannot be reimbursed.

The Parking Services office doesn't rely heavily on parking fines for revenue and doesn't plan on having the costs of fines covered by the program reimbursed to it, Fox said. As of March 15, 12,145 citations

have been issued since April Fools' Day 2017, he added.

Fox said he's looked at other places where similar food-for-tickets programs have been successfully implemented. Ultimately, he said, the food drive will help the food pantry and help others save money.

"This is a way for members of the university community to satisfy parking tickets and save some money in the process," Fox said. "We think it's a real win for ev-

erybody."

Online, clueless students who have presumably amassed parking fines pleaded with Fuchs to stop kidding.

"Don't toy with me UF I'm emotional," one student wrote. Another posted a screenshot of more than 30 unpaid tickets from Fall and wondered if he'll be reimbursed.

In the video, Fuchs only offered a sly grin before signing off.

"It is great to be a Florida Gator."

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# In 2016, UF announced intent to combine UF, FSU

## Alligator Staff

*Editor's note: The full version of this April Fools' Day story originally ran on April 1, 2016.*

In what will probably be remembered as the single most definitive move in Florida educational history, UF and Florida State University announced today the two schools will be merging.

The name of the new super-university is yet to be determined but has already been cited as a major source of contention between the two concerned parties. For the sake of clarity, The Alligator will henceforth be referring to the new university as the University of Florida Florida State University (UFFSU).

With many aspects of the schools' futures up in the air, one thing is certain: the new location. The two schools will combine in the charming town of Perry, Florida, whose main attractions seem to be church-sponsored barbecues and breakfasts hosted by Christian motorcycling interest groups. Both schools' campuses will then be converted to theme parks.

"With all these smart kids coming to town, maybe we'll finally be able to boast a 'Wheel of Fortune' champion!" said one Perry resident

excitedly.

Most UF students had the same concern.

"So are we moving Balls there or what?" asked one UF junior.

Currently, there are no plans to move the entirety of Midtown to Perry, but a merger with popular Tallahassee scene The Strip Entertainment group is being considered, sources say.

With the quality of nightlife in Perry still questionable, other students were worried about academics.

"Um, don't they know that we're ranked the No. 1 school in the state?" asked one frazzled UF freshman. "And what on earth am I supposed to do with my #UF20 T-shirt?"

One group on campus particularly upset by the change are the UF Ciceroes. One was seen pacing back and forth across Turlington Plaza and appeared to be muttering under his breath, "They expect me to just give tours without making potato and french-fry jokes? What else am I even supposed to say?"

To help ease the transition, the UF Counseling & Wellness Center is currently offering extra counseling sessions for former UF students who may suffer trauma. Causes could include prolonged exposure to the

War Chant or an overdose of garnet and gold.

One major draw to the move is the combining of both of the schools' vast resources. In fact, the merger will produce a campus that hosts a whopping eight Starbucks locations.

"Maybe I'll finally be able to get a freaking breakfast sandwich," grumbled one UF biology junior stomping out of the Marston Science Library Starbucks, which had just run out — although The Alligator is currently conducting an investigation as to whether they ever had any pastries in stock at all.

UF President Kent Fuchs and FSU President John Thrasher both acknowledge the difficulties in forging ahead with a merger of two schools so deeply set in their rivalrous ways. However, both say they are "look(ing) forward to a bright future for higher education in Florida," according to a release from the universities.

With such a positive outlook on the future of the brand-new University of Florida Florida State University, the presidents are sure to work together and make the university the best it can be.

The football team and coaching staff, however, could not be reached for comment on the situation.



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On April Fools' Day 2016, UF announced that it and Florida State University intended to merge, making Perry, Florida, the main campus.

# In 2017, Fuchs joked of banning alligators from campus



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In a 2017 Facebook video on April Fools' Day, UF President Kent Fuchs said he intended to ban all alligators from UF's campus.

## By Molly Vossler

Alligator Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This story originally ran on April 2, 2017.*

UF President Kent Fuchs announced Saturday a new executive order would ban all alligators from UF's campus and effectively "drain the swamp."

In an April Fools' Day Facebook video, which received about 450,000 views, Fuchs declared alligator statues, Gators merchandise, the Gator Chomp and the Rowdy Reptiles would be banned from UF.

"We've all worked hard over the past two years to make our campus inviting, supportive and friendly," Fuchs said in the video posted on UF's social media pages Saturday. "The image of the swamp, and Gators, does not convey the message that I want associated with our great university."

Last April Fools' Day, UF spent \$9,000 in private funds to make a series of videos

announcing that UF and Florida State University would be merging, WUFT reported.

This year, Fuchs' April Fools' Day joke didn't cost anything, said UF spokesperson Steve Orlando.

No money was required for traveling, and a video team from the UF College of Journalism and Communications shot the announcement for free.

Around noon, UF released a second video with Fuchs rescinding his executive order and wishing everyone a happy April Fools' Day.

UF College Democrats member Daniella Mora said she thinks some students may have perceived Fuchs' joke as poking fun of President Donald Trump, who frequently used the term "drain the swamp" during his campaign speeches.

"I do see how some students would have taken it as a form of mockery," the 19-year-old UF telecommunication freshman said.

Fuchs could not be reached for comment.

# In 2015, Fuchs, McElwain switched places for prank

Alligator Staff

*Editor's Note: The full version of this story originally ran April 1, 2015.*

In a highly unorthodox move reminiscent of the Lindsay Lohan smash-hit movie "Freaky Friday," UF President Kent Fuchs and Gators head football Coach Jim McElwain are trading jobs — permanently, The Alligator learned.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, sources in the UF administration close to the decision say the move is the result of Fuchs exercising a little-known clause in his employment contract. The clause states Fuchs retains the right to swap jobs with anyone else at the university he chooses for as long as he wants.

Fuchs said he opted to exercise the option after learning he would not have a reserved parking spot behind Tigert Hall.

"Coach McElwain has a wonderful space right inside the stadium," he said. "It's mine now.

You want to talk about preeminence? That's preeminence. Not only that, it cuts at least 90 seconds off my morning commute."

"Besides," Fuchs added, "being president is nice and all, but frankly, it's a lot more dull than I thought it would be. I'm an engineer. I could use a little excitement in my life."

Though he admits his experience with athletics is "somewhat limited, although I did play middle school basketball when I was growing up in Alaska," Fuchs said he's been giving a new game plan plenty of thought.

For instance, he said, one bedrock of the research world would translate well onto the gridiron: the peer review process.

"Here's my idea," he said. "I'd like to submit our playbook to the coaches of the teams we'll be playing this Fall. If they think our plays will work, then we're in good shape. Isn't that brilliant?"

McElwain wasted no time exercising his new authority. His first project: commencement,

which will be held in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium this Spring.

"I'm thinking we skip the stage for the graduates to walk across," he said. "Now picture this: Instead, we have them run out of the tunnel while the band plays the fight song. Of course, they might trip on those gowns they wear — I need to work on that."

Also on McElwain's agenda: a solution for UF's perennial parking woes.

"Why make people buy parking permits? I say we handle it just like we do tailgating. Let people park wherever they want. Everything is fair game — sidewalks, lawns, Plaza of the Americas."

The switch-up has drawn mixed reviews among students.

"Um, who thought that was a good idea?" said Ugada Bejoshin, a 26-year-old graduate student.

But Ima Kiddin, a 20-year-old junior from Miami, said she's excited.

"Can Coach Fuchs get me some good seats?" she asked.



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Football coach Kent Fuchs and UF President Jim McElwain pose in their new environments. They switched jobs thanks to a loophole in Fuchs' contract.



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Caitlin Macfarlane, a 19-year-old UF health sciences sophomore, performs her dance routine at the Belly Gators Hafla hosted by The Belly Gators at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Sunday night. She said she chose to do belly dancing over karate.



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Cristina Metral, a 20-year-old UF zoology senior, dances at the Belly Gators Hafla at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Sunday night. About 20 people attended the event.

## AP ROUNDUP

### Trump on deal to protect 'Dreamer' immigrants: 'NO MORE'

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump on Sunday declared "NO MORE" to a deal to help "Dreamer" immigrants and threatened to pull out of a free trade agreement with Mexico unless it does more to stop people from crossing into the U.S. He claimed they're coming to take advantage of protections granted certain immigrants.

He tweeted Mexico must "stop the big drug and people flows, or I will stop their cash cow, NAFTA. NEED WALL!" The U.S., Canada and Mexico are participating in tense negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement at Trump's insistence. Trump says NAFTA is bad for the U.S.

"Mexico has got to help us at the border," Trump said. "If they're not going to help us at the border, it's a very sad thing between our two countries."

"A lot of people are coming in because they want to take advantage of DACA," he added.

Former President Barack Obama created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to provide temporary protection and work permits to hundreds of thousands of immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally after being brought here as children. Trump ended the program last year, but gave Congress six months to pass legislation enshrining it. A deal has so far proved elusive and Trump has blamed Democrats.

It was not immediately clear what Trump was referring to when he said people are coming to take advantage of the program.

### Family of man killed by police joins rally for reform

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The family of Stephon Clark joined hundreds of people at a rally urging California's capital city not to let his memory or calls for police reform fade nearly two weeks after the 22-year-old unarmed black man was killed by Sacramento officers.

Clark's fiancée, Salena Manni, stood on stage with his two young sons, grandmother and uncle for the gathering Saturday organized by Sacramento native and former NBA player Matt Barnes, who pledged to create a scholarship fund for the children of black men killed by police.

"All he wanted to do was go see his sons again, and unfortunately he can't," Curtis Gordon, Clark's uncle, said as he recalled seeing his nephew hours before the shooting. "So remember that — while we mourn, while we shout, while we cry — because it ain't just our pain, it's their pain."

The peaceful demonstration that drew between 200 and 300 people to a downtown park came a day after a private autopsy released by the family showed Clark was shot from behind.

Clark was killed March 18 by two police officers responding to a call of someone breaking into car windows. They yelled that he had a gun before shooting, but it was only a cellphone. The police department says it has not received an official autopsy report from the county coroner's office.

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### Trump EPA expected to roll back auto gas mileage standards

DETROIT (AP) — The Trump administration is expected to announce that it will roll back automobile gas mileage and pollution standards that were a pillar in the Obama administration's plans to combat climate change.

It's not clear whether the announcement will include a specific number, but current regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency require the fleet of new vehicles to get 36 miles per gallon in real-world driving by 2025. That's about 10 mpg over the existing standard.

Environmental groups, who predict increased greenhouse gas emissions and more gasoline consumption if the standards are relaxed, say the announcement could come Tuesday. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said in an email Friday that the standards are still being reviewed.

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## BASEBALL

# Florida sweeps Vanderbilt, India continues hitting streak



Alan Alvarez / Alligator Staff

Florida third baseman Jonathan India extended his hitting streak to 15 games during UF's 8-2 win over Vanderbilt on Sunday. The junior blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth inning.

By Morgan McMullen  
Sports Writer

The outcome between No. 2 Florida and No. 8 Vanderbilt on Sunday at McKethan Stadium had become nothing more than a sideshow. Even though it was still a ballgame — 5-2 in Florida's favor in the bottom of the fourth — everyone's focus was on UF third baseman Jonathan India.

India came into Sunday's series finale riding a 14-game hitting streak. He hit .565 over that span with 12 extra-base hits. Eleven of those 14 games were multi-hit performances.

In short, India has wielded a bat more destructive than Thor's hammer.

So when he came up to hit in the bottom of the fourth not having recorded a base knock in his first two plate appearances, it was understandable that the tension among the crowd was rising. The anticipation crescendoed until a 2-1 pitch from Commodores left-hander Jackson Gillis made its way to the

plate.

India clubbed the 92-mph fastball toward right-center field, over the heads of Vanderbilt's outfielders and into the Commodores' bullpen to extend both the lead and his streak. His bomb served as one of three homers for the Gators (25-5, 7-2 SEC) in an 8-2 win in Florida's sweep of Vanderbilt. For the Commodores, it was the first time in 59 series they had been swept in conference play.

"I think that just goes to show you how well of a run they've been on and what kind of a great program they have," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "We needed to play at a high level, obviously, to win all three games this weekend."

India's dinger — his 11th of the season — would've lifted him back into the team lead in home runs had outfielder Wil Dalton not secured his 11th an inning earlier.

"We have fun with it," Dalton said of the budding

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## FOOTBALL

# Spring Camp Roundup: Week 3

By Andrew Huang  
Sports Writer

Week 3 of spring practices saw a couple new developments for Florida's football team.

The Gators held a full scrimmage on Friday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and hosted their pro day on Wednesday.

### Friday's scrimmage

The three-hour-long scrimmage was essentially a dress rehearsal for the annual Orange and Blue Game held this year on April 14.

All eyes were on the quarterback battle, which yielded mixed results for a pair of redshirt sophomores in Feleipe Franks and Kyle Trask. Official stats were not provided, but Robbie Andreu — the Gainesville Sun's football beat writer since 1993 — recorded statistics from the scrimmage on his own.

According to Andreu's stats, Franks completed 7-of-22 passes for 127 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Both touchdowns and 113 of Franks' passing yards came in the second half.

Trask finished with 182 yards on the day, completing 12-of-18 attempts with three touchdowns and one interception.

"It's always hard when you get a new playbook in," Franks said after the scrimmage. "I think all the quarterbacks did a good job."

Franks started eight of 11 games in 2017. The Crawfordville, Florida, native impressed with his arm strength but struggled with his decision making last season as a redshirt freshman.

Trask missed the entire 2017 season recovering from a foot injury sustained shortly before the team's first game on Sept. 2 against Michigan.

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## Sweet and Bauer / Opinion

# UMBC's and Loyola-Chicago's postseason runs have implications beyond sports

Jeff Pearlman, a feature writer for The Athletic and well-known sports biographer, recently made an observation about March Madness.

He said, following No. 16-seed University of Maryland-Baltimore County's win over No. 1-seed Virginia, that a decade or two from now, nobody will remember who won the 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, but everyone will remember the Terriers beating the Cavaliers. With tonight's final — a matchup between Michigan and Villanova — set to tip off at 9:20 p.m., I can say that I agree.

Indeed, UMBC's victory over Virginia is probably one of the most iconic upsets of this young millenium. But until Saturday, this year's tournament had a chance to hoist



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an even bigger underdog to the level of Rudy or the Miracle on Ice. I'm talking, of course, about Loyola-Chicago.

Just compare the odds: UMBC's to beat Virginia? 20-to-1. Loyola's odds to win it all when the tournament started? 250-to-1.

It obviously didn't happen, and now few outside Philadelphia and Ann Arbor will remember this season's champs. But until their elimination against Michigan on Saturday, the 11-seeded Ramblers gave the nation an unforgettable story to root for that just couldn't quite reach the level of Hollywood blockbuster. Nevertheless, Loyola gave sports fans and non-sports fans alike an example of what makes these games so wonderful and im-

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Senior **Anna Danilina** and the rest of the Florida women's tennis team fell to Texas 4-0 on Sunday to end a five-match winning streak.

### Ogunbowale's shot leads Notre Dame to NCAA title

The Notre Dame women's basketball team defeated Mississippi State 61-58 on Sunday in the national championship game. Guard Arike Ogunbowale hit a three-pointer with 0.1 seconds remaining to win the contest for the Fighting Irish.

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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

# Four UF seniors record wins at Florida Relays to cap off Senior Day

By Alanis Thames

Sports writer

Lloydricia Cameron waited four years to hear her name called over the speakers at James G. Pressly Stadium.

Shortly after she won the women's shot put, Cameron gripped her white flowers with her left hand and clutched a family member's wrist in her right as she received her senior plaque from coach Mike Holloway.

And she wasn't the only one.

Each year, the Pepsi Florida Relays mark a time when the veterans on UF's men's and women's track and field teams celebrate both the highs and lows of their collegiate journey. And on Saturday, four of those seniors took home a win in their final opportunity to compete at UF's biggest home event of the season.

"Senior Day is always very emotional for me. Today, like all the other days, we hug each other and talk," Holloway said in a release. "Then to see them all together, all the emotion kind of rushes over me because they all kind of have their own special story."

Cameron's story includes two SEC titles, three All-American honors and an SEC sportsmanship award.

She's also the No. 3 discus thrower, as well as the No. 4 outdoor and No. 5 indoor shot put thrower on UF's All-Time Top-10 List.

Another special story came from transfer Avione Allgood, who has only competed in two meets as a Gator. Her first season with Florida's women's track and field team would have been in 2017 after she transferred from



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Thrower Lloydricia Cameron was honored during UF's Senior Day ceremony on Saturday at the Pepsi Florida Relays.

Oklahoma. However, an injury kept her out the entire season.

The sixth-year senior javelin thrower made an emotional UF debut two weeks ago at the FSU Relays, where she threw for 53.59 meters.

"Watching her, after the injuries she fought through, it was emotional," Holloway said. "You could see the fear in her eyes a little bit. But she's a great athlete."

In her first and last Florida Relays, the two-time outdoor All-American won the

women's javelin throw. And in her short time as a Gator, Allgood is already fifth on the program's outdoor All-Time Top-10 list.

For Darrielle McQueen, Saturday was an opportunity for several members of her family to gather on Percy Beard track to watch the crowd cheer as she received her plaque.

In addition to her long jump win on the second day of the meet, McQueen is a nine-time All-American and sits in the top three on UF's indoor and outdoor All-Time Top-10 lists in the event.

KeAndre Bates described his journey as a Gator as one that was centered around progress.

"I've grown a lot, especially these last two years," Bates said. "It's pretty much change, growing up, and seeing what my place in the world is."

He has compiled 10 All-American honors, three national titles and three SEC titles.

The El Paso, Texas, native was named SEC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year as well as USTFCCA National Indoor Field Athlete of the Year in 2017. He's also the seventh man in Division I history to sweep the triple and long jumps at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and the eighth man to record top-three finishes in both jumps at consecutive NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"The whole time (at Florida) I was in a chrysalis like a caterpillar," Bates said. "I've turned into a butterfly now."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Gators lose nailbiter against Gamecocks to end five-match winning streak

By Dylan Rudolph

Sports Writer

McClain Kessler had no energy left to give as he walked off Court 6 of the Carolina Tennis Center.

With his head down, Kessler was met with pats on the back from coaches and teammates after losing a match-clinching singles contest against South Carolina's Wood Benton.

After prevailing over No. 1 Wake Forest on Friday, the No. 10 Gators fell to the Gamecocks 4-3 on Sunday in Columbia, snapping a five-match win streak.

"Have to give South Carolina a lot of credit," coach Bryan Shelton said in a release. "They played a great match and were well prepared for us."

Florida's struggles began with doubles play.

The No. 1-ranked duo of sophomore Johannes Ingildsen and junior Alfredo Perez lost its third doubles match in a row, 6-3. In their previous two defeats, Ingildsen and Perez's teammates picked up their slack. But on Sunday, that was not the case.

On Court 2, Kessler and freshman Duarte Vale fell to South Carolina's senior tandem of Gabriel Friedrich and Thomas Mayronne 6-3. The loss

snapped Florida's five-match win streak in doubles competition.

UF's frustrating play continued into singles.

Ingildsen — who Shelton placed on Court 1 for the first time since Feb. 3 against Florida State — blew a 5-2 second-set lead in a 6-3, 7-6 loss to Friedrich.

Ingildsen's doubles partner, Perez, lost his third consecutive singles match on Court 2 in straight sets 6-4, 6-1. The junior struggled to land accurate shots with his forehand for much of the match. Of the three matches in Perez's current losing streak, he has lost in straight sets each time.

On Courts 3, 4 and 5, however, Florida saw a glimmer of hope.

Oliver Crawford, who entered Sunday on an 11-match winning streak, continued his impressive run with another win over South Carolina's Yancy Dennis on Court 3. The freshman's 6-3, 6-2 win pushed his overall singles record against SEC opponents to 9-0 on the season.

Chase Perez-Blanco rebounded from his loss on Friday against Wake Forest to also secure a singles victory in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, on Court 4. The senior from Miami has

now won seven of his last eight singles matches.

Vale, who tied Friday's dual match against Wake Forest after winning his singles contest, delivered for UF again on Sunday after he came back to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 against South Carolina's Mayronne.

"It was an uphill battle, but we continued to fight back on several courts," Shelton said.

Even with all the momentum, Florida (13-7, 7-2 SEC) still fell short.

Kessler's 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 singles loss on Court 6 was his first since his March 21 return to the lineup.

The captain faced multiple controversial calls throughout the match, including one in the third set that caused him to throw down his hat and yell at the umpire.

His defeat snapped UF's four-match win streak over the Gamecocks (15-6, 5-4 SEC) dating back to the 2012-13 season.

The Gators will have time to recover before they get back on the road later this week. The team will travel to College Station to play No. 6 Texas A&M on Friday. First serves are set for 6 p.m.

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## LACROSSE

## Ronbeck's return helps Florida overcome recent offensive woes

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The Gators have every reason to be happy. The team remains undefeated in conference play, and its only three losses of the season came against ranked opponents.

But junior attacker Lindsey Ronbeck hasn't been happy.



Ronbeck

"We haven't really been doing our best the last couple games," she said.

The overall play of UF took a dip recently in the absence of two of its leaders, Ronbeck and senior defender

Aniya Flanagan.

However, Ronbeck's return against Connecticut on Saturday proved to be beneficial to the Gators' struggling attack. No. 8 Florida (8-3, 3-0 Big East) dominated the Huskies 21-8, and Ronbeck scored six goals and four assists in the win, making her only the second player in school history to score 10 points in a single game.

Ronbeck suffered a knee injury in UF's 19-16 win over Navy on March 13, and Flanagan was sidelined with an undisclosed injury prior to that game. Flanagan returned after two contests, but Ronbeck missed the Gators' following three.

Florida's offensive production took a significant hit during the games in which Ronbeck didn't play. When she

has seen the field this year, UF averages 16.8 goals per game. Without her, the team only averages 12.7 goals.

"Having (Ronbeck) there I think gives us a certain advantage," coach Amanda O'Leary said.

The team is at full health for the first time since its loss at Syracuse on March 7, and starting with their home matchup against Temple on Wednesday, the Gators will finish their regular season with a slew of winnable games. Villanova, Cincinnati and Butler, three of Florida's final six opponents, have a combined 0-9 conference record.

Florida, the preseason Big East favorite, is in a good position to reclaim the conference title for a fourth consecutive year as well as make a run beyond the first round of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2015.

Ronbeck's return to Florida's lineup has not only improved the team's play on the field, it has also changed the team's mindset moving forward.

Senior attacker Shayna Pirreca said that the team viewed the UConn game as a chance for a fresh start, and it certainly got the result it desired as the explosive and now fully recovered UF attack notched a season-high 21 goals.

"The biggest change right now is the mentality," Pirreca said. "We're just trying to stay hungry and motivated."

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# Callaway and Elam participated at UF pro day

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"It is what it is," Trask said. "Around Christmas (2017), I was feeling 100 percent. I love being out there."

### Pro Day

The most prominent storyline of UF's pro day was the return of former Gators Antonio Callaway and Matt Elam.

Callaway, a wide receiver, did not play in 2017 due to a suspension for his alleged involvement in a credit card scam and chose to enter the NFL draft over returning to school.

Elam, a safety who last suited up for the Gators in 2012 and spent three seasons in the NFL, also participated in drills during UF's pro day.

First-year coach Dan Mullen did not coach Callaway or Elam, but said he's a big be-

liever in second chances.

"They're part of the Gator family," Mullen said on Wednesday.

Former safeties Marcell Harris and Nick Washington were both hoping to prove to scouts they can overcome their respective 2017 season-ending injuries. Harris missed the entire year with a torn Achilles tendon, while Washington missed the Gators' final six games after hurting his shoulder against LSU.

Defensive lineman Taven Bryan, kicker Eddy Pineiro and punter Johnny Townsend were also among the 18 former Gators to participate on Wednesday.

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Former UF kicker Eddy Pineiro was one of 18 players who participated in Florida's pro day on Wednesday.

# Leftwich struck out three batters

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friendly rivalry between the two home run leaders. "It's kind of a competition. Every time he hits a home run, I'm like, 'Well, I guess I gotta go hit another.'"

Florida pitcher Tyler Dyson made his seventh start of the season and came away with mixed results. He recorded four strikeouts before surrendering the first Commodores hit, a single into left field, in the top of the third. The next Vanderbilt batter crushed a two-run homer out to right field, dealing the only damage the Commodores could manage on the day.

Vanderbilt (17-11, 5-4 SEC) did, however, load up the bases against Dyson with no outs in the fifth off a pair of singles and a hit batsman.

After a strikeout against the final batter he faced, Dyson was pulled by O'Sullivan in favor of freshman Jordan Butler. The left-hander combined with fellow freshman Jack Leftwich to shut down the Commodores over the next 4.2 innings, allowing just one hit while striking out four.

After career milestones from closer Michael Byrne — who broke UF's program record for career saves on Friday — and catcher JJ Schwarz — who tied UF's program record in career RBIs on Saturday — O'Sullivan presented both players with lineup cards to commemorate the occasions. While he's proud of the accomplishment of snapping Vanderbilt's streak of 59 SEC series with at least one win, he laughed when a reporter suggested he give one to himself.

"No no no, I move on," O'Sullivan said. "I'm already thinking of who's going to start on Tuesday."

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portant.

At this point, I should probably mention I'm not a big basketball fan. On my sports hierarchy, it's in competition with hockey for the No. 3 spot, just as baseball and football compete for No. 1. So in past years, even as someone who came of age as a huge Florida Gators fan during UF's title runs in 2006 and 2007, I never cared to watch the games. Not Florida's, and certainly not any of the others'.

That started changing when I got to college, and I'd say it

reached its peak this year. After spending five days in St. Louis for the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament, where I familiarized myself with different teams and positions and possible tournament seedings, I was pumped for March Madness to begin.

When it did, I couldn't turn the TV off day after day after day. As someone who has never really cared for basketball, I started asking myself why.

The answer I came up with is embodied by Loyola, or even by UMBC. In every single game, there's an underdog. That goes for any sport. But when March Madness starts, some underdogs

— like Loyola and UMBC — are massive. They face those 20-to-1 or 250-to-1 odds that, in some way, we all face. Whether those low odds are to find a new job, buy a new house or get a good grade on a paper about something that — despite your best efforts — you don't fully understand.

And with a 64-team field, there's always at least one of those big upsets. The kind of upset that reminds all of us, just briefly, that anything is possible.

That's why I was rooting for Loyola to win it all, or for UMBC to advance past the round of 32. Neither happened, but regard-

less, I'll remember both teams. I may not remember that they made their runs in 2018, or where exactly they ended up in the tournament, but I'll remember Loyola and UMBC for showing me and the rest of the world that life can be reduced to moments and decisions. And even though sometimes the odds against us are great, they can be rebelled against and overcome.

I'd much rather remember that than the winner of the Michigan-Villanova game.

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