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**FEATURE FRIDAY**

## Bus driver shortage leads to forced overtime, low pay



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Desmond Grimes, 38, welcomes students onto the 117 Bus at the Reitz Union. Grimes' route, "Park-N-Ride 2," circulates through 34th Street back to the Reitz Union.

**By Meryl Kornfield**  
Alligator Staff Writer

When Desmond Grimes heard the fuzzy voice of control center from his bus radio, he told himself he would still find time for his daughter.

"Check your schedule," the voice said.

Grimes, a Regional Transit System bus operator, instantly knew what that was code for: another eight-hour shift away from his 14-year-old. A shift he didn't ask for.

"I made it known that I wasn't happy about it," he said. "I asked them 'why do I need to check the schedule?' even though I knew."

Still driving in the bus, Grimes learned he wouldn't get the Friday off he requested. Because of RTS's driver shortage, he had been called in for a mandatory 12-hour shift.

So the next day, before his forced overtime shift began, he took his daughter to the shooting range and bought her ice cream. He came in an hour late to work, angry he had to go at all. His daughter only has a limited number of days off school, and he tries to take advantage of that time to spend time with her.

"She's a teenager and in high school, so it won't be long before she's going off to college," he said.

Grimes, who has worked for RTS for six years as a driver, plans to tell the city that bus operators are tired of working double shifts and tired of low pay. On May 16, he and other

RTS employees represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union will sit across from city employees to demand higher wages and less forced overtime.

"I did all I could take to make sure I was on the negotiations team this year, to make sure that I could have a seat at the table," he said.

Since 20 bus operators left for various reasons this Fall, the remaining 186 RTS drivers have had to handle unexpected shifts added to their schedules.

City spokesperson Chip Skinner said many drivers leave because of the pay. Other regional bus systems pay more than the \$12.75 to \$17.95 an hour offered by RTS. Skinner said the rate of pay for RTS workers is the pay agreed upon by the city and the labor union.

Zefnia Durham III, the bus union's president, said cities like Jacksonville and Orlando draw RTS drivers away with higher pay. Orlando's Lynx bus system said it pays trained drivers \$15.24 to \$21.77 an hour. Jacksonville Transit Authority has an upper range of around \$21 to \$22.

Bus operators' last pay increase was in 2017, when all city workers making under \$12.75 were given a raise, Skinner said. Before, the minimum bus operator pay was \$11.75 an hour.

The city is conducting a study to find whether they are competitively

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## City officials approve body cameras for 107 GPD officers

**THE CONTRACT TO BUY THE CAMERAS WILL COST THE CITY ABOUT \$610,000.**

**By Jessica Giles**  
Alligator Staff Writer

The City Commission approved a contract Thursday to equip more than 100 Gainesville Police Department officers with body-worn cameras.

The city commission decided to approve a \$610,000 contract with Axon — a company that makes technology and weapons for law enforcement — to provide GPD with 107 body-worn cameras and accompanying signal units in Thursday's meeting. The signal units will turn on the cameras if the patrol vehicle's sirens or officer's stun gun are activated, said Gainesville Police spokesperson

Officer Ben Tobias. The department will also get 190 Taser guns to replace their current ones.

"Part of it is we know that the public demands as much transparency as possible, and these are a vehicle to that transparency," Tobias said of the cameras.

The funding for the contract comes from the city's general and Capital Improvement Plan funds, according to the city commission meeting agenda.

Not every officer will get a body-worn camera, so GPD will distribute them to road patrol units that don't already have a vehicle dash camera, he said.

About 10 to 15 GPD officers have already been wearing body cameras for the past few months as part of a testing and evaluation period.

GPD policy prohibits officers from turning off the cameras when interacting with

the public minus a few exceptions, which include when officers are completing reports, having personal discussions with other officers, on breaks or on the scene of a bomb threat or explosive device to ensure there is no electronic interference.

"If, you know, they encounter a situation during these details that warrants the body-worn camera to be activated, then they'll do so," he said.

Footage from body cameras that need to be blurred for confidentiality reasons, like when interviewing the victim of a sexual assault, will be done only by evidence custodians, he said. Road patrol officers will not have the authority to blur footage.

City Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos expects some of the cameras and stun guns to roll out within the next few months. He said it was only a matter of time before Gainesville joined the growing number of cit-

ies equipping their officers with body-worn cameras.

"I think it's what the residents of Gainesville expect," Hayes-Santos said.

He hopes the cameras will hold officers accountable, reduce the number of false reports made against police officers and encourage residents to behave better, he said.

"I think when people know that they're kind of on camera, I don't think they will act as aggressively as they do sometimes against officers," Hayes-Santos said.

He believes once more funding becomes available, the city will expand the number of officers wearing body cameras, he said.

"It's my goal to ensure, I think, that every officer on the street has a camera," he said.

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**INDIA'S STREAK ENDS AGAINST UK**

Florida third baseman Jonathan India's 24-game hitting streak came to an end on Thursday during UF's win over Kentucky, pg. 14



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Local Events / News in Brief

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Save the Swamp GatorNights**

The Reitz Union will host an Earth Day-themed Save the Swamp GatorNights. Activities include a do-it-yourself eco-friendly water bottle and starry night painting classes. Gators Going Green will have plant tie-dye. Catch the award-winning movie "Lady Bird," showing in the auditorium at 8 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Create a birdhouse in the arts & crafts center from 9 to 11 p.m. Treat yourself at the end of the night with nachos at midnight munchies. GatorNights is always Friday, always free for UF students with a Gator 1 card.

**Florida Museum gala**

The Florida Museum of Natural History will hold a "Passport to the Galapagos" gala from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday. The evening will include a dinner, entertainment and dancing. Proceeds from the event will support museum educational programs. For more information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation, call 352-273-2047.

**Florida Museum photography workshop**

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host a photography workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday in the "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibit, which features 60 to 80 species at any given time. Attendees will be able to use tripods and other photographic equipment not usually permitted. The fee is \$40, or \$35 for museum members, and includes exhibit admission. Pre-registration is required, and participants must be 18 years or older. For more information or to register, call 352-273-2057.

**Gallery Talk: The Life and Image of Toussaint L'Ouverture**

Join David Geggus, a UF professor of history, will be at the Harn Museum of Art 3 p.m. Sunday, for a discussion of the dramatic career of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the slave who became a leader of Haiti's independence movement. This

talk will address some of the controversies surrounding his life and public image in relation to the series "The Life of Toussaint L'Ouverture," 15 silkscreen prints on view in the exhibition "History, Labor, Life: The Prints of Jacob Lawrence." Admission is free.

**Computing Program**

UF is accepting application from 9th and 10th grade high school students for the Gator Computing Pre-College Program summer 2018. The program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting June 4 to June 15 at UF. Program attendees will explore the role of computers in society, research and the economy with faculty from engineering, social sciences, medical research and biotechnology disciplines, as well as university staff with expertise in emerging technologies, such as 3-D printing and virtual reality. Visit [cpet.ufl.edu](http://cpet.ufl.edu) for more information and to access the application portal. The cost is \$500. Need-based scholarships are available.

**Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month**

April commemorates the first Japanese immigration to the U.S. on May 7, 1853. It also honors the Chinese immigrants who worked to complete the transcontinental railroad May 10, 1869. Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs will celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month with events until Monday. The 2018 theme is the Japanese concept of *ikigai*, meaning "a reason to live."

**Midnight Fun Run**

UF RecSports is calling all superheroes for a Midnight Fun Run on Wednesday. The event is open to faculty, staff, students and guests. Each participant will receive an event T-shirt and breakfast following the race. Registration ends April 24 on RS Connect.

**'What Were You Wearing?' art exhibit**

The "What Were You Wearing?" art exhibit is being displayed until April 30 on the



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third floor of the Ustler Hall Library. STRIVE at GatorWell and the American Student Medical Association have collaborated with anonymous UF student survivors to show the outfits they wore during their attacks. For more info, call 352-273-4450.

**Runoff election early voting**

Early voting sites for the 2018 City of Gainesville runoff election will be open from starting Saturday through April 28. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesday and Thursday, when locations will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Early voting locations: Cone Park Branch Library at 2801 E. University Ave., Millhopper Branch Library at 3145 NW 43rd St. and the Supervisor of Elections Office at the Josiah T. Walls Building 515 N. Main St.

**Talking Gators Toastmasters**

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

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# UF Student Body president denies Turning Point USA ties

By Christina Morales

Alligator Staff Writer

UF Student Body President Smith Meyers has denied being involved with a conservative nonprofit after his photo appeared in one of the organization's brochures.

The photo of Meyers was published in a 28-page brochure for Turning Point USA, as reported by The Chronicle of Higher Education on April 6.

An article from The Chronicle in May 2017 described Turning Point USA as a conservative group that tries to influence Student Government elections at colleges and universities nationwide. The article reported the organization was offering to pay for the campaigns



Meyers

of conservative students running to help them get into higher leadership positions as part of Turning Point USA's Campus Victory Project. The Chronicle reported that the group has funded candidates at UF but did not say which ones.

Meyers, who has served as the Student Body president since April 2017, wrote in an emailed statement April 10 the group took a photo of him from social media without his permission. He said this has happened to other Student Body presidents across the country.

Meyers said he does not have a relationship with the organization.

"Student Government is a non-partisan platform with members from every side of the aisle," he said in the statement. "I am proud of the work we have accomplished this year, and I believe our work reflects a commitment to working with students across the political

spectrum."

Meyers declined to comment further.

The Alligator tried to contact the national branch of Turning Point USA multiple times. Nobody responded to the requests for comment.

SG adviser James Tyger, whose role is to advise, collaborate and train members of SG, did not return any of The Alligator's multiple requests for comment.

According to the brochure on The Chronicle's story, Turning Point USA has successfully elected 54 Student Body presidents. SG races in Florida funded by Turning Point are estimated to cost about \$2,206,000, according to The Chronicle.

The pamphlet said the group recruits students in Greek and residential life. Meyers is a former chapter president of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

"Turning Point USA has embarked on making the largest strategic impact for taking back and fighting the entrenched institution that has hijacked billions of public dollars to promote anti-capitalist, anti-American, anti-Semitic and pro-globalist themes," the pamphlet reads.

Alia DeLong, a UF interdisciplinary ecology doctoral student, said she was disappointed to see Meyers' photo on the brochure. She said she wished he would've taken a stronger stance against the organization in his response.

"I think that's a pretty weak response because the organization's views are extreme," the 29-year-old said. "I just don't understand why he wouldn't come out and stand up against those kinds of views because they're harmful and oppressive views."

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## Two Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office deputies shot, killed

By Robert Lewis

Alligator Staff Writer

Two Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office deputies eating lunch in a Chinese restaurant in Trenton, Florida, were shot and killed Thursday afternoon, authorities said. The shooter was found dead outside.



Lindsey

The shooter was identified Thursday night by authorities as John Hubert Highnote, 59, of Bell, Florida.

The two deputies, Sgt. Noel Ramirez and Deputy Sheriff Taylor Lindsey, were eating in the restaurant Ace China, located at 1122 E Wade St. in downtown Trenton, at about 3 p.m. when the shooter walked up to the restaurant and shot both deputy sheriffs through the window, GCSO Deputy Chief Darry Lloyd said. Trenton is about 45 minutes west of Gainesville.

Deputies who arrived to the scene found

the shooter dead outside the restaurant and both deputies dead from their injuries inside, according to the release.

The shooting is still an ongoing investigation and there is no apparent motive, Lloyd said. The type of weapon used and how many rounds were fired has not been released, he said.

Officials from the Levy County Sheriff's Office, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the State Attorney's Office have all responded to the area to help, according to the release.

President Donald Trump tweeted, "My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the families, friends and colleagues of the two @GCSOFlorida deputies (HEROES) who lost their lives in the line of duty today."

Florida Governor Rick Scott announced over Twitter he had offered state help to Gilchrist.

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi confirmed the deaths and gave her condolences in a statement.

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### CONCERT LOVING

Matthew Dunbrack, a 20-year-old nuclear engineering sophomore, plays the ukulele while fellow members of The Staff perform their rendition of "Take On Me" by A-ha at their spring concert Thursday night.

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# In historic operation, baby given new chance at life

## THE 1-YEAR-OLD AVOIDED A HEART TRANSPLANT.

By Elliott Nasby  
Alligator Staff Writer

For the first time in more than seven months, 1-year-old Valeria Ocampo's heart beat on its own.

The baby's family, along with her team of surgeons and nurses at UF Health Shands Hospital, were stunned when on April 2, Valeria's Berlin Heart, the artificial heart pump that maintained blood flow to her heart, was successfully removed. The pump had kept her alive for nearly half of her life.

But by early March, hospital staff grew confident they could start weaning her off the Berlin Heart. Over the course of three weeks, doctors gradually decreased the machine's pump rate, said cardiac surgeon Mark Bleiweis.

Valeria is UF Health's first patient to ever come off the Berlin Heart, a device for end-stage heart failure. The machine fed four tubes into the different chambers of her

heart and is normally a transition toward a heart transplant, Bleiweis said.

"It's probably one of the greatest experiences in our group's history," he said. "She has been given a chance to live a normal life."

Victoria Escobar, Valeria's mother, said the road to healing has been stressful. Valeria, less than a year old, fought complications like strokes, seizures and a collapsed lung.

"It's extremely painful for a parent to watch their child go through something like that," Escobar said.

Since her youngest daughter was transferred to Shands, Escobar, 34, said she practically lived at the hospital, often sleeping on a hospital-provided sofa bed.

She said everyone agreed to be strong for Valeria, who rarely stopped smiling.

"She's a very happy baby," Escobar said.

When Valeria celebrated her first birthday on January 6, Escobar organized a photoshoot. She and her husband, Carlos Ocampo, and several nurses decorated the hospital bed with pink and gold pillows. They gave Valeria a pink dress and

chocolate birthday cake — which Valeria dug into, covering her face and hands in frosting.

"I needed to keep that face smiling," Escobar said. "That was my goal — keep that face smiling."

Every day, Escobar and Ocampo clung to the hope that Valeria's heart might improve, she said.

About 30 doctors, nurses, family and friends crowded around Valeria's bed when the doctor stopped the artificial heart. Nearly everyone cried.

Escobar couldn't believe Valeria's heart was beating on its own. She wouldn't have to see her daughter, only about eight pounds, hooked up to a machine the size of a small refrigerator anymore.

On April 13, Valeria left the hospital.

Escobar said even small things are more meaningful now.

During that first bath, Valeria was startled by the rushing water as her mother gingerly soaped over the ridge of newly formed scars.

"Those scars, I love them. I'm going to take care of them," Escobar said. "Those are the proof of god's miracle."



Courtesy to The Alligator

Carlos Ocampo, left, and Victoria Escobar, right, kiss their 1-year-old daughter Valeria Ocampo, who was released from UF Health Shands hospital last Friday.

## Gainesville Target now offering 'Drive Up' service

By Amanda Rosa  
Alligator Staff Writer

The Gainesville Target supermarket store is making it easier to avoid binge shopping.

On Monday, the Target at 3970 SW Archer Road became one of nearly 270 stores in the South and Southeast to offer "Drive Up," which allows customers to order items from the Target app to be brought to their car by an employee.

Orders take about an hour to complete, and customers can wait in the store's designated "Drive Up" parking spaces, according to a news release.

Target plans to expand the service it piloted in the Minneapolis area last fall to 1,000 stores by the end of 2018, according to the release.

Stephanie Campbell, the Archer Road Target front-end manager, said the store has received three orders from moms in a hurry picking up a few items

since it began offering the service Monday. The feedback has been positive, she said.

The Archer location's parking lot has four "Drive Up" parking spaces, she said.

When Diana Brown walked into Target on Wednesday morning to buy Keurig coffee pods, she ended up leaving with cat litter, clothing hangers, wine, coffee and a birthday gift for her friend.

Brown said the Target app would be useful when she needs to pick up essentials but doesn't want to be tempted by the dollar-bin section.

"Target is addicting," the 26-year-old UF veterinary graduate student said. "I enjoy my experience, but I spend way too much."

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## Alachua County struggling to find local families for foster children

By Camille Graham  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County may have to look to neighboring counties to house foster children.

Partnership for Strong Families, a community-based child welfare agency that cares for about 5,000 children in 13 counties, including Alachua, reports there are about 80 children in need of homes in Alachua, said Patty Carroll, director of community relations and recruitment for the agency. There are about 55 licensed foster homes in the county, and many of these homes have a one-to-two child limit.

Carroll said the shortage is due to a rising number of children in need of placement in a foster home in recent years. The shortage could lead to children being placed in neighboring counties like Levy and Bradford based on availability in homes.

"They're not only leaving their home, they're leaving their school, their friends, their peer groups, the sports team they're on or the extracurricular activity they've been participating in,"

Carroll said. "They're leaving everything that they knew."

Valerie Stonerook, a 34-year-old stay-at-home mom in Gainesville, said she and her husband knew there was a need in the community for foster homes, prompting them to get licensed in November despite their hesitations.

After completing necessary background checks, home inspections and a nine-week preparation course, the Stonerooks were approved in November and have since fostered three children.

"We were nervous it would take our time and attention away from our four biological kids," Stonerook said. "But it's ultimately helped to bond us as a family."

Carroll said there is an even higher need for homes for teenagers and groups of siblings. She said if a family is unable to foster a child, they can still help by raising awareness and encouraging others to learn more about it.

"As a community, when we can rally around those families that are taking in our kids, we strengthen that family and child, and we strengthen the whole community too," Carroll said.

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# Possible salmonella outbreak results in recall on Publix eggs

By Bailey Wingate  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The threat of salmonella has caused several supermarkets to pull eggs from their shelves, but Publix Super Markets in Gainesville didn't have to pull any because they were already expired.

Publix 18-pack brand Grade A extra large eggs were recalled by Cal-Maine Foods Inc.

because of possible contamination from Rose Acre Farms in Hyde County, North Carolina, according to Dwaine Stevens, a Publix spokesperson of the North Florida, South Alabama and South Georgia region.

Stevens wrote in an email that Publix Super Markets in Gainesville had these eggs at one point, but the eggs had already been taken off the shelves before the recall due to being expired.

Salmonella is a bacteria that when consumed in contaminated food can cause diarrhea, fever, chills and abdominal pain.

"If customers have any questions about the Publix XL 18-pack eggs that might be in their refrigerator, they can return them for a refund," he said, adding people should refrain from eating potential contaminated eggs.

Elise Tutton, a UF nutritional sciences

sophomore, said she goes to Publix every other week and occasionally buys Publix eggs. She said she wants to avoid salmonella at all costs, so she will pay more attention to the brands she purchases.

"I would probably avoid buying that brand of eggs, or stop buying eggs from Publix altogether until the recall is over," the 19-year-old said.

## Early voting dates released for District 1 runoff election

By McKenna Beery  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville residents who live in District 1 will be able to cast their votes for either incumbent City Commissioner Charles Goston or challenger Gigi Simmons starting Saturday.

The City of Gainesville announced Monday the 2018 District 1 Runoff Election early voting sites will be open from Saturday to April 28 for registered voters within the district, said TJ Pyche, outreach director for the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections. The general election day for District 1 residents is May 1.

"We encourage any and all registered citizens who live within District 1 in the City of Gainesville to take advantage of early voting and to make sure their voice is heard in this election," Pyche said.

When votes came in during the original election on March 20, the District 1 race was only separated by 85 votes, with Simmons leading, so it went to a runoff, according to Alligator archives.

The early voting locations, selected by the City of Gainesville, include Cone Park Library, Millhopper Branch Library and the Supervisor of Elections Office in the Josiah T. Walls Building, Pyche said.

All voting sites' hours of operation

are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesday and Thursday when locations will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pyche said.

Voters are required to present photo and signature identification before voting, Pyche said.

Pyche said some accepted forms of identification include a Florida driver's license, Florida identification cards, United States passports and debit or credit cards. Voters are allowed to use two forms of identification to meet the requirement.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is 5 p.m. April 25. Vote-by-mail ballots can be requested online, in person, by phone, fax, mail or email.

District 1 resident Juliun Kinsey said he always participates in early voting at the Cone Park Library location because of the convenience.

"There is not a lot of traffic," the 26-year-old said. "The hours are pretty broad, so I can get in and get out and not have to stand in a long line to vote."

Kinsey said he has never missed an election.

"Voting in elections is important to me," Kinsey said. "I care about decisions that are made in city hall just as I care about the ones that are made in Tallahassee and Washington D.C."

## Florida voters to decide crime victims' rights in constitution

By McKenna Beery  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Florida voters will decide whether victims' rights will become part of the state's constitution in November's general election.

Voters will be able to vote on Marsy's Law, which would guarantee victims receive timely notifications when there are changes in whether an offender is in custody or major developments in a criminal case, said Jennifer Fennell, a spokesperson for the proposal. It will also guarantee the right of victims and their families to be present and speak at court proceedings.

The proposal has received support from Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, as well as 23 out of 66 other state sheriffs.

On Monday, the Florida Constitution Revision Commission voted 34-3 in favor of placing Marsy's Law on the 2018 general election ballot on November 6, Fennell said. The commission is made up of 37 commissioners who meet once every 20 years to examine the Florida Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration.

In order for it to pass and become part of the state's constitution, it will need 60 percent of the votes in the general election, Fennell said.

Florida is one of 15 states that does not provide clear and enforceable rights for victims of crimes in its constitution, Fennell said.

"I think everybody who is involved in the

criminal justice process is concerned with making sure victims have a voice and they are treated with dignity and respect," Fennell said. "That's what Marsy's Law for Florida would do."

Marsy's Law was named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, of California, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983, Fennell said. One week after her death, the victim's mother and brother, Henry T. Nicholas, walked into a grocery store and were confronted by the accused murderer.

The family was unaware he had been released on bail. In an effort to honor his sister, Nicholas wanted to provide victims and their families with constitutional protections. He formed Marsy's Law for All in 2008, which gives expertise and resources to victims' rights organizations nationwide.

Sheriff Darnell was not immediately available for comment. Alachua County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Sgt. Brett Rhodenizer said the rights of the victims are not currently specified in Florida state law.

Rhodenizer said the support from Darnell and two dozen other sheriffs shows that law enforcement officials will continue to promote and protect victims' rights.

"We can, should and must protect the rights of the accused up to and through their conviction, but we also have to protect the rights of our victims in crime," he said.



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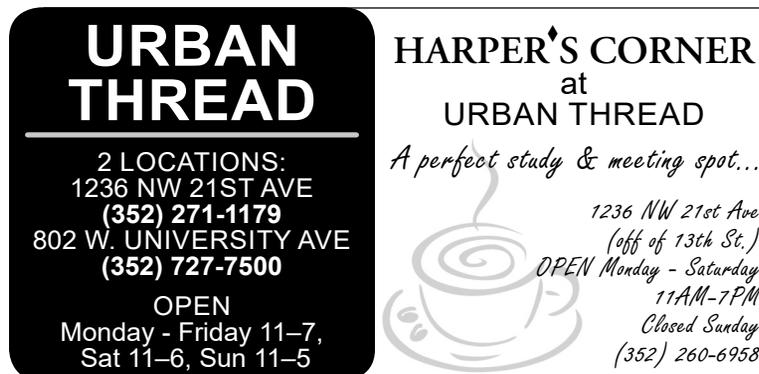
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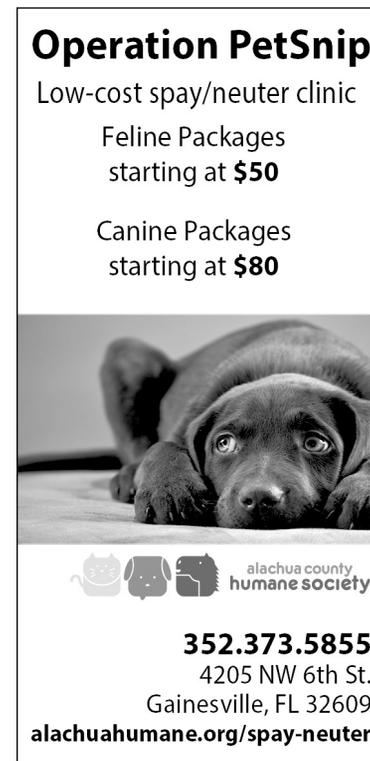
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## Editorial

Graduation is a mere few weeks away, and you find yourself thinking, more often than usual, “How the heck did I get here?” You think back to unloading your parent’s car in the front of Broward Hall in the sweltering August heat, and you remember the nerves you felt as you walked into your first college lecture hall. It feels like just yesterday, right?

As you tie up loose ends and complete your long list of “lasts,” you realize you’re really going to miss this place.

You decide to have one last get-together with your best friends and meet up at the usual friend’s apartment a few days before the big day with paint, brushes and graduation caps in hand. You all decide to keep it a secret what you’re going to paint on your cap so you can all be surprised later that night.

After a few hours of painting and several cold beers, it’s time for the big reveal. One friend’s cap displays a typical “Thanks, mom and dad” surrounded by flowers. The next has an alarmingly artistic painting of Century Tower. The last friend, however, has gone with a unique design. Their cap reads...

## Darts & Laurels

This Monday, Accent Speakers Bureau announced it will host a 30-minute Q&A session with Jodi Kantor, the New York Times journalist who was part of the team to break the Harvey Weinstein story and reveal the Hollywood mogul had been paying off his sexual harassment accusers.

Kantor will talk about her career in journalism and her work on the famous story. Unfortunately, one thing she will not do is receive equal pay for speaking. According to Accent Chairwoman Shelby Buchanan, Kantor will be paid \$20,000, which is significantly less than speakers are typically paid.

For reference, Jim Jefferies was paid \$125,000 to speak, and John Mullaney was set to receive \$85,000. Terry Crews was paid \$40,000 — double what Kantor will receive.

Before we go into our gripes about the inequity in payment, we have to award **Accent** our initial **laurel**. Bringing in Kantor to speak to UF students grants us all a unique opportunity to hear from one of the most noteworthy journalists and female professionals of our time, which is invaluable. As journalists ourselves, we each found ourselves elated at the chance to see Kantor, but the number behind her visit brought us back down.

The distinction in pay is something we cannot look past or ignore. The inequality is blatant and astounding. As such, we award a **dart** to **Accent** as well, for their disrespect of Kantor, female professionals and the field of journalism.

On May 29, many of us will need to run on Dunkin’, because more than 8,000 Starbucks store locations will be closed. The coffee chain announced Tuesday it will close many of its cafes for the day in order to conduct anti-bias training. The decisions comes after two African American men were arrested at one of the stores.

According to the New York Times, officials reported the two men were arrested after they had asked to use the restroom without purchasing anything. An employee refused their request and asked them to leave the store. When the men stayed put, the employee called the police and the two men were arrested.

The situation led to significant upset in the public, as it should have. However, we are impressed with the way Starbucks has chosen to handle the situation. Not only did the CEO issue a formal apology, but the company is choosing to do something about the problem and educate their employees. We are appalled that the incident ever took place, but we must award a **laurel** to the **Starbucks company** for taking preventative action so nothing like this happens again.

We realize of course, that the decision to enact this training was likely, at least in part, a publicity stunt. However, regardless of motives, something good is resulting, and that is something we can be happy about and thankful for.

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## Column

### Trying to explain the success of Fortnite

It was revealed this past week that the new mobile version of Fortnite is reeling in \$2 million a day, usurping the insanely lucrative Candy Crush and Pokemon Go. If you’ve been living under a rock the last two months and do not know what Fortnite is, I will do my best to explain it here.

Fortnite is the most recent success story in the video game genre known as battle royale games. Defined as a blending of “the survival, exploration and scavenging elements of a survival game with last man standing gameplay,” battle royale games essentially all have the same formula: A large number of players are dropped into a defined area with little to no supplies or weapons. It is every man for himself, with players searching for supplies and engaging in skirmishes with each other as the map shrinks, bringing everyone closer to the dangerous core. The game goes on until there is one sole survivor, who is then deemed the winner.

To give a sense of just how popular Fortnite and the battle royale genre is right now, Fortnite recently broke the record for most people playing at one time — 3.4 million. Who previously held that record? A game called PlayerUnknown’s Battlegrounds, another battle royale title.

What makes these games so wildly popular is their simplicity and various factors dangerously feeding into their addictiveness. Loading and waiting times for Fortnite are very short, making the time between a finished game and a brand new one almost nonexistent. The result of this immediacy in matchmaking is the age-old video game trap of “one more game,” except even worse. Now, you can start a new game without even having to wait and potentially think, “Hey, I wonder if this is the wisest thing to be doing right now.”

Over the last couple decades, gaming has steadily become more and more social, with multiplayer gaming becoming the centerpiece and primary money-maker for the industry. It makes complete sense, too. Playing games alongside friends, no matter where they are located geographically, enhances the experience for all.

For a while, it appeared that “bigger is better” when it



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comes to multiplayer, but that has turned out not to be the case. Fortnite’s 100-player servers are impressive and truly make it feel like you are on your own in a massive world, populated by real players. However, it is not the game’s size that sets it apart and keeps players scratching and clawing for more. Instead, Fortnite shines on the individual level with its quality squad gameplay and ease of playing with friends.

Fortnite is a gigantic and daunting experience, but it is entirely squad-based. The fact that you are grouped up into small teams with your friends retains the closeness and personal chemistry elements that make games interesting. Like real life, wandering through the world alone can quickly become boring, however, doing it alongside your friends enhances the experience.

In 2010, an online shooter game called MAG was released. The main selling point of the game was its online battles of up to 256 players, a server size that was completely unheard of at the time. While the idea was novel, the game completely flopped. Two-hundred and fifty-six players is simply too many people, and without the facilities in place for engaging gameplay with your friends, it quickly becomes dull.

What Fortnite and other battle royale games do so well is preserve the personal experience of each player, never losing sight of why many people play video games in the first place. Most casual gamers just want to play with their friends at the end of a long day, so the easier a game makes this possible, and the more central it makes team gameplay, the wider the appeal will be. To succeed in a battle royale game, excellent communication and coordination with your friends is key.

The same thing that is critical for success is also what makes these games so much fun: teamwork. What Fortnite and the battle royale genre do so well is facilitate and encourage the very element of gaming that keeps players coming back. The future of online gaming is not impressive size but instead preserving the personal experience of playing with friends.

Andrew Hall is a UF management senior. His column focuses on entertainment.

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

## Column

# Infiltration mission failure: my attempt to attend the SG banquet

**Y**ou know those events that happen around the same time every year? As my second year at UF comes to a close, I've started to get a sense of when the yearly events happen around here.

Every year in April is the Student Government inaugural banquet, during which the new executive ticket gets inaugurated, SG doles out some awards and outgoing members give farewell speeches.

Last week, I got a funny "isn't the banquet supposed to be happening now?" thought. At the same point in time last year, I had already received the invite sent to the entire Senate listserv and a final RSVP reminder email.

It quickly became apparent the SG banquet this year was not open to all of SG. Putting heads together with some friends, we figured out SG booked the Stephen C. O'Connell Center for this past Wednesday night and had also asked executive branch staffers to help with the decorations.

During our Tuesday night Senate meeting, I asked this question: "What happened

to our invites?" I asked the Information and Communications chair about it during her weekly report, but the senate president stepped in, saying that it was Smith Meyers' banquet and if I had questions, I should email him. I attempted to ask who got an invite during announcements but was quickly shut down by senate leadership.

I resolved to try to go to the banquet anyhow. You can't close off an SG funded event, right?

Turns out, you can. I was stopped at the door and told if I wasn't on the list, I wouldn't be able to go in. Even the two staffers at the check-in hadn't been invited, nor were they given food (that really pissed me off). I scanned the list of those invited: majority party loyalists, their significant others and administrators. Not only did the full Senate not receive invitations, but also members of the majority party who were deemed not important enough to be there.

I stood there, texting folks I could try to



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have whisk me in as a plus one. No luck there. I grappled with the strong desire to walk past the check-in table while the staffers pleaded with me to not cause a scene and to pick my battles. (I am, in fact, a "chaotic good" disguised as a "lawful good," so I try not to blow my cover for the petty things.)

After around an hour (I arrived late), people started to trickle out.

The staffers at check-in got up to leave, and I followed them inside. To be quite honest, the banquet seemed quite small, perhaps due to the juxtaposition of the O'Connell Center's vast interior. Almost immediately, people started making comments at me, as if everyone knew I hadn't been invited. I bumped into the SG adviser who revealed to me the banquet wasn't funded using student fees, rather by external revenue, which was why it was legally permissible to deny students, even SG Senators, entry. He recommended I leave and I did, slipping away into the night like a scorned lover.

Okay, so why bother with all the salt and pettiness of burning so many words on this? I think this is important because, as the saying goes, "the fish rots from the head down." If the banquet for SG's cream of the crop is so exclusive, what does that say about the rest of our administration? What kind of inauguration excludes Senators and the press? I would rather have an event that is accommodating for a lot of people, than have to pick between inviting members' significant others or other SG officers. If I had my way, we'd be having the SG banquet in the Reitz Union food court so we could instead use the banquet money, source of which be damned, to benefit the Student Body.

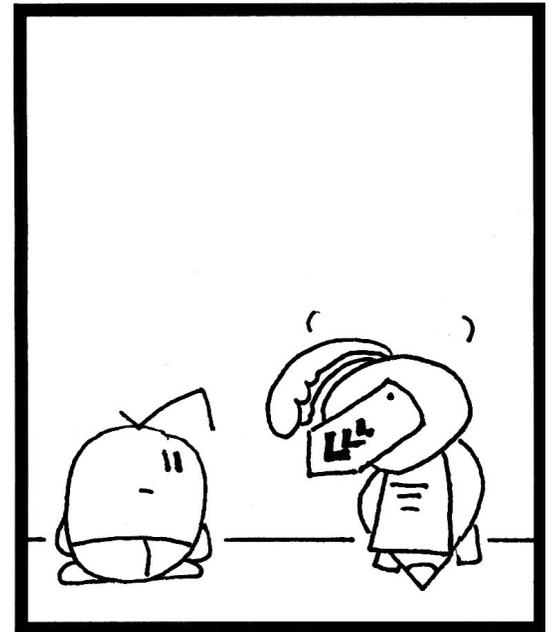
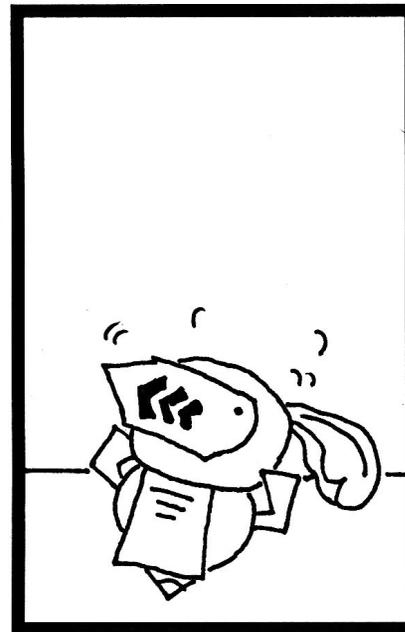
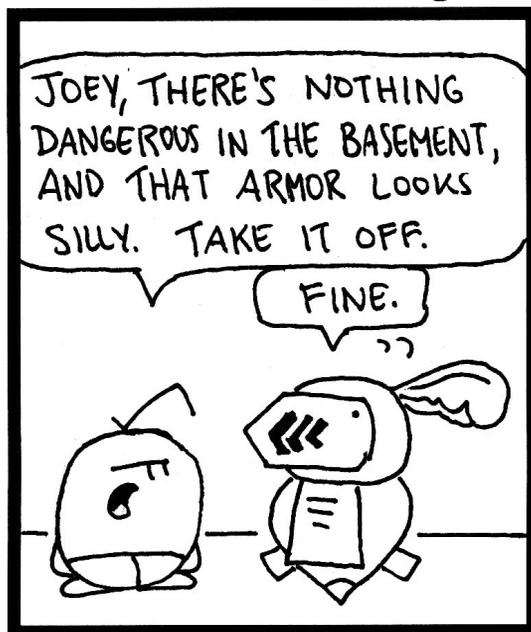
SG shouldn't be run like a private club, and even if it is, they should at least feed the people manning check-in at the door.

Questions, comments or concerns? Email me at: [zchou@ufl.edu](mailto:zchou@ufl.edu).

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# UF students pay a transportation fee, most of which goes to RTS service

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paying drivers, said Christopher Beatty, an executive assistant in the city's human resources department.

Grimes said he can't afford to live in Gainesville, where he's lived since he was a teenager, on his RTS salary. He moved to Ocala from Gainesville about seven months after starting as a bus operator, where he makes \$13.69 an hour.

"Me, working as a city employee, should not feel like it should be a challenge to live in the city," he said.

Durham said bus drivers should be paid enough to meet their skill level.

"A 16-year-old working part time at a pool during the summer is getting the same as someone with a state certificate," Durham said.

He said some drivers who have worked more than 20 years haven't reached the maximum pay.

There's only one bonus program offered to bus operators, which was added two years ago, Skinner said. If drivers are accident-free for at least three consecutive years they receive a 10-cent per hour raise, and after 15 years, they can get a 50-cent raise. Drivers earn pay and a half for overtime shifts.

Durham said drafting, the system of assigning extra shifts to bus drivers, was less common four years ago when he was a driver.

"If you used to draft five people, that was a problem," he said. "Now if you draft just five people, that's a blessing."

When Grimes gets the call telling him to "check his schedule," he either works and misses time with his daughter or skips it and gets in trouble with management.

When he decides the extra shift isn't worth it, he calls management and hopes his only punishment is paperwork. Drivers who ignore their forced overtime can face punishments ranging from a warning to being fired, Skinner said.

Grimes said he plays the game to get out of forced overtime. Today, his daughter has a dance competition in Daytona Beach at 4 p.m. Instead of taking the day off and eventually being drafted, he signed up for a morning shift to avoid last-minute scheduling.

The Department of Transportation codes say bus drivers in Florida can work 16 hours a day, as long as they only drive for 13 hours — excluding the 30 minutes they take to drive each way from the bus facility to the first stop.

Eight hours of break are required between twelve-hour shifts. A driver who has only worked an eight-hour shift can be asked by management to stay on the bus. RTS bus operators do not drive more than 72 hours a week, Skinner said.

"If they say they are fatigued, they won't be on the road," he said.

Durham said drivers are working more shifts than ever. Even with the increase in overtime, buses are canceled and riders are left deserted at stops when management can't find a driver for an extra shift.

In March, RTS cut back service for 15 bus routes because of the driver shortage.

However, Skinner said RTS was able to "easily rectify the driver

shortage" with 35 applicants who applied after a job fair in the beginning of March. Skinner said RTS will be able to return to full service by Fall.

The city changed the standards to be an operator, which may have contributed to more applicants, Skinner said. As of Feb. 26, applicants can now be accepted with three consecutive years of driving experience rather than five.

With lowered standards, Durham worries about safety.

"To me, lowering a standard says 'I'm not as concerned with my customers as I am with filling a quota,'" he said.

Skinner said all drivers go through the same training.

"We aren't worried about a lesser-quality candidate," he said. "We are just still trying to fill the candidate pool."

Durham said there aren't enough drivers to cover all the buses the city needs. Last Sunday, he said a route 20 bus wasn't on the road because there wasn't a driver available.

"You have people standing outside waiting for a bus that will never show," he said.

Amanda Apatow said she can't rely on RTS's Rider app to tell her correctly when the bus will arrive. The 27-year-old said if she misses the bus by a second, she could end up waiting half an hour to commute back from her job.

"It's just a pain," she said.

Apatow, who works at the Hub, said she needs to be at work by 8 a.m., but as of March, reduced service made commuting tricky. The route 29 bus, which she rode every morning to campus, was canceled. She now wakes up 30 minutes earlier, at 5:45 a.m., to catch the 8 bus.

Durham said students should be concerned when the service is diminished.

"They aren't lowering your tuition," he said. "They are just lowering your service, and that's not right."

UF students pay a \$9.44 per credit hour transportation fee, and about 92 percent of that goes to RTS.

UF spokesperson Margot Winick said UF pays RTS based on the hours of service. Winick said UF is charged less if service is reduced but couldn't comment on if students are charged less.

To the students who ride the 118 with him, Al Holmes is "Uncle Al."

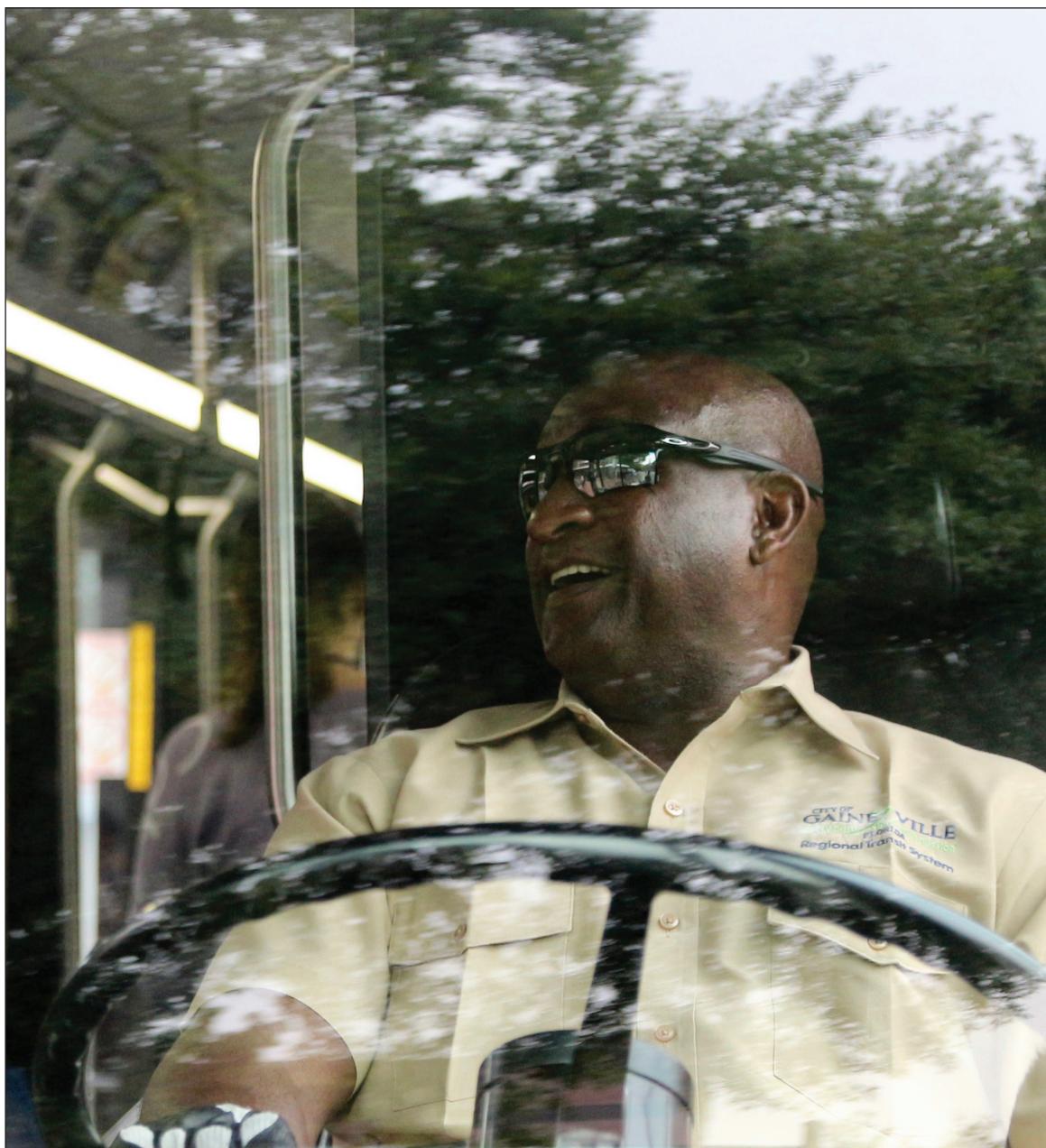
Holmes, 59, said he has greeted every passenger with a hello and a smile for the past 16 years. Even though he makes less than \$16 an hour, Holmes saved up to give kids who rode his downtown bus route a Dum Dums lollipop.

"I spent money out of my pocket to put a smile on a kid's face," he said.

The Army veteran said RTS will never take away his smile, but he isn't hopeful about this year's negotiations. He thinks they won't give a big raise to the drivers, only "peanuts." In the meantime, he's waiting out the last four years he expects to work for RTS.

"You just got to weather the storm and hope and pray that something happens," he said.

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Al Holmes, 59, greets every passenger with a "good morning" as they board the bus Thursday mornings. He gets up early in the morning to work his shift, which begins at 4:30 a.m., and drives the 118 route which goes all the way from the Cultural Plaza to the Hub, traversing from east to west across campus.



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# 'Before I Die' walls promote end-of-life care in Gainesville

By **Amanda Rosa**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Carolina Sepulveda doesn't know when she'll die, but she knows what she wants to get done beforehand.

Sepulveda, a UF biology junior, sat across from a swath of chalkboard titled "Before I Die" as she studied between classes next to the Reitz Union POD Market on Tuesday. Before walking to her biochemistry class, she read the goals written in chalk by her fellow students:

"Travel the world."

"Buy my Ma a house."

"Graduate."

The 20-year-old stopped in front of the wall, grabbed a piece of blue chalk and wrote, "Save lives."

Sepulveda, who hopes to become a doctor, said she didn't know the wall is part of UF Health's monthlong initiative to encourage students and Gainesville residents to reflect on life, death and end-of-life health care.

Wendy Resnick, the UF Health senior director of finance, said the organization installed 12 "Before I Die" walls in downtown Gainesville, around UF Health buildings and on campus for the second year in a row. The walls raise awareness for advance directives, which are written statements of a person's pre-

ferred medical treatment if they are too ill or incapacitated to communicate with a doctor.

About a third of American adults have advanced directives filled out, according to Reuters.

Resnick said although death is a taboo subject for many people, the walls are a positive way to start a difficult conversation.

"It takes some of the scariness away from it," she said.

Anyone over 18 years old can fill out an advance directive and scan it into their medical records in case of a medical emergency, Resnick said.

Advance directives, including a living will or health care surrogate form, designate a specific person, like a family member or friend, to speak on behalf of an incapacitated patient.

"They could step into your shoes and sign for the care you might want," she said.

Abby Wolz, a 23-year-old UF master of health administration graduate student and project coordinator, said the Depot Park wall was taken down last week because of inappropriate language.

The remaining walls will stay up until April 30, except for the Reitz Union location, which will be taken down today, Wolz said. Student Legal Services will offer advance directive assistance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in Suite

3500 in the Reitz Union.

Wolz said the walls have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the Gainesville community.

"The walls almost fill up simultaneously," she said. "I wish I could stop for a day and watch a blank wall fill up."

UF Health will also screen "Defining Hope," a nursing documentary, at the McKnight Brain Institute on April 28. UF Health is hosting a panel on advance directives at the Alachua County Senior Recreation Center on Monday.

Joseph Whelihan Jr., a UF medical student, filled out an advance directive form in March. He said he'll be ready when he's on his deathbed.

"Tomorrow is not guaranteed, so I think that everyone needs to go out and sign one of these," the 23-year-old said.

Whelihan decided to name his mother as his health care surrogate after completing a class assignment to talk to a family member about advance directives. He said he dreaded asking his mother about what she would want when she dies, but he was pleasantly surprised by how open his mother was.

"I think it's a difficult conversation for a lot of people," he said. "Especially given that I'm going to be going into a health care field, and I had difficulties, I can't even imagine what the

majority of Americans must feel like."

At the Sun Terrace wall last week, Whelihan wrote what he wants to do before he dies. In bright yellow chalk, he wrote "graduate med school."

"Three and a half more years," he said. "We'll see if I can make it."

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# UF groups discuss rape culture in LGBTQ+ spaces

By Angela DiMichele  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Andrew Lim told a group of about 30 people the LGBTQ+ community is not safe from rape culture.

"The lack of conversation around LGBTQ+ survivors makes it difficult for people to come forward," the 21-year-old said.

Lim was one of four speakers at the event, "Rape Culture in LGBTQ+ Communities," hosted by UF Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education and student organization Pride Awareness Month on Tuesday afternoon at the Matthews Suite of the Reitz Union.

Mark Tracz, a STRIVE lead peer educator, said the two organizations collaborated to put on the panel because rape culture is not often discussed in the community due to a lack of guidance. The event was STRIVE's first general body meeting co-programmed with Pride Awareness Month.

Tracz, 24, said the event aimed to dispel myths and educate students on interpreting unhealthy and healthy behaviors in the minority community. The talk was broken up into different aspects of how the media portrays non-straight relationships.

"We're relating it back to what UF students are going to be most likely exposed to. So current movies, what it is like going out to clubs and having that social life," the second-

year UF College of Education graduate student said.

Lim, a UF psychology sophomore, said the idea of a gay club is seen as a safe place for LGBTQ+ people.

But the presence of drugs and alcohol in these environments is an increasing factor in sexual assaults, said Lim, the co-executive director of Pride Awareness Month and the peer educator of STRIVE.

The panel also spoke about what Tracz called, "a media approach." Lim guided the discussion about scenes from the films "Blue Is The Warmest Colour," which is a French film about two female lovers, and "Call Me by Your Name," which is about two male lovers.

Some of the scenes in the films, Lim said, depict large age gaps in relationships and underage drinking, which can lead to problems in relationships.

Students then broke into small groups of three or four to discuss questions about the movie scenes before Julia Catuogno discussed problematic trends like teacher-student romantic relationships, portrayed in media.

Catuogno, a UF psychology sophomore, grew up seeing these illegal relationships in the media and thought they were attractive because it was normalized. The 21-year-old acknowledged this was another factor of rape culture in the LGBTQ+ community.

"It's not talked about and needs to be talked about," Catuogno said.

# Alachua County wants buyer of Camp McConnell to use the land for community purposes

By Will Clewis  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County commissioners have taken a step forward in deciding the future of Camp McConnell: They've set rules for how the land can be used.

During an April 10 meeting, commissioners discussed options for the ownership and management of the 212-acre land located at 210 SE 134 Ave. in Micanopy. The commissioners told the Department of Parks and Conservation Lands and the County Attorney's Office to begin the process of drafting a conservation easement, or rules for how the land can be used, said county spokesperson Mark Sexton.

Once finished, the rules will be available for the commission to review. Then, the commission will begin looking for buyers. The process could take a couple of months.

The county bought the property last June from the YMCA of the Palm Beaches for about \$1.02 million, using money from the Wild Spaces and Public Places fund, which is a half-cent sales tax, he said. Money from the future sale will go back into Wild Spaces and Public Places.

"It's a valuable piece of property," Sexton said. "There's a large track of wooded property, and there's a lake."

The commission didn't want to sell it for one purpose and then have someone turn around and sell it for another kind of development, he said.

"They're looking for projects that would benefit Alachua County residents," Sexton said. "Its former use as a summer camp or a year-round camp for different activities is very attractive to the board."

The easement draft will include restrictions like environmental conditions, not splitting up the land in any way and using it for educational, recreational, public service or social purposes, said Charlie Houder, county director of the Department of Parks and Conservation Lands.

County officials and commissioners are looking for a buyer who will use the land for purposes that fall under the terms of the easement.

A few organizations have expressed interest in the property, including wilderness-based organizations focused on conservation known as Basecamp Ventures, Embrace Community Center and Jonesville Tennis Center, Houder said.

"If they get an offer from an entity that will use it for one of those purposes and is willing to pay a fair price, I think that's what the board is looking for," he said.

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by Linda Thistle

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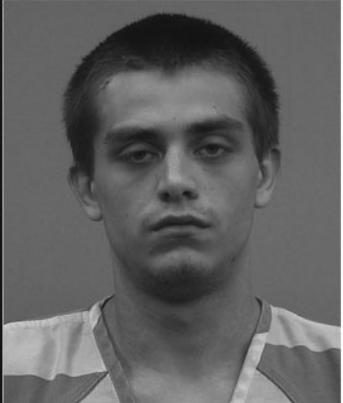
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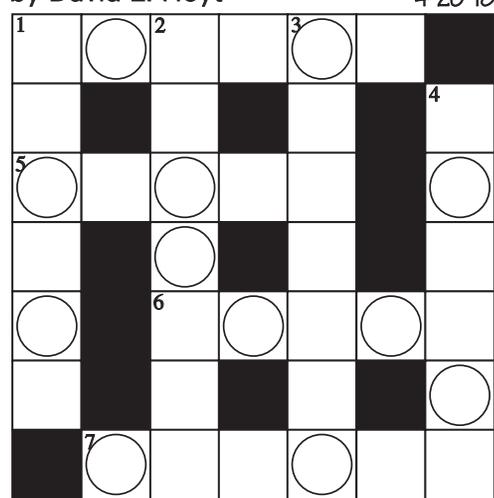
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**BONUS** **CLUE:** This opened in 1891.



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## GYMNASTICS

# Gators' national title hopes on the line tonight in St. Louis

By Alana Gomez  
Sports Writer



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Junior Alicia Boren and the Florida gymnastics team are in St. Louis to compete in the NCAA Championships tonight at 7. Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, California and Kentucky are the other teams competing in UF's group.

Alicia Boren isn't one to make predictions. But as she and her teammates head into the 2018 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships tonight, she has placed her faith in the Gators.

"I don't want to jinx anything," Boren said. "But I think that if we are normal, good things will come."

It's hard to blame her for feeling this way. The No. 4 Gators ended their regular-season schedule with only two losses on their resume. After a disappointing third-place finish at the SEC Championships on March 24, they bounced back to come in first at the NCAA Regionals on April 7. Now, Boren and her team are looking toward a new achievement: winning an NCAA championship.

Florida needs a top-three finish at the Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, Missouri, tonight to advance to the NCAA Championships' Super Six team final.

"I think the hardest team out there is going to be (ourselves)," coach Jenny Rowland said. "We just need to go out there and do what we've been doing."

The Gators will begin competition at 7 p.m. on bars. Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, California and Kentucky are the other five teams in their semifinal group.

UF has made it to the Super Six 15 times in program history — including each of the last six years — and won three consecutive NCAA titles from 2013 to 2015. One senior who remembers what it's like to win a national title is Alex McMurtry, who was a part of Florida's most recent championship team in 2015. In what could be her last meet with

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## BASEBALL

# India's hitting streak ends in victory over Kentucky

By Ethan Bauer  
Sports Writer

Wil Dalton busted the game open in the third inning. His three-run homer gave the No. 1 Gators an insurmountable six-run lead the No. 6 Kentucky Wildcats couldn't touch. But his at-bat wasn't the night's most memorable.

That came in the top of the ninth inning, courtesy of Florida third baseman Jonathan India.

India carried a 24-game hitting streak into Lexington, which put him five games shy of tying UF's all-time record. He stepped up for one final at-bat to lead off the top of the ninth after going 0-for-3 with a walk to

that point on Thursday night.

India took one ball, then two, then three on a pitch in the dirt. UK freshman Trip Lockhart finally pumped one into the zone to make the count 3-1, but with his fourth ball on the next pitch, India's streak came to an anticlimactic end.

He trotted to first base with his 24-game streak enshrined as the third-best in Florida history, but also knowing it would go no further.

On a night where Florida (33-7, 13-3 SEC) dominated, taking out the Wildcats 11-2, that was the night's most intriguing moment. But it wasn't the only one.

Another immediately followed. Follow-

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## Morgan Meets the Eye / Opinion

# Refs should do postgame interviews

A funny thing happened during Tuesday night's baseball game between Florida and Jacksonville.

Gators catcher JJ Schwarz swung and missed at a pitch in the dirt in the bottom of the fifth inning for strike three. The ball scooted away from Jacksonville catcher Jacob Southern and into the backstop. Schwarz started toward first base, but home-plate umpire Derek Mollica declared that Schwarz was out and the play was dead.

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan was reasonably outraged. On a play like this, a batter is allowed to take off for first base. Schwarz was not afforded the opportunity. Why?

On the replay, the ball looked like



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it hit Schwarz on his right foot after his swing. Mollica turned out to be right to call Schwarz out since the play was over when it struck his foot. Since it wasn't a reviewable play, no other thought was given to it by Mollica.

Though the umpire was technically right in this case, it brings up a larger point made by one of the journalists covering the game: Umpires and referees should be made available for postgame interviews should they be requested.

While they're technically employees of the NCAA, college baseball umps still have an obligation to maintain a balanced image. The work that goes into that ought to include setting the record

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Tim Walton and the Florida softball team are taking on Mississippi State tonight at 7 for the start of a three-game series.

## GATORS SIT IN FIFTH AFTER DAY 2 OF SEC TOURNEY

Florida's women's golf team shot 13 over on Thursday in the second round of the SEC Tournament, putting it in fifth place with an overall score of 23 over. The Gators need to finish in the top eight of the 14-team field during today's final round of stroke play to advance to this weekend's match play.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER: Emmas bond over past injuries

By River Wells  
Sports Writer

When Victoria Emma takes the court this morning against LSU for the quarterfinal round of the SEC Tournament, there won't be a smile on her face.

When she's standing on the baseline, she won't appear cheerful. She'll only be focused on the point about to be played, and the next one, and the next one after that. And if the ball hits her opponent's side of the court one final time to make the scoreboard read in her favor, maybe then there will be a change in her visage.

When she places her shot just right and her opponents look on in vain, she screams into the air with a fervor. When her adversary gets the best of her on a point, she doesn't forget it.

Since she first picked up a racket at 3 years old, Victoria has been a competitor. As the daughter of a former NHL forward, Olympian and winner of collegiate hockey's most prestigious award, Victoria's ferocity on the court isn't unprecedented.

But when a painful injury almost sidelined her father, David Emma, during one of the most important parts of his career over two decades ago, he refused to let it get in the way of his aspirations.

When the same thing happened to his daughter at 14 years old, David helped her through a situation all too familiar and watched on as she showcased the same competitive spirit he had years ago.

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When David stepped on the ice to play against Finland ahead of the Winter Olympic Games in 1992, nothing seemed out of the

ordinary. When he woke up the next morning and was having a hard time moving and breathing, however, it became increasingly clear his adrenaline had masked a devastating secret from him over the course of the previous day's game. At some point in the contest, unbeknownst to him, he tore the cartilage in his rib cage. Suddenly, his opportunity to play in the Olympics was at risk.

David and the rest of the U.S. men's ice hockey team were in Méribel, France, competing in a series of exhibitions before they headed to the Olympics in April. David was just one year removed from winning the Hobey Baker Award — given to the NCAA's top male hockey player — at Boston College.

All was going well until the penultimate game before the Olympics, when David suffered his injury against Finland.

He was unable to compete in the team's final prelim against Sweden. Dave Peterson, the team's head coach, was unsure if David would be able to play in the Olympics and wanted to send him home.

David wasn't having any of it.

"I told him, 'Listen, I'll be able to play, don't you worry about me,'" David said.

He had been making his way through the Olympic ranks since he was 15 years old, and the assistant coaches who knew him well vouched for his toughness, lobbying for Peterson to let him stay on the team as the games began.

"They knew my character and the type of person I was," David said.

When the U.S. finally took to the ice in Méribel for the Olympic Games in April, David returned to the team ahead of its second game against Germany. However, because the Olympics' standards on drug testing were strict, he wasn't allowed to be injected with Novocain or any other substance that



Courtesy of UAA Communications

Freshman Victoria Emma and the Florida women's tennis team are facing LSU this morning at 9 in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee.

could alleviate his pain.

If David was going to be an Olympian, he would have to play through the rest of the competition with torn cartilage in his ribs, and that's exactly what he did.

"That's part of sports," David said. "You find ways to look on the good side of it."

The team ended up placing fourth and barely missed out on the chance at a medal, but David was there every step of the way. Over the course of the Olympics, he recorded one assist and helped the U.S. finish the competition with a 5-2-1 record.

Twenty-two years later, David's daughter would find herself in a similar situation, but she wouldn't settle for fourth place.

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Victoria was 14 years old and the 2014 National Clay Court Championships, one of the top youth tennis tournaments in the United States, was quickly approaching.

She had won the singles championship at the event two years prior, so she was no stranger to the tournament.

Victoria was excited to return to the competition for the 14-under division, but a few months before the tournament began, she started to feel an increasing amount of discomfort in her right shoulder. When she went to the doctors for an X-ray and an MRI, the source of her pain revealed itself.

Victoria had separated a growth plate in her shoulder, likely resulting from a combination of her growth and intense training regimen. According to the National Institute of Health, it's a relatively common injury that occurs in adolescents and teens. Originally, doctors told Victoria that she was looking at a recovery time of two months

and would still be able to make the tournament.

As it turned out, it wasn't that simple. The recovery process took longer than expected. When she still wasn't where she needed to be, her doctor recommended that she skip the tournament.

Because training for her upper body was out of the question, Victoria's workout regimen during her injury consisted of running three 400-meter dashes on a track field. When she went to do them shortly after her injury, she barely made it past the first run before she broke down from the pain.

"I was dying," Victoria recalled. "I told my dad to call an ambulance."

David didn't call an ambulance, but he did present Victoria with two choices: She could leave the track field, or she could finish her last 400, which she was required to run in under one minute and 30 seconds.

She finished the last 400 that day and, by the end of her recovery period, was running 10 of them in under one minute and 15 seconds.

Although her running was going well, Victoria was still heavily limited in her upper body training, and it was only a week before the tournament when she was able to train with a tennis racket. Despite her extremely limited practice time, Victoria wasn't deterred.

"I knew that this was a big tournament for me, and that if I put in the work, it was going to pay off," Victoria said.

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Courtesy of David Emma

Victoria Emma and her father, David Emma, both played through injuries during their athletic careers.

# India's hitting streak ends at 24 games

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ing India's walk, the Gators came two batters away from hitting around the order to give India a sixth chance. But Deacon Liput chopped a grounder to second

base and was thrown out to end that possibility.

Aside from his groundout to dash India's dreams of a 25-game hit streak, Liput paced the team with three RBIs, as did Dalton. Freshman Brady Smith was the other standout with his second

home run of the season and a pair of RBIs.

Ace Brady Singer led the way on the mound in unfamiliar territory. Usually Florida's Friday night starter, he pitched on a Thursday because UF's series against the Wildcats (25-13, 7-9 SEC) runs Thursday through Saturday. The results were the same as usual.

Singer earned his eighth win by pitching seven innings, striking out 10, walking one and allowing two earned runs. The first was a little bit of bad luck.

Singer was up 0-2 on UK's Luke Heyer when a pitch squirted inside and nipped Heyer's elbow.

The next hitter, lefty Luke Becker, sliced a fly ball deep down the left field line. It landed ahead of a sprinting Austin Langworthy, who was shaded toward center field for the left-handed bat, and danced into the corner.

Langworthy took a while to find it, allowing Heyer to score easily.

A single from Ben Aklinski gave Kentucky its only other run on the night, but aside from those fourth inning struggles, Singer was untouchable. He only allowed one hit outside of that inning.

Freshman Tommy Mace finished off the Wildcats in two scoreless innings.

The win was Florida's first of the week after falling to Jacksonville on Tuesday. The series will continue tonight at 7:30, with Jackson Kowar (6-1) on the mound for UF.



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Florida third baseman Jonathan India went 0-for-3 with two walks on Thursday in UF's 11-2 win over Kentucky.

# McMurtry prepares for final weekend with UF

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the Gators, McMurtry is excited to hopefully repeat history and advance to the final stage of the event.

"This isn't my last time competing, these aren't my last routines," McMurtry said. "This is just doing what I love."

Last year, UF finished in third place at the Super Six. Tonight, the Gators will aim for a better place in the lineup, something that is possible for a team that took each event title at the NCAA Regionals, notching wins from senior Rachel Slocum and Boren on floor, Slocum on vault

and McMurtry on bars, beam and all-around.

"(Rowland) tells us all the time," Boren said, "Go into practice, do what you do, then just do the same thing on the competition floor."

This theme of normality has been something UF has lived by these past two weeks between regionals and nationals. In its final stretch of the postseason, Florida will continue that attitude.

"I just know that we need to go in there and be ourselves," Boren said.

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straight on any controversial or close calls during the game they're overseeing.

The NFL, in its infinite wisdom, often has to do damage control over objectively terrible calls from its refs. The Jesse James catch/no-catch ruling in the Pittsburgh-New England game immediately comes to mind as one of last season's most egregious letdowns in football. Whether it was a catch or not according to the rules as they were written, the people deserve a timely explanation.

Aside from the moral and ethical implications of this pipe dream of mine, it would go a long way toward helping the business side of things for these mega-conglomerates. You know damn well

Roger Goodell can't resist a good ratings boost, especially with the NFL seeing declining viewership over the last couple of years.

Maybe it's the journalist in me who wants this. In my profession, both in sports and actual news, it's important to hold powerful institutions accountable. While postgame talks with game officials wouldn't exactly hold people like Goodell or NCAA President Mark Emmert to any higher standard than they are now, at the very least it would give fans a more clear picture of how the games themselves are governed.

Gotta learn to crawl before you walk. Gotta learn to criticize individual games before you criticize the game at large.

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