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## Copper Monkey to reopen after being sold on eBay

**THE RESTAURANT WILL COME BACK ON APRIL 23.**

**By Carolina Watlington**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Copper Monkey is returning to Gainesville nearly a year after it was sold on eBay.

The restaurant's Midtown location closed in April 2017 after 37 years of business due to construction around the restaurant, said Ashlea Zeller, 37, who has owned the bar and restaurant with her husband Robert, 47, since 2003. The couple also owns another location in Newberry known as Copper Monkey

West. The Midtown location was sold for \$80,100.01 to the owners of the Rowdy Reptile, according to Alligator archives.

The new Creekside Mall location will be at 3501 SW 2nd Ave. The official opening will be April 23, with details of the grand opening to come soon.

"The best decision was to relocate it," Zeller said. "It was smarter to take a break and let Midtown establish itself between the closed streets and all the construction."

The Creekside Mall location will be two-stories, with bars both downstairs and upstairs, along with a banquet room. The menu is mostly the

same, but was revised with some new items from the Jonesville location, as well as some new twists on classic items.

In an effort to attract students, the restaurant will have college night specials for students on Tuesdays,

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### FOOTBALL

## Player involved in credit card scandal violates pre-trial intervention terms

**By Jake Dreilinger**  
Sports Writer

Florida defensive lineman Keivonnis Davis' status with UF's football team remains unclear after he violated three parts of his pre-trial intervention agreement for his alleged involvement in a 2017 credit card scandal.



Davis

The Florida Department of Corrections filed a letter with a signature from his probation officer on March 20 citing that Davis still hasn't fulfilled three specific requirements from the agreement.

The first part cited Davis' failure to complete 50 hours of community ser-

vice. According to the letter, Davis was reminded on Jan. 26 of the requirement and how to complete it. As of March 19, he hadn't done any community service.

The second violation was a failure to make court cost payments to the probation officer. Davis owed \$139.62 at the time of the letter's filing, and it is unclear whether he has paid it off yet.

The final point mentioned alleged drug use. As part of the agreement, Davis had to "live without violating any law," according to the letter. On March 12, he was found with marijuana and later admitted to using the drug.

The letter ended with the probation officer requesting Davis be allowed to continue with the pre-trial intervention program, despite violating three of its terms. While the case appears to closed on the Alachua County Clerk of Court's

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### SWEEPING AND LEAPING

Floridance, UF's dance company, performs to a Sam Smith song at their spring show, "Once Upon A Time," at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday night in front of more than 300.

## Political candidates speak at town hall about gun reform

**CONGRESSMAN TED YOHO AND REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK CLEMONS DID NOT ATTEND.**

**By Christina Morales and Amanda Rosa**  
Alligator Staff Writers

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School senior Taryn Hibshman would've been in the Holocaust study class that Nikolas Cruz shot into on Valentine's Day had she not left school early that day.

Hibshman, 18, wearing a button with Nicholas Dworet's face on it, one of the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting, pinned to a maroon school spirit T-shirt, came to a town hall at UF to talk to politicians about gun law reform.

"There's the inevitable survivor's guilt," Hibshman said. "I thought I could've stopped it somehow, but the plain fact is that he had a semi-automatic rifle and I was unarmed. No one could've done anything."

Republican candidates, including U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho and Florida Rep. Chuck Clemons, declined an invitation to attend the town

hall from a student group UF Stands with MSD, which is changing its name to Never Again UF. Republican Florida Sen. Keith Perry was one of the politicians in attendance at the event but came about an hour and a half late.

Among the candidates who spoke to the audience of about 40 were Amol Jethwani and Jason Haeseler, who are running for Clemons' seat; Tom Wells and Yvonne Hinson, who are running for Yoho's seat; and Olysha Magruder and Kayser Enneking, who are campaigning against Perry.

Alyson Moriarty, a UF biology freshman and event organizer, said she was told Yoho

was busy with prior engagements.

"I guess he wasn't interested in speaking about gun reform," the 19-year-old said.

Julia Tiplea, a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School alumni and UF marine science sophomore, said elected officials should show up to these events.

"As elected officials, they need to listen to their constituents," the 19-year-old said.

Kat Cammack, a representative from Yoho's office, said the Congressman will be holding town halls in coming months but did not specify when those would be.

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### GATORS REACH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Florida's gymnastics team clinched its 36th berth to the NCAA Championships in 37 years on Saturday, **pg. 14**

### Comedia Jim Jefferies to visit UF

He replaced comedian John Mulaney, **pg. 4**

### Gainesville officials ban conversion therapy

City commission passed an ordinance Thursday, **pg. 4**

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Local Events / News in Brief

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Curator Talks

Two collection curators from the Smathers Libraries will give informal presentations from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Smathers Library, Room 100. Carol McAuliffe will discuss the history of the Map & Imagery Library, its impact on UF and current initiatives. Margarita Vargas-Betancourt will present "The Cuban-American Dream."

## Talking Gators Toastmasters

Talking Gators Toastmasters, which helps people get more comfortable speaking in public, meets at 5:45 p.m. every Tuesday in Entomology Building Room 1031. Meetings are free to attend and open to all. For more information, visit [talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org](http://talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Book release and reading

The Civic Media Center, located at 433 S. Main St., will hold a book release of "Alone Together: Ties of Sisterhood and Solitude in Latin America," which shares the stories and experiences of women across Latin America 7 p.m. Wednesday. Ronnie Lovler and Elizabeth Holli Wood, two of more than 30 contributors to the book, will both read excerpts from their chapters.

## From Colored to Black: The Stories of North Central Florida

Nine dramatic vignettes created by students and performed by members of the local theatre community in the exhibition "History, Labor, Life: The Prints of Jacob Lawrence" will be presented from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday and from 3 to 4 p.m. April 15 at the Harn Museum of Art. Composed of the oral histories of North Central Florida residents from the 1920s to the present day, the vignettes focus on the Black History of the region and connect with themes in the work of artist Jacob Lawrence.

## Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month

April commemorates the first Japanese immigration to the United States on May 7, 1853. It also honors the Chinese immigrants who worked to complete the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. Asian Pacific

Islander American Affairs will celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month with events from April 5 to 23. The 2018 theme is the Japanese concept of *ikigai*, meaning "a reason to live."

## National Library Week

During National Library Week, which started Sunday and will end Saturday, 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 Tuesday and National Bookmobile Day on Wednesday.

## Gainesville High School Theatre Program

Gainesville High School will present Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and April 19 to April 21, as well as at 2 p.m. April 21. Tickets, which can be picked up at GHS Auditorium Box Office one hour before each show, cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. The GHS auditorium is located at 1900 NW 13th Street. For more information, call Sarah Shepherd at 352-213-8666.

## What Were You Wearing? Exhibit

The "What Were You Wearing? Art Exhibit" is being displayed until April 30 on the third floor of Ustler Hall Library. Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education at GatorWell and the American Student Medical Association have collaborated with anonymous UF student survivors to show outfits they wore during their attacks. An opening reception will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Ustler Hall Atrium. For more information, call 352-273-4450.

## Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, Alachua County Library District is holding special programs. The month will kick off with "Plant a Seed Project," where kids ages 5 and up will be able to design a planter, fill it and plant a seed with provided materials Friday, April 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Newberry Branch, located at 110 S Seaboard Drive.

## Florida Museum hosts 'Museum



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

## for Me'

The Florida Museum will hold an event for adults and children on the autism spectrum, including their friends, families and caregivers, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 15. Participants will be able to explore at their own pace in a peaceful and less crowded environment. A separate quiet space will also be available to decompress or desensitize. For more information, call 352-273-2064.

## Eastern European Showcase: Connecting the Dots

Eastern European Showcase, organized by Eastern European student community, will take place 7 p.m. April 18 in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. The atmosphere of the event will be created by a flag show, amplified throughout the evening with national dances, interactive trivia, songs and traditional food. The showcase will also host a fashion show by Orlando based designer Inna Rudenko, who's inspired by Eastern European cultures.

## 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.

## Correction

In a column by Zachary Chou, the Murpree Area Senator who writes about Student Government, The Alligator incorrectly titled it "So you want to get more funding for the CRC and the CWC?" The column, which was published Friday, was about the Disability Resource Center, not the Career Resource Center. The correct acronym is DRC, not CRC.

The Alligator strives to be accurate and clear in its news reports and editorials.

If you find an error, please call our newsroom at 352-376-4458 or email [editor@alligator.org](mailto:editor@alligator.org).

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# Local nonprofit for high school dropouts gets new building

**By Heaven Wilson**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Project YouthBuild, a Gainesville nonprofit founded in 2009, held a grand opening and open house of its center Saturday.

The nonprofit moved to the Banks-Cosby Youth Empowerment Center, located on 635 NW 6th St., because they ran out of space at their previous location at 408 W. University Ave., Suite 111, said Jonathan Leslie, executive director of Project YouthBuild.

But before it moved, the building underwent an about \$320,000 renovation, which was funded by the city of Gainesville, Gainesville Police and Youthbuild, he said.

It took nine months to renovate the 50-year-old building, which is 2,500 square feet. Everything had to be restored, he said.

"We are so honored to have a part in this, to help restore a building and use it for something that helps people," Leslie said.

Leslie said Project YouthBuild is a nine-

month service program for low-income individuals aged 16 to 24 who dropped out of high school. It helps young adults earn a high school diploma and find affordable housing in the community.

Kimesha Mann, a 20-year-old Gainesville resident who graduated from the program in 2017, said she's working to become a police officer.

Mann said she wanted to play basketball in college, but she tore her ACL in high school. That's when she dropped out and eventually started working at Wal-Mart.

She heard about YouthBuild, and she was picked to do a physical and emotional training program. She was then picked out of 60 people to continue at YouthBuild.

Mann said the staff continued to encourage her. Now, YouthBuild is paying for her to get her tattoos removed so she can start her career in law enforcement.

"I didn't feel like they were there for a check, but to help people who had a hard time," Mann said.



Courtesy to The Alligator

Youthbuild, a nonprofit that helps high school dropouts, opened its new building, located at 635 NW 6th St. on Saturday. The group was previously located at 408 W. University Ave. Suite 111.

## SG committee wants more funds for UF Disability Resource Center

**By Christina Morales**  
Alligator Staff Writer

The UF Student Government Senate Judiciary Committee supported an initiative Sunday to increase funding for the Disability Resource Center.

After The Alligator published an article on the center's need for funds, the committee unanimously approved a resolution, which is a written statement with no legislative weight, to support increasing funding. The Senate will vote on it Tuesday.

In the committee meeting, Senator Ben Lima (Inspire, District D) said the resolution proposes SG and the UF administration work together to increase funding.

Before the DRC resolution was approved, Senator Graham Boone (Impact, Business Administration) said Senate needs to consider why there is an increase

in demand.

"This problem is going to be perpetual if they continue to increase funding. There is more and more resources available to all students, and it's going to be exhausted naturally," he said during the meeting.

Boone, who uses the DRC himself, later told The Alligator he wants to find why more students are using the center before increasing the funds.

"My concerns are just rather than being reactive to problems, looking at what the issue is at hand," he said.

The committee also unanimously approved a resolution to raise awareness about the economic hardships of international undergraduates.

The committee also passed several code revisions, including one that would require SG social media accounts to include closed captioning in pre-recorded videos to improve accessibility.

## Citra man who was found shot to death identified

**By Robert Lewis**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua County Sheriff's Office released the name of the man shot and killed on Southwest Williston Road on Friday.

Devonte Demetrius Jenkins, 24, was found Thursday night dead near the intersection of Southwest Williston Road and Southwest 34th Street by ACSO deputies who responded just before midnight after getting a call reporting gunshots, ACSO Sgt. Brett Rhodenizer said in a press conference.

Jenkins, of Citra, Florida, had no forms of identification on his person, so officials used his fingerprints to identify him, Rhodenizer said. His fingerprints were taken in 2012 after he was arrested for violating a no-contact order in Marion County, according to court records.

K-9 and Joint Aviation units were not able to locate any suspects after the shooting, Rhodenizer said.

Rhodenizer said Jenkins and his killer

or killers arrived at the scene by car, but deputies don't know if they drove in the same car. He said the shooting took place there, and then one car left, with the suspect or suspects.

How many times Jenkins was shot and with what type of gun is part of the continuing investigation, Rhodenizer said.

There is no clear motive for his death, but it is being treated as a homicide, Rhodenizer said.

"We don't know why Devonte is dead," Rhodenizer said. "We want the public to help us find out who did this to Devonte's mother's son."

Deputies ask that anyone with information call Detective Chris Weitzel at 352-367-4161. Those who want to remain anonymous can call Alachua County Crime Stoppers at 352-372-7867.

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# Comedian Jim Jefferies to be next Accent speaker

HE'S BEING PAID A TOTAL OF \$125,000.

By Christina Morales  
Alligator Staff Writer

Australian stand-up comedian Jim Jefferies will perform April 12 at UF, replacing comedian John Mulaney, who canceled due to other career opportunities.

Jefferies will speak at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the event will begin at 8 p.m. He will be doing an hour-long stand-up show and will hold a 15-minute Q&A, Accent Chairwoman Shelby Buchanan wrote in an email.



Jefferies

"We feel very fortunate that Mr. Jefferies was available to come to UF after John Mulaney's cancellation," she said.

Students with a valid Gator 1 can receive up to two tickets between noon and 5 p.m. April 11 at the Accent office, located on the third floor of the Reitz Union. Buchanan said there are about 1,700 tickets available. Any remaining tickets can be picked up at the box office at the center.

The Accent Speaker's Bureau originally scheduled comedian John Mulaney to perform on April 19. Mulaney canceled the event March 26 after his agents said he had "career opportunities that were too good to pass up," according to Alligator archives.

Buchanan said the group wanted to find another comedian to replace Mulaney. Jefferies was available to perform

during one of the dates the organization had on hold at the Phillips Center, which were April 9, 12 and 19.

Buchanan said the event is co-sponsored with Accent and Student Government Productions. Jefferies is being paid a total of \$125,000, with Student Government Productions paying \$50,000 and Accent \$75,000. This is a \$40,000 increase from what would have been paid to John Mulaney before his cancellation.

"The way the speaking industry works, the closer to the event date, the higher the offer," she said. "We wanted to make sure there was still a stand-up comedian coming to UF."

Jefferies released his Netflix special, "Freedumb" in 2016 and premiered "The Jim Jefferies Show" on Comedy Central in 2017. His show premiered its second season March 27.

"Mr. Jefferies' unique comedic style makes him stand out among comedians," Buchanan said. "His willingness to tackle important issues can help members of the Student Body facilitate conversations on difficult subjects."

David Brice said Jim Jefferies or John Mulaney would've made him happy.

The 27-year-old said Jefferies is one of his favorite comedians because he has a different perspective on America, politics and a different way of thinking.

"I like how his style is that he doesn't care what people think," the fifth-year UF biomedical sciences graduate student said. "He's very confident in himself, but he's still able to find absurd things about himself."

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## It will offer college specials

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but the specifics still haven't been decided.

Bruce Floyd, 45, said he started going to Copper Monkey monthly since 1990 until he heard about the closing last year, and went multiple times within one weekend. Floyd said he was excited for the reopening, and he will continue his regular patronage.

"I even purchased a couple of their

hand painted signs as mementos, which I'm loaning back to them for the new location," he said.

Alana Peisner, a 22-year-old UF political science senior, said the distance of the new location will factor into how often she goes.

"The midtown location had a ladies night special, similar to (The Rowdy Reptile) or (Fat Daddy's), but it was never very crowded, so it was a great place to go on Wednesdays," she said. "But now it is not close enough to serve that purpose."

## About 40 people attended Saturday



Courtesy to The Alligator

Local politicians and candidates participated in the town hall on gun law reform Saturday.

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Clemons could not be reached for comment.

Moriarty said having current students from the high school like Hibshman speak makes the importance of gun reform more real.

"I think the emotional aspect adds to what they can do to change laws and gun violence prevention," she said.

When one audience member listed Perry's voting record on the issue, another yelled "Shame on you, Keith." Perry said the animosity in the audience came from adults.

"I would've preferred the questions from students than from the adults in the room," Perry said. "I think the adults came in, and they didn't really want to engage."

He explained the process of creating and approving legislation and offered to meet with people individually.

Toward the conclusion of the town hall, Hibshman said she wanted Perry and the other candidates to clarify their policies on gun reform. She said Perry's answer about arming teachers was not clear.

"He went around the question," she said. "But I respect that he was there in the first place."

Hibshman, who committed to UF for Summer 2018, said those students couldn't have done anything to have stopped the incident. She said she'll continue speaking at town halls to make her voice heard.

"Now, we're going to make change in the names of the people who are no longer here," she said.

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### FACT CHECKING THE CANDIDATES:

**Jason Haeseler**, a candidate for the Florida Representative seat in District 21, said **Florida has the lowest funding for mental health resources of all states. This is mostly true.** The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute says Florida is 51 out of 52 in the U.S., ahead of Puerto Rico. PolitiFact reported that the data used to make the ranking is based on money spent by Department of Children and Families' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Office and doesn't include funding from other sources, like Medicaid.

**Yvonne Hinson**, a candidate for the U.S. Rep. seat in District 3, said **there is a state that banned assault weapons and fines owners who haven't turned in weapons \$1,000 daily. This is false.** Hinson misspoke calling the ban statewide when it was only enforced in one town. Deerfield, a town in Illinois, banned assault weapons and fines owners who haven't surrendered their weapons \$1,000 a day.

**Amol Jethwani**, another candidate for the Florida Representative seat in District 21, said **"One out of every three Americans knows someone who's been shot." This is false.** In 2017, Pew reported 44 percent of Americans know someone who has been shot. Jethwani was likely referring to outdated data from a 2006 study from Princeton University that found one in every three American adults knows someone who has been shot. The report was cited on the website of The Brady Campaign, an anti-gun violence organization.

**Olysha Magruder**, a candidate for the 8th District seat in the Florida Senate, said **97 percent of Americans support criminal background checks for all gun sales. This is true,** according to a February 2018 report from the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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# Gainesville officials ban conversion therapy for minors

THE CITY COMMISSION PASSED THE ORDINANCE ON THURSDAY.

By Jessica Giles  
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Gainesville is now the first city in North Florida to ban conversion therapy for minors.

In a unanimous vote on Thursday, the City Commission passed an ordinance banning licensed professionals from practicing conversion therapy on minors. Conversion therapy is the practice of employing counseling efforts with the goal of changing someone's sexual orientation.

Mayor Lauren Poe choked up when he shared a story about a

recent student of his at Santa Fe College who came out to her family and said they considered using conversion therapy to change her sexual orientation.

"For all of the pressures and for all of the difficulties that exist for every 18-year-old, 17-year-old, this is one that she should not have to deal with," he said during the meeting.

Donn Smith-Lopez was moved by Poe's personal tie to the issue. Smith-Lopez represents Gainesville on the Equality Florida Board of Directors and has been a vocal advocate for the conversion therapy ban at City Commission meetings.

"It was a great relief to know that our city leaders are behind protecting our LGBT youth," he said.

While he celebrates the victory

at the city level, he said he's also working to get a similar ban passed at the county and state level.

"The practice of conversion therapy really is dreadful and detrimental to the mental health state of these kids," he said. "It's telling them essentially that who they are isn't good enough."

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# UF students help Syrian children refugees in Jacksonville

By Heaven Wilson  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Rani Mahmoudi's father came to Jacksonville, Florida, not knowing a word of English in the 1970s to escape persecution from the Syrian government.

To grasp the language, he walked up to random people and

talked to them.

"He told me about his struggles," Mahmoudi said. "And what is happening in Syria now is heartbreaking for both of us."

Mahmoudi, a 21-year-old UF biomedical engineering junior, said he was inspired by his father's story to create Gators for Refugee Medical Relief. He's now the president of the organization.

The group travels to Jacksonville to help refugees aged 4 to 13, Mahmoudi said. The members teach the children about American culture, such as sports and games.

Gators for Refugee Medical Relief, which was established in Summer 2017, currently has about 80 members.

The organization raised \$2,000 to purchase electrocardiogram medical

monitors for refugee camps overseas, Mahmoudi said.

According to BBC, Syria has been in a full-scale civil war that started from a peaceful uprising against the president seven years ago, and has left more than 350,000 people dead.

Ajay Dass, a UF mechanical engineering senior and vice president of internal affairs of the club, said one of his favorite experiences working

with refugee children was helping a 10-year-old boy get a prosthetic hand.

Some members were able to build it with the help of a UF club called Generational Relief in Prosthetics, according to Alligator archives.

"My favorite accomplishment was seeing his face with the hand and being able to put it on," the 22-year-old said.

## CRIME ROUNDUP

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### GPD: Gainesville man arrested for attempted murder

A Gainesville man was arrested Thursday and faces a charge of attempted murder after he fired at a stopped car on March 31, Gainesville Police said.

Dana Dushwan Grant, Jr., 24, drove to an apartment at 1406 SW 18th Place, near the intersection of Southwest 18th Place and Southwest 13th Street, a little after 6 p.m., according to an arrest report.



Grant

Grant exited his car and shot a handgun at least 13 times at a car, then drove away, according to the report.

None of the three people in the car were injured, according to the report. Bullets also hit the apartment wall.

Someone inside the apartment overheard the victims saying Grant's name and told police, according to the

report.

Grant was arrested at about 1 p.m. Thursday at Tower Oaks Glen Apartments, located at 6900 SW 21st Lane, on a warrant for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, shooting a deadly missile into a vehicle and three counts of attempted murder, according to the report. An officer searched Grant and found a round of .38 Special ammunition in his pocket, according to the report. He was charged with possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

He was taken to the Alachua County Jail where he remains, as of press time, in lieu of a \$1,650,000 bond.

### GPD: Woman cuts, robs man at knifepoint

A Gainesville woman woke a man sleeping in his car and then cut and robbed him early Thursday, Gainesville Police said.



Webb

Anita Jean Webb, 45, woke the owner of the car parked downtown on Northwest Second Street, who unlocked the car door, according to an arrest report. The man told police she opened the door and put a pocket knife to his throat, demanding his money, police said.

He reached for the knife, and she slit his palm, put the knife back to his throat and told him to give her "his s---," according to the report.

After Webb punched him, splitting open his lip, he gave her his wallet, which she took about \$100 from, and she stole his phone and biked away, police said.

The bleeding man waved down an officer driving by and described Webb and the knife, according to the report.

Police said they found Webb about two blocks away at a house known for drug activity, with two folding pocket knives in her front right pocket and a glass pipe with cocaine residue in her front left pocket, but did not find the man's phone. Police didn't say if they found the money.

Webb denied robbing the man to police, GPD said.

Webb was charged with robbery with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Alachua County Jail where she remains, as of press time, in lieu of a \$155,000 bond.

### Convicted felon breaks into home, steals gun and \$5,000 of possessions, police say

A Gainesville man was arrested for breaking into a house and stealing \$5,000 worth of items, including a gun, Gainesville Police said.

At about 3 a.m. Saturday, David Allen Tyree smashed a window of a Gainesville home on Northwest 38th Place, according to an arrest report. Tyree, a 41-year-old convicted felon, took a Glock 27 handgun from a bedroom closet and about \$5,000 worth of other items.



Tyree

At about 8:30 a.m., a woman saw Tyree hiding stolen items in the woods about 100 yards from the home he burglarized, police said. He left on a bicycle, taking some stolen items with him.

Police stopped Tyree nearby and arrested him, according to the report.

After his arrest, Tyree admitted to breaking into the home and stealing, according to the report. Police said he took them to the spot where he hid the gun, which was in a box with two ammunition-filled magazines, along with the other stolen items.

He was arrested on charges of armed burglary of a dwelling, grand theft between \$300 and \$4,999, grand theft of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was taken to the Alachua County Jail where he remains, as of press time, in lieu of a \$325,000 bond.

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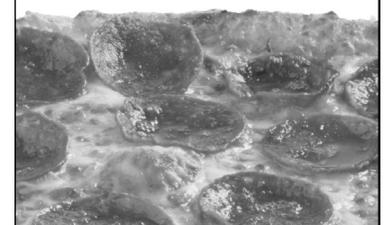
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## Editorial

# Is a Trump presidency actually good for the feminist movement?

**A**fter the 2016 Presidential election, many American women felt anguish and fear for their future. The actions and words of President Donald Trump during his campaign hinted at a “The Handmaid’s Tale”-esque future and a lack of progression for the feminist movement and general equality.

However, what we’ve seen not only contradicts the anxieties many women and men had, but actually goes beyond what any of us could have hoped for. It would appear women have used Trump’s presidency as a wake up call to get to work making history.

Has Trump continued to debase women and their value? Yes. Has he maintained an utter disrespect for most Americans other than those with white skin, a plump bank account and both an X and Y chromosome? Of course. And that’s exactly what Americans expected. Yet, there is a difference between the dystopian future we expected and the one we are living in. The distinction is this: we didn’t choose to sit down and take it. Women, in particular, didn’t choose to sit down and take it; they chose to fight to preserve their place in society.

According to Fortune Magazine, as of April 5, 309 women — Democrats and Republicans alike — have filed papers to run for seats in the U.S House of Representatives. The last time the country saw a number this high was in 2012, when 298 women filed to run, according to data from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University that AP analyzed.

Unsurprisingly, the House and Congress have been full of men throughout U.S. political history. As such, seeing women strive to change the norm and insert themselves in a male-dominated arena is a big win for modern feminists. It also proves Americans are not only rejecting the attitude Trump has put forth toward women, but we are showing him just how wrong he is and how little we care about his frequent belittlement of females.

Jennifer Palmieri, a top Hillary Clinton Aide, told Vox in an interview, “I think Trump’s victory proved to women — if you did not support him — you could draw two conclusions. One: Women were only meant to go so far, and men like that were meant to win in America, or we were playing by an outdated set of rules that women politicians and women in business followed for decades.”

Basically, women are more inspired than ever to make their voices heard and advance the feminist agenda. The ignition provided by Clinton’s loss and by Trump’s victory has propelled American women to further their agenda and see it come to fruition. It didn’t stop at pink hats or sarcastic signs, it continued all the way to the House floor, where they are sure to continue to fight for and represent American women.

The Trump presidency has helped to fire up some women who are ready to take back their country. Women are making America what they want it to be, regardless of who’s in charge.

In Trump’s attempts to silence women and their goals, he’s only made them louder. This record-breaking number of women filing to run for seats in the House is proof of this.

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## Column

# Safety outweighs privacy with mental well-being

**I**n March, the survivors of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, returned from Spring Break to a new set of security measures. Perhaps the most notable of these new measures is a requirement to use a see-through backpack.

Based on what I’ve seen in numerous news articles and social media posts, many of the students feel violated. They are not convinced this security measure is effective, and they now have a constant reminder of what happened at their school and of the permanent impact it has had on their lives.

This is understandable. Privacy is an important part of our mental well-being. There’s a reason we go to therapists, aside from their counseling training. We know that what we tell them is staying in that room. Imagine if you could never close a door. Imagine if you could never be by yourself or keep anything to yourself. What if all your text messages and journal entries were public record? You would feel so exposed and possibly emotionally unsafe.

These students deserve privacy. High school is a hard time as it is. These kids have been through more trauma than most people experience in a lifetime, and most of them aren’t even old enough to vote.

However, there is a certain aspect of life I believe is more important to mental well-being than privacy: safety.

If we don’t feel safe, we cannot hope to function at our highest capacity. While having a clear backpack may be demeaning, as we often carry personal items, it is safer than an opaque one. Many athletic stadiums, including Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, have implemented clear bag policies. If a bag is larger than a certain size, it must be transparent. This is not because the university does not value privacy. It is to prevent people from having things they should not have.



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Think for a moment about what you do when you hear a noise and are afraid. You cannot see what is going on. But, when you open the door and see it was just a branch falling or someone next door dropping their keys, you feel safe. It is often not enough just to be pretty sure everything is fine. It feels so much better to know for sure.

With these backpacks, we can take a step closer to knowing. A common way people who suffer from anxiety or panic attacks talk themselves through it is acknowledging that what is happening will not cause them physical harm. This situation may be stressful, but it will be OK.

We live in a time in which children go to school and don’t know if they will be OK. Someone could be trying to hurt them. With this particular measure, school officials and police officers have one extra method of ensuring this is not happening. This can drastically decrease anxiety and fear in both students and faculty of high schools. They can focus on learning and living, not worrying about what could be hiding in someone’s bag.

So, to any high school students who feel violated by these clear backpacks, I can completely see where you are coming from. You are almost adults, and you have been through tragedy and lived through it. You certainly deserve respect. But even more than that, you deserve to be safe.

You deserve a secure environment to grow and learn, and right now, those making decisions are having a hard time deciding how to do that. I hope they figure out something better and more effective for you. But for now, this is what they’re doing. I am sorry it has to be like this, but it is done with your safety and mental well-being in mind.

*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

## When a water shortage comes, toilet-to-tap water will be a solution

Some may think toilets have a “magic flush.” One does their business, flushes the toilet and the wastewater just disappears. That’s how much people would like to think about it because most wouldn’t want to know more about what happens to “poop water” once it’s flushed.



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thought of drinking water that was once used in toilets. People find the idea of reusing wastewater hard to swallow, no matter the level of treatment or safety. However, as Florida’s population continues to grow while groundwater supply does not, toilet-to-tap water seems inevitable.

Orange County, California, serves as the perfect example for what may come to Florida. With an extreme water shortage already in California, government officials built the largest state-of-the-art potable reuse facility in the world, enough to provide drinking water to 850,000 people every year. Wastewater goes through a three-step purifying process that cleans the water to meet all federal and state drinking water quality standards.

Officials have had a difficult time in convincing people to drink the water, but the dependable supply of wastewater will breed necessity over preference. Potable reuse is and will continue to be the largest source of new water supplies for California. As climate change and a growing population puts further strain on the nation’s most populous state, used toilet water provides a reliable source of water to sustain human life.

Florida should begin investing in potable reuse facilities. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, Florida is among 14 states that will experience “high risk” water shortage by 2050. Potable reuse can delay a Florida water shortage without having run the risk of polluting the Floridan aquifer system. Although drinking treated wastewater may not be ideal to some, it is better than a future without drinking water.

Treated wastewater should never be directly injected into the Floridan Aquifer, but there will come a day when we will drink the water that was once in our toilet.

Joshua Udvardy is a UF environmental engineering junior. His column focuses on science.

## Column

## As the semester hits peak amount of work, start thinking strategically

Ah, yes. The March and April wave of work has crashed upon our shores once again. We’re entering that part of the semester when suddenly we have so many assignments due, some of them must be in classes we’re not even taking. But never fear.



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With the exception of freshman year, when my biggest worry was if I’d ever read both “Antigone” by Sophocles and “Siddhartha” by Hermann Hesse, I have felt this panic-inducing onslaught of papers and exams each semester — and survived.

What’s the secret to making it through while striking a balance of sanity, grade point average and general happiness? I’m still working that out, but it seems to me our best bet is better time management. Each semester, particularly with this most recent bout of senioritis, it has become increasingly difficult to start my assignments a little sooner and study a little earlier.

*“Work toward your strengths and around your weaknesses.”*

**Mia Gettenberg**  
Columnist

But I will finish out this last semester strong. So, readers, I have perused the internet far and wide and drawn from my own personal experiences to discover the most effective organization and time-management skills. I present a few here for you in the hopes they help us all:

### Make brief morning to-do lists.

If you’re like me, when you’re stressed, it hits you when you’re waking up in the morning just as you’re remembering all the work you left for today instead of doing it yesterday. To-do lists are nothing new in terms of organization and time management, but I’ve found the optimal number of tasks is between three and five per list, written down in the morning before you forget.

Any more than that can feel overwhelming, and further, you can prioritize your jobs by ranking them in order

of which you must finish first, second and so on. Don’t just word-vomit on the page; briefly spell out what you need to do in order of when you need to do it.

### Intersperse relaxing or stress-relieving activities between your assignments.

Don’t let academics get the best of you. I truly believe we work most effectively and efficiently when we feel our best, and this requires at least a little time dedicated to hobbies and interests we enjoy. Take 15 minutes to stretch and go for a run. Take a 20-minute study break to draw, paint or read a chapter or two of your favorite book. Make some tea, call a friend or just zone out for 10 minutes. Your brain will thank you.

### Work toward your strengths and around your weaknesses.

If you know you’re a morning person with a lot of work to do, set your alarm even just 30 or 45 minutes earlier than usual. Brew your coffee, tea or morning drink of choice, make sure your desk is clean and get started with some time to spare. If you’re a night owl, organize your desk or work area earlier in the day and set time limits on when you’d like to start and stop for the evening. This is all to ensure you get a healthy amount of sleep and to avoid the stress of cramming work into time you don’t have.

### Remember why you’re here.

What’s the overarching reason you’re studying, anyway? I don’t mean the “I have to take this class to graduate” thing, either. What’s the ultimate career goal or underlying passion? Use that to your advantage. Sometimes the best motivation comes from within.

School can get stressful. We should try not to make it harder than it already is — after all, we should enjoy the ride. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I’ve got some homework to start.

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# Spring Fling: Thousands flock to 49th annual arts festival

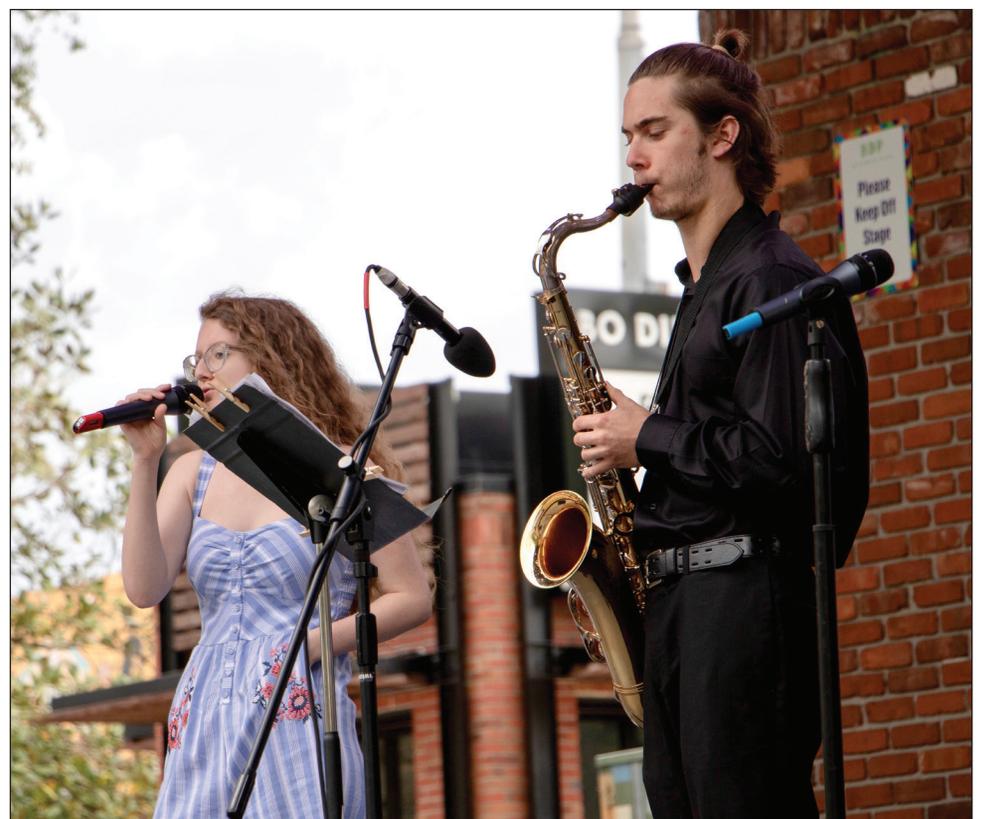
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Thousands of visitors at the Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival look at and walk by the hundreds of booths filled with artwork and merchandise Saturday afternoon. The festival draws thousands of people to the downtown area each year.



North Carolina-based artist John Furches works on a painting inside his booth at the Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival downtown on Saturday afternoon. Furches chooses watercolor as the primary medium for his work.



Members of the student Jazz combo class at Santa Fe College perform on Bo Diddley Community Plaza at the Spring Arts Festival on Saturday afternoon. Some of the songs they performed include "Up Jumped Spring" by Freddie Hubbard and "Meditation" from Jazz Standards.

# Color, cuisine and culture at local India Fest

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Crowds of people line up to try traditional Indian dishes at India Fest 2018, held at Santa Fe College on Saturday.



Colorful handmade jewelry was displayed and sold at ICEC's India Fest on Saturday. The event, held at Santa Fe College, featured traditional Indian cuisine and performances as well as original art, clothes and jewelry.



YMCA performers dance along to traditional Bollywood music during the India Fest 2018 at Santa Fe College on Saturday. The event, sponsored by the India Cultural and Educational Center of Gainesville, acts as a display of the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of India.

# UF student creates club to support local foster children

By **Valentina Pinzon**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Sara Lind wants to help foster children because her father lived in a foster home when he was a baby.

But when the political science sophomore looked into it at UF, she found no student organization focused on the cause, so she decided to create one.

UF Students Activities and Involvement approved the application for her organization, "Gator Strong

Families," which will advocate for children and help foster care families, on Thursday.

Lind, 19, said the organization plans to create internships and shadowing opportunities with Partnership for Strong Families, a nonprofit. It will also help foster families by cooking meals or babysitting, create mentorship opportunities and host fundraising events, like a back-to-school backpack drive.

"I am very passionate about every kid having a family and a lov-

ing home to go to," the 19-year-old said.

Lind and the other organization co-president, vice president and treasurer will attend a mandatory New Student Organization Info Session on Wednesday.

Then they must submit official paperwork online to GatorConnect. Once this is completed and confirmed by Student Activities and Involvement, the organization is finally approved and can request funding from Student Government.

Hannah Green, an outreach recruitment specialist for Partnership for Strong Families, said she has worked with Lind throughout the planning process of interconnecting the two organizations.

Partnership for Strong Families is a nonprofit that focuses on helping the foster care system, the 23-year-old said. The organization covers 1,300 children across 13 counties in North Central Florida.

In Alachua County, there are about 300 foster children, Green

said. There is an average of 110 to 120 foster care families registered throughout the 13 counties.

She said she hopes Gator Strong Families can become ambassadors in the community. Green said although UF dominates Gainesville, it is still in the dark about the social injustices happening in the town. "I cannot wait for the day when Gainesville is known not just for the Gators, but for a town that is known for social justice," she said.

# Professor: Fear of changing America swayed Trump voters



Courtesy to The Alligator

In front of an audience of about 45 people Thursday at Pugh Hall, Professor Christopher S. Parker shared his research on why President Donald Trump won the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

By **Amber Bond**

Alligator Contributing Writer

A professor who claims to be one of the few to have foreseen President Donald Trump would win the 2016 presidential election visited UF.

Christopher S. Parker, a University of Washington scholar, shared the research behind his prediction Thursday at Pugh Hall in front of an audience of about 45 people. The Bob Graham Center for Public Service hosted Parker.

Parker's research focused on the reactions of predominantly white Trump supporters, as well as how people of color responded to his campaign. He collected data from the Voter Study Group, a group of nearly two dozen individuals who analyze the evolving views of American voters.

Parker analyzed the motivations of Trump's core voters and opposers. He found the fear of a changing America is what motivated people to vote for Trump.

"Fear, anger and anxiety," Parker said. "That's what gets people out."

Parker discussed "The Great White Hope: Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American Politics," a forthcoming book he co-wrote. In the book, he said he emphasizes that the voting behavior for the 2016 election was influenced more by demographic anxiety than by economic anxiety.

"We argue that Trump's rise was fueled by a sense of existential threat," Parker said. "The belief that 'real American' culture is under siege. There's a siege mentality."

Lindsey Cazessus, the student outreach coordinator for the Bob

Graham Center, said Parker's talk helped open up the hard discussions people need to have about race and the future of politics.

"I think that the Bob Graham Center really strives to be that space to have conversations like that," Cazessus said.

Christopher Weaver, a UF public policy and administration doctoral candidate, said before attending Parker's talk, he believed there was a statistical significance in people voting for Trump based on economics and class. After hearing Parker's research, Weaver realized economic anxiety was not a determining factor.

"His research showed me it was more about race," the 31-year-old said, "and about a feeling of their country being taken away."



## RESEARCH ROUNDUP



### UF College of Medicine redesigns joint replacement program to cut costs for patients

UF College of Medicine's department of orthopedics and rehabilitation redesigned a program to lower costs of joint replacement surgery like knee and hip replacement surgeries.

Chancellor Gray, lead author of the redesign study and an assistant professor in the UF College of Medicine's department of orthopaedics and rehabilitation, said a pilot of the new joint-replacement program began in 2015.

Gray said the redesign was meant to match a 2015 budget program enacted by the Affordable Care Act.

The average cost of a joint replacement under Medicare is \$25,000, but after the program redesign, patients would save about 20 percent on the cost of surgery, Gray said.

"Right now there's a lot of attention on how to modify the way that Medicare pays for hip and knee replacements," he said.

The redesign study, published in the March issue of *Arthroplasty Today*, began collecting joint replacement patient data in 2016, Gray said. It did not cost anything to redesign the program.

Andrew Duncan, executive director of the UF department of orthopedics and rehabilitation, said the program's "service-line approach" to joint replacements, where there is a specialist for each stage of the surgery, helped improve care.

In addition to lowering costs, Duncan said the redesign improved the value of care, reduced postoperative complications, reduced emergency room revisits and decreased the length of stay.

"I wouldn't say that we're done by any means," he said. "In fact, we've just begun."

- Rachel Chang

### UF student wins \$2,000 grant for invasive species work

A UF student received a research grant from the Weed Science Society of America for her work with invasive species.

Rachel Watson, a UF entomology and nematology senior, was awarded the \$2,000 grant at the beginning of February, but got confirmation April 2 that the budget was approved and she could use the money, she said.

The grant will be used to continue her research on an insect, psyllid *Calophya latiforceps*, that could potentially control and suppress the Brazilian pepper-tree, an invasive tree species growing throughout Florida.

Watson's research aims to prove that biological control agents like the insect do not have a preference between male and female plants. This theory would help manage the Brazilian pepper-trees, which have male and female flowers on separate plants.

The 22-year-old said she thinks her writing ability and three years of experience helped her win the grant. She said her mentors — UF professor James Cuda and UF doctoral student Patricia Prade — also helped her through the writing process.

Prade said Watson's achievement is significant because the competition was tough.

Watson said she was surprised to win the grant because she is hard on herself. She didn't expect it.

"It shows me that all the work I've put into what I'm passionate about is coming back, and I can reap the benefits," she said.

- Vivian Nguyen

### UF scientists strategize to save threatened tree species before possible extinction

At first, scientists did not know what was killing off what is said to be the rarest tree species in North America — the *Torreya taxifolia*.

But in 2007, UF forest pathology associate professor Jason Smith and a team of international scientists started researching and discovered the source: a rare fungus. The tree has been critically endangered since the 1980s, Smith said. There were more than 500,000 trees during the 1930s, and today there are fewer than 1,000 trees left.

"If we lose more of these trees in the wild, there will be consequences in the ecosystem," Smith said.

The unknown fungal disease, *Fusarium torreyae*, has been killing trees. The fungus forces the tree bark to crack. It then expands and eats the tree, leaving only a stump behind.

In early March, the scientists held a seminar to try to find solutions to restore the trees, Smith said.

One plan was for scientists to try to genetically modify the trees to increase resistance to the fungus, said Douglas Soltis, a professor in the Florida Museum of Natural History and Department of Biology at UF.

Smith and Soltis hope to reproduce healthy trees in the wild within the next 10 years.

"We have the resources. We have great people working on this, and we have great favor in our diversity," Smith said. "I think there is a real likelihood, maybe even before ten years."

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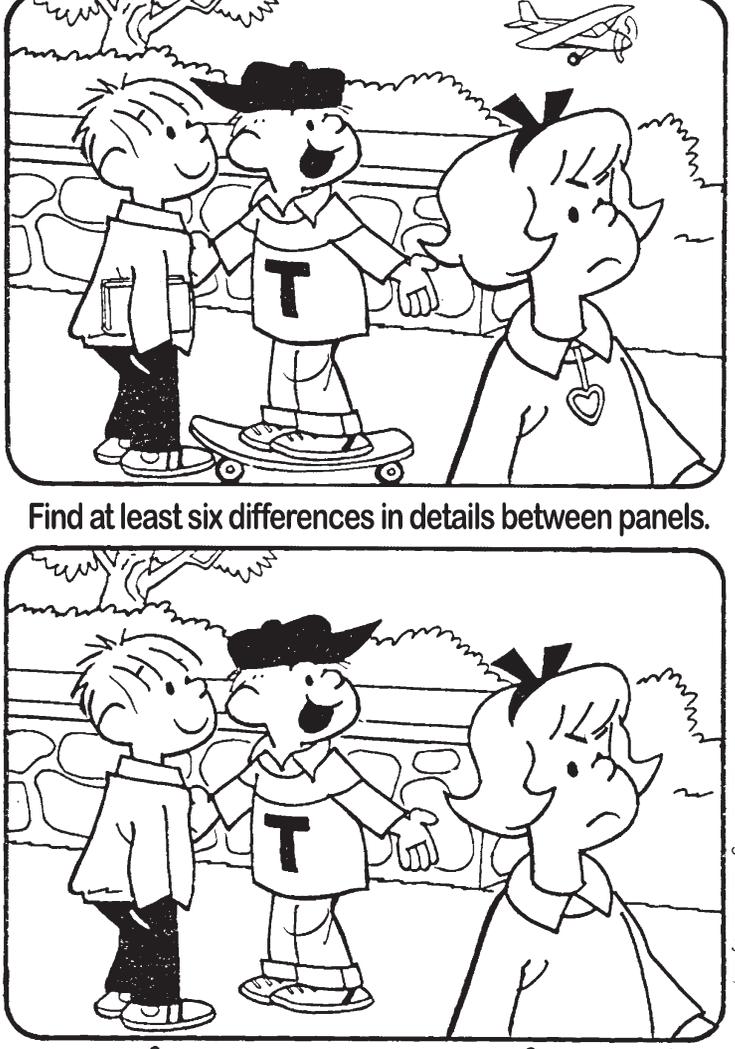


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## GYMNASTICS

# Slocum and McMurtry shine as Gators win NCAA Regionals

By Alana Gomez  
Sports Writer

Right before senior Rachel Slocum stepped up to the mat for her floor routine during the NCAA Regionals on Saturday, teammate Alex McMurtry ran up to her, grabbed her hands and touched her forehead to Slocum's. Although it only lasted three seconds, the private moment had a clear effect on Slocum, who went on to claim her first floor title as a Gator.

"Before we go on each other's events, we always say 'set me up,'" McMurtry said in a release. "I can't wait for her to get her confidence back and bring that to nationals."

Slocum's 9.900 on floor, along with her second regional win on vault with a score of 9.950, helped push the Gators to a lead they didn't give up all night. At the end of the meet, UF left University Park, Pennsylvania, as champions of its NCAA regional with a final score of 197.725. The night saw a Gator take each regional title, as well as three Gators turning in a season-best score. With Florida's top-two finish, it will now advance to the NCAA Championships on April 20.

"It was really good to see the team perform at this level with the nerves and knowing that they have to qualify to nationals," coach Jenny Rowland said in a release. "They handled everything under pressure very well."

In addition to Slocum's two titles on  
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Emma Green / Alligator Staff

Florida's gymnastics team won its NCAA regional on Saturday after posting a score of 197.725. It is now advancing to the NCAA Championships for the 36th time in 37 years.

## Davis was suspended on Aug. 13 with six other teammates

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website, his status in the pre-trial intervention program has not been resolved.

The past nine months have not been easy for Davis.

On Aug. 13 — nearly three weeks before Florida's 2017 season opener against Michigan — seven players, including Davis, were suspended indefinitely for alleged credit card fraud. The defensive lineman had faced two possible third-degree felony charges.

Davis was then involved in a scooter accident a month later that left him hospitalized. He underwent multiple surgeries as a result.

Those incidents occurred under former head coach Jim McElwain. When current head coach Dan Mullen took over the program, he reinstated Davis along with four other players to the team.

"All of our players understand the standards and expectations we have of them to be members of the Florida football program," Mullen said in a statement.

Despite being back on the team, Davis is still dealing with injuries from the scooter accident. UF defensive line coach Sal Sunseri said he is unsure when Davis will be back at practice.

Before spring practices began, Mullen said Davis was starting to work out, although he wasn't able to fully participate in team activities. The redshirt junior was at Florida's first scrimmage on March 30 and was stretching with the team, but ultimately sat out the practice. It is unclear if the violations in the pre-trial agreement will further delay Davis' return to the field.

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### Huang Story Short / Opinion

## LeBron has a right to be mad at Saban

I was reminded of a scene from the 2007 crime-drama "American Gangster" last week when I heard about the drama between LeBron James and Nick Saban.

The greatest basketball player of all time and the greatest college football coach of all time clashing with each other sounds like a true heavyweight fight. But clashing over a small-scale TV show?

Sounds more like a squabble. A petty squabble at that.

Let's recap: James is the co-creator of a multimedia platform called Uninterrupted. One series posted through Uninterrupted is "The Shop," a round-table discussion between James, NBA player Draymond Green, rapper 2 Chainz and others about



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sports filmed in a barbershop setting.

Not a particularly innovative or creative premise.

But neither was Saban and Alabama's logo for their own show, "Shop Talk," which features former Crimson Tide receiver Julio Jones chatting with Saban and other Alabama players in a barbershop

setting.

The name is kind of similar, but more importantly, the "Shop Talk" logo is basically "The Shop" logo flipped upside down.

This is similar to the plot of "American Gangster." In the movie, big-time Harlem crime boss Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington) has built a monopoly on the local

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The Florida men's basketball team announced on Sunday that it has a new associate head coach in **Armon Gates**. Gates was an assistant at Northwestern for the past five years.

### Gators sweep LSU on Sunday

Florida's men's tennis team defeated LSU 7-0 on Sunday, increasing its record in SEC play to 8-3. Coach Bryan Shelton earned his 100th victory at UF in the process. The Gators have their regular season finale on Friday against Alabama at 5 p.m.

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## BASEBALL

# UF splits doubleheader with Vols, ends nine-game win streak



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Starting pitcher Jackson Kowar gave up two earned runs in six innings of work on Sunday during the first game of Florida's doubleheader with Tennessee. UF won the contest 6-4.

By Justin Ahlum  
Sports Writer

ning streak to nine games.

## Game 2

After opening the day with a two-run, extra-innings victory over the Volunteers, the Gators fell flat in the second half of the doubleheader.

Tyler Dyson took the hill for the Gators as UF set its sights on its second straight SEC sweep of the season.

But Tennessee had different plans.

The Volunteers jumped at UF's throat, taking advantage of two walks and a hit batter from Dyson in the third. Tennessee went on to score six runs in the inning, chasing Dyson off the mound as he failed to get through the frame.

UF attempted to mount a comeback against the Volunteers. Another Dalton home run, as well as an RBI double from first baseman Keenan Bell, pulled the Gators to within three in the bottom of the sixth.

In addition to that, India extended his hitting streak in his final at-bat of the game, getting on base with a single to right field to represent one of the three runs the Gators needed to tie the score in the seventh.

However, they only scored one off an RBI single from left fielder Austin Langworthy as the Volunteers picked up their first win against a No. 1 team since 2016.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win... and that's really all you can ask for," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said in a release.

Florida now has its eyes set on a matchup with No. 6 Florida State (24-9, 8-7 ACC). The Gators and Seminoles face off on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Tallahassee.

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## Game 1

Both teams agreed to only play seven innings in each game due to time constraints.

However, extra frames were needed to settle the first contest of the day, with Florida eventually winning 6-4 in 11 innings.

The Gators' duo of third baseman Jonathan India and right fielder Wil Dalton continued to stuff the stat sheet.

India extended his hitting streak to 18 games early in the afternoon with a single through the left side in the third inning.

India went 2-for-4 and had a crucial RBI in the fifth. He sent a deep shot to left field that just stayed in the confines of the ballpark. The double drove in a run and cut the Volunteers' lead to one.

After India was intentionally walked in the top half of the seventh, Dalton drove him in with a two-run double tattooed off the base of the right-field wall, giving the Gators a 4-3 lead.

UF closer Michael Byrne proceeded to blow his first save of the season in the bottom half of the frame, giving up an RBI single to Tennessee right fielder Justin Ammons with two outs.

Four innings later, UF reclaimed the lead. A sacrifice fly from catcher JJ Schwarz and an error from UT's defense allowed Florida to plate two runs during the frame and extend its win-

## LACROSSE

# Gators blow out Villanova to remain undefeated in Big East

By Tyler Nettuno  
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Florida lacrosse team continued its romp through Big East play on Sunday as it took down Villanova 18-8 on the road to earn its fourth straight victory.

"I'm extremely proud of how well the entire team competed today," Gators coach Amanda O'Leary said in a release. "Our energy level throughout the game was terrific and I think it showed."

UF (10-3, 5-0 Big East) trailed early after allowing a first-minute goal from Wildcats midfielder Christine Graziano. However, Florida responded with a 10-1 run over the next 17:09, taking a 14-4 lead to the locker room.

Villanova (6-6, 1-4 Big East) was able to score four goals in a second half that featured a running clock, but it wasn't enough to close the gap against the Gators, as the Wildcats lost by double-digit goals for the first time this season.

"We were able to make substitutions early on in the first half and keep everyone's legs fresh during the second half," O'Leary said.

A pair of juniors — attacker Lindsey Ronbeck and midfielder Sydney Pirreca — combined for eight goals for the second consecutive game.

Senior attacker Shayna Pirreca scored two goals Sunday afternoon, marking her 33rd consecutive game scoring a goal — a school record.

Gators junior goalie Haley Hicklen had another strong performance, making five saves on 11 shots on goal before being pulled for Olivia Cole with 18:15 remaining in the game.

Freshman midfielder Shannon Kavanagh continued her dominant rookie campaign in the draw circle, setting a new school record for draw controls in a game with 12. As a team, Florida won in the circle 17-11 against a Villanova squad that ranked second in the Big East with 16 draw controls per tilt.

"Shannon (Kavanagh) did a great job for us in the draw circle, and helped us control possession of the ball for the whole game," O'Leary said.

In addition to her defensive efforts in holding the Wildcats' leading goal scorer Jillian Swikart to only two goals, freshman defender Sabrina Cristodero scored the first goal of her career on a free-position attempt in the second half.

With only four games remaining in the regular season, Florida sits tied atop the Big East standings with Marquette (9-4, 5-0 Big East).

The Gators have six days off before the Eagles come to Gainesville on Saturday for a game that could likely decide the regular-season conference champion. A victory would give UF a one-game lead with only three games left to play.

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## SOFTBALL

# Florida falls to Crimson Tide after offense fails to cash in

By Mari Faiello  
Sports Writer

Pitcher Aleshia Ocasio stepped to the plate in the top of the first with the bases loaded and two outs.

She adjusted her grip on the bat and focused on Alabama pitcher Courtney Gettins — who had already sent two strikes from the mound — and swung when the ball was thrown.

As the pitch found its way past Ocasio's bat and into the glove of catcher Reagan Dykes, Crimson Tide fans erupted in excitement throughout Rhoads Stadium as Gettins successfully worked her team out of a bases-loaded jam.



Ocasio

Ocasio's strikeout was her first of three for the contest, which contributed to a 3-2 loss for the No. 4 Gators against the No. 15 Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa on Sunday.

Inefficient at-bats led to a subpar offensive performance for the Gators. Florida (33-6, 8-3 SEC) stranded 11 runners on base, compared to Alabama's two, and had a team batting average of .286, compared to Alabama's .333.

Despite the poor offensive outing, the Gators found a couple of highlight moments. In the top of the fourth, shortstop Sophia Reynoso logged her first home run of the

season. Reynoso sent the homer toward left field and was greeted by her teammates as she stepped on home plate.

One inning later, Ocasio sent a triple to right field, putting her in good position to tie up the game.

Janell Wheaton sent a double down the left-field foul line one at-bat later to score Ocasio.

For the Crimson Tide, center fielder Elissa Brown stole some of the spotlight with two hits, one run and two stolen bases. Brown stole second base after her first at-bat in the bottom of the first and stole second again in the bottom of the sixth.

In the circle, Ocasio tossed 90 pitches and struck out six batters for Florida. The Crimson Tide used two pitchers in Gettins and senior Alexis Osorio, who combined for 148 pitches and six strikeouts. Osorio came in the relieve Gettins in the bottom of the fifth after Ocasio scored to tie the game at 2-2.

Heading into Monday's final matchup in the series against the Crimson Tide, the Gators have a half-game lead over Georgia for second place in the SEC standings. Another loss for Florida would leave it tied for second with South Carolina.

The Gators will try to clinch a series win in Tuscaloosa tonight at 7 after UF defeated Alabama 6-1 on Saturday.

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**MEN'S/WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD** HOSTS TOM JONES MEMORIAL, 11 A.M., SEC NETWORK +

**MEN'S TENNIS** VS. ALABAMA, 5 P.M.

**SOFTBALL** VS. SOUTH CAROLINA, 6 P.M., SEC NETWORK +

**BASEBALL** VS. MISSOURI, 6:30 P.M., SEC NETWORK +

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

**MEN'S GOLF** @ MASON RUDOLPH CHAMPIONSHIP, ALL DAY

**WOMEN'S GOLF** @ LIZ MURPHY COLLEGIATE CLASSIC, ALL DAY

**WOMEN'S TENNIS** VS. VANDERBILT, 11 A.M.

**LACROSSE** VS. MARQUETTE, NOON, YOUTUBE

**SOFTBALL** VS. SOUTH CAROLINA, 1 P.M., SEC NETWORK +

**FOOTBALL** HOSTS ORANGE AND BLUE GAME, 3 P.M., SEC NETWORK

**BASEBALL** VS. MISSOURI, 5 P.M., SEC NETWORK +

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

**MEN'S GOLF** @ MASON RUDOLPH CHAMPIONSHIP, ALL DAY

**WOMEN'S GOLF** @ LIZ MURPHY COLLEGIATE CLASSIC, ALL DAY

**BASEBALL** VS. MISSOURI, 1 P.M., SEC NETWORK +

**SOFTBALL** VS. SOUTH CAROLINA, 1 P.M., SEC NETWORK +



## COLUMN, from pg. 14

heroin market with Blue Magic, the best heroin around by a long shot. Another, smaller Harlem crime figure, Nicky Barnes (Cuba Gooding Jr.), has diluted Blue Magic and is selling it himself under the name Blue Magic. Lucas did not appreciate this.

"I would have to insist that you change the name," Lucas told Barnes.

The difference between his product and Barnes' probably wasn't enormous — just like the differences between "The Shop" and "Shop Talk" — but that's not the real issue. What matters more is that the imitation happened in the first place.

If Saban and the Crimson Tide hadn't chosen such a derivative name and logo for their own show, then I doubt LeBron would have sent the letter he did on April 2 expressing his camp's concern over copyright infringement, trademark rights and intellectual property. The letter isn't a hostile attack on Saban or anything. Rather, the idea is to avoid "rushing into legal proceedings."

LeBron is protecting his business interests and I don't blame him.

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## McMurtry won titles on bars, beam and all-around

### GYMNASTICS, from pg. 14

floor and vault, McMurtry took three event titles on bars, beam and all-around. Her 9.975 on bars marked a season best.

McMurtry also took her second NACGC Southeast Region Gymnast of the Year honor. She bounced back after a fall on her floor performance at the SEC Championships on March 24 that brought the team's total in the routine to a season low of 48.400.

"A good loss is really motivating sometimes and I think SECs did that to us," McMurtry said. "We got back to the gym and worked our butts off and it obviously showed."

The Gators now look forward to competing in the Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, Missouri, for the NCAA Championships. Florida will compete with 11 other teams to win one of six spots to advance to the NCAA Super Six on April 21.

2018 marks the NCAA Championships' last year using a 12-team field. This year, the SEC brings half of the group: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and LSU.

"We still have a few things we can fix, but we are going to be hungry (for) NAAs," Slocum said.

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Florida is one of six SEC teams competing at the NCAA Championships on April 20, along with Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky and LSU.