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New City Commissioners sworn into office Thursday



THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE CITY WILL HAVE A MINORITY-MAJORITY COMMISSION.

By Sloan Savage
Alligator Staff Writer

The City of Gainesville held a ceremony Thursday to swear in two new city commissioners.

Commissioner Gail Johnson, voted into power during the March elections, will serve as commissioner at large. Commissioner Gigi Simmons, elected in a runoff election May 1, will serve District 1. Both commissioners will serve three-year terms.

It is the first time the city will have two African American women on the commission and a minority-majority of commission members.

“This is the outward sign of progress, and it’s a day to celebrate and be joyful,” Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe said.

Johnson was joined by her daughter, Zora, as she took oath. She thanked her supporters, campaign managers, interns, friends, daughter and grandmother. Her grandmother passed away a month ago, but Johnson still held a seat for her in the front.

Johnson emphasized she is a city commissioner today because of the influential women in history before her.

“I stand on the shoulders of those who have become before us. That have done the important work of advocating for inclusion, equality and justice. Those whose

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Commissioner Gail Johnson (center right) is sworn into office alongside her daughter Zora (center left). She and Gigi Simmons became the first pair of black women to serve on the city commission at the same time.

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GPD arrests kidnapping suspect

By Devoun Cetoute
Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a man accused of kidnapping and robbery Saturday.

Charles Allen Green, 49, was charged with unarmed robbery and kidnapping to facilitate a felony.



Green

The first two victims left Publix, located at 1302 N. Main St., and went to their vehicle, according to the report. The vehicle report-

edly had the windows down because the air conditioner didn’t work.

When the victims got in the car, they saw Green lying down in the back seat, according to the report. Green then allegedly sat up and demanded money. He also allegedly threatened them by saying he could “do great bodily harm” and grabbed the driver’s ponytail and took her phone.

According to a GPD press release, the victims were afraid Green would hurt them and complied with his demands for money and to drive him to multiple locations.

The first location was X Tra

Beverage Discount Store, located at 119 NE 16th Ave., according to the report. Green took the keys with him when he exited the vehicle while the driver and passenger stayed in the car.

The driver remembers Green forcing her to drive through the area of Howard Bishop Middle School and Forest Green Apartments, according to the report. During this time, Green allegedly took \$100 out of the driver’s purse.

The victims and Green then drove to Citgo, located at 3845 NE 15th St. The vehicle was allegedly seen parked in front of

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UF grad likely first Kuwaiti woman to pass D.C. bar

By Bailey Wingate
Alligator Staff Writer

A UF graduate became possibly the first woman from Kuwait to pass the February 2018 Washington, D.C., Bar Exam. Accurate records aren’t kept of nationalities of those who pass. But according to James Klausner, a UF engineering professor, a lack of Kuwaiti women in the field makes it a strong possibility she’s the first.

Fatemah Albader graduated from UF in 2014 with a double major in political science and public rela-

tions. She then went on to get her Juris Doctor from Emory Law in Atlanta and took the bar exam in D.C. in February.

She said she always was interested in human rights but was not sure what specific route she wanted to take.

“Over time, I started publishing articles with law journals around America and I realized that I wanted to help out the people in the Gulf (Cooperation Council), whether I’m here in America or in Kuwait,” Albader said. “I just want to advocate

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Historic UF lacrosse season ends in loss

How the Gators’ highs and lows highlighted their fourth consecutive Big East title, **pg 14**



New UF VP sworn in

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UF’s MSD alum react to Texas school shooting

Several former students have formed a group in response to the Parkland shooting, **pg 5**

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Local Events / News in Brief

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Survey for Improvements at Northeast 31st Avenue Park

The City of Gainesville welcomes feedback on future park improvements at the Northeast 31st Avenue Park, which is located at 1700 NE 31st Ave. Interested residents are invited to complete an online survey (<http://tinyurl.com/NE31stAvePark>) to let us know what improvements you would like to see at this neighborhood park. The survey is available Monday, May 21 through Monday, June 4, 2018.

'Free Fridays' Concert Series presents 21 Blue

The "Free Fridays" Concert Series, as part of its celebration of June as African American Music Appreciation Month, presents 21 Blue with Longineu Parsons and Ted Shumate June 8 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The public is invited to bring their blankets and lawn chairs to the downtown amphitheater and enjoy this free world-class blues concert that will take you from Louis Armstrong to Howlin' Wolf to Miles Davis to Jimi Hendrix and beyond. Bo Diddley Plaza is located at 111 E. University Ave. in downtown Gainesville. For more information about this event, please contact David Ballard at ballarddg@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8746.

Dragonflies of Florida

Florida Museum of Natural History researcher Dr. Franklin Snelson will lead a "talk and walk" on the 169 dragonfly species recorded in Florida at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 26 at 9 a.m. at Prairie Creek Preserve. Participants should wear hiking shoes (boots preferred) and long pants. If you have binoculars, please bring them too. It never hurts to bring water and snacks.

FWC Investigator receives Guy Harvey Award

Fort Pierce resident Kyle Patterson, a law enforcement officer and investigator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), has received the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation Award for Marine Conservation. Patterson was honored for his dedication to enforcing marine conservation and boating safety laws at the recent FWC Commission meeting in Fort

Lauderdale.

Prescription drug monitoring programs not shown to affect drug overdoses

Prescription drug-monitoring programs aim to prevent overlapping or multiple prescriptions for frequently abused medications such as opioids, a practice known as "doctor shopping." Yet, there is scant evidence that such programs are having a positive effect on the number of drug overdoses, a new study by a group that includes a UF Health researcher has found. Researchers parsed more than 2,600 academic publications and found just 10 of those articles linked prescription drug-monitoring programs to fatal opioid overdoses. An analysis of the 10 studies found extremely limited evidence of a reduction in fatal overdoses but not enough to draw firm conclusions. The findings are published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Hippodrome screens 'MAME'

The 1974 film will be featured in the Cinema's upcoming "Cocktails & Classics" film series screening Saturday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets include the one-night-only screening, a specialty cocktail and the reception, which begins at 6:45 p.m. and features catering by Mojo. Legendary Lucille Ball heads an all-star cast in her final feature film appearance. Reserve your tickets by calling 352.375.4477 or visit thehipp.org.

Aquatic Leadership Camp

Registration for the 2018 Aquatic Leadership Camp is open. The week-long summer camp is offered for youth 11 to 14 years old, with six sessions available at H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool, starting June 11. All campers learn the primary responsibilities of a lifeguard. Those passing all modules will have the opportunity to earn an American Red Cross certification in First Aid/CPR/AED. Campers will have the opportunity to explore local springs and natural areas during fun and memorable field trips. Swim tests may be administered Monday-Friday between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at either the Northeast Pool (352-334-2191) or Westside Pool (352-334-2187). For camp information, please contact Scott Chase, program coordinator, at 352-393-8751 or ChaseSA@cityofgainesville.org.

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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Olympian sues USA Swimming, saying it failed to protect her

SEATTLE — Olympic swimmer Ariana Kukors Smith sued USA Swimming on Monday, alleging the sport's national governing body knew her former coach sexually abused her as a minor and failed to protect her while shielding him.

Kukors Smith alleges Sean Hutchison, who began coaching her at a swim club near Seattle, groomed her for sexual abuse when she was 13, started touching and kissing her when she was 16, and engaged in sexual activity with her when she was 17.

"This lawsuit is about holding people accountable who should have protected a 15-year-old girl," Kukors Smith told reporters, adding, "I needed help and there were people in positions of power that could have helped me."

Hutchison has denied the allegations, which emerged earlier this year when Kukors Smith, now 28, posted an emotional essay online. Hutchison, assistant coach on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, has not been charged with a crime. The office of his attorney, Brad Meryhew, said he had no comment on the lawsuit.

ALLIGATOR CORRECTION:

In an article published Thursday titled "A Guide to summer in Gainesville," we incorrectly stated the location of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park as being in Cross City. The state park is located at 18700 County Road 325 Hawthorne, Florida, in Cross Creek.

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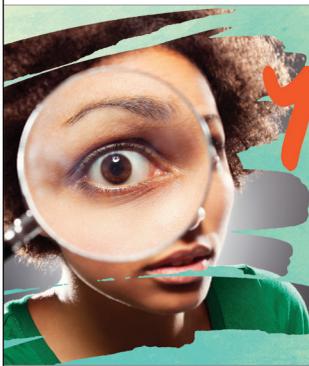
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New UF VP, general counsel swears in

By Charlie Daffron
Alligator Staff Writer

UF President Kent Fuchs announced Thursday that Amy Hass will be the new UF vice president and general counsel.

Hass has worked in the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel since 2006. She became the interim vice president in July 2017 after Jamie Keith's resignation. Keith was under investigation for mishandling public records.

Hass served as interim for almost a year before officially receiving the position.

"It's certainly been valuable

to have had the opportunity to serve in this role for the past year and to fill those gaps that I hadn't filled in my deputy position," Hass said.

Hass' duties include giving UF legal advice and mitigating UF's potential legal or financial risks.

She wants to help UF reach its full potential by supporting its many research efforts.

"We need to spend some time focused on forward progress in the types of places where embracing risk is important to be able to achieve some of those really amazing things that this university is poised to

do," she said.

She also hopes to expand the legal expertise of the other attorneys working in the general counsel office. She wants to give her attorneys the opportunity to broaden their portfolios and become well-versed in multiple areas of law, so they can better assist their clients.

"We are poised at the University of Florida to do some really great things, and we're capable of getting there sooner rather than later," she said.

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Albader also wants to teach

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for equal rights for women and Muslims in the Gulf region."

For her, coming to America from Kuwait in 2009 was a culture shock, but having her mother with her made the transition easier. The biggest difference was the amount of independence she had when she arrived here, which took a few years for her to get used to.

Albader's path is one that is relatively unheard of in Kuwait. While the engineering field is going through a women's empowerment movement, the law field is still male dominated, she said.

"I want to go back and be a role model for those people," Albader said.

"I want to show people that they can do it, that they can go out there and become lawyers or law professors."

In the future, Albader plans to do work regarding human rights and possibly become a teacher who can speak out to others and motivate them to take action for human rights as well.

Albader knows she comes from a place where it is unusual for a woman to be in the law profession, but she hopes her accomplishment can make a difference in Kuwait and the Middle East, she said.

"I'm pretty sure I'm the first Kuwaiti woman to even pass the D.C. bar because it's not very common there," Albader said. "But I want to change that."

Simmons wins first election

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footsteps we follow in," Johnson said.

Johnson promised the audience to do three things during her time as commissioner and asked them to do the same for her.

"One, I'm going to listen," Johnson said. "Two, I'm going to show up. And three, I'm going to be a champion for the change that you all want to see."

Simmons was joined by her two sons, Sterling and Nicholas, as she took her oath. She thanked Jesus, her mentor of 20 years, her campaign team, her mother, her sons and her late grandmother.

She said her mother, a single parent, taught her the value of work ethic, and her sons are her

inspiration. Simmons said today's historic moment is something all can all be proud of.

She shared a story of personal experience from just a year ago with the audience.

"I am proud to say that I was staff, and I was greeting our current commissioners," Simmons said. "I was a greeter at the front door a year ago today."

She said she wants to use her platform to inspire those who feel they cannot make it.

"We can no longer turn a blind eye to the inequities that shamefully exist in this city," Simmons said. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done, but I am a true believer that if we work together side-by-side and hand-in-hand, that we can achieve great things."

GPD: Green made several stops with victims

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the Citgo on store video. When Green walked into the store the driver realized he did not take the keys, so the victims fled the area and returned to the driver's home, according to the report.

At around 10:34 p.m., GPD got a call from a citizen saying Green approached him in the parking lot of The Oaks Mall, according to the press release.

Green allegedly told the citizen his wife was in labor and he needed help, according to GPD's press release. The citizen agreed to helping the man and gave him a ride to different places.

During this, the citizen suspected Green was buying drugs, according to the release. The

citizen then dropped Green off at the 2000 block of Southwest 34th Street and called police.

After being dropped off, Green got a ride to the area of Taco Bell, located at 3408 SW Archer Road, according to the arrest report.

Officers identified Green and then arrested him, according to the media release. He admitted to being in all of the locations but said it was consensual.

After reading Green his Miranda rights, he said he has been addicted to cocaine for about two years and used it three to four times Saturday while being driven around by multiple people, according to the arrest report.

Green said he was in the first two victims' vehicle and admitted they drove him around so he could buy cocaine; however, he

denied forcing the victims to drive him anywhere.

According to an officer, Green smelled like alcohol. Green told the officer he didn't remember the entire day because of the alcohol and cocaine use, the report said.

Green was recently arrested by GPD on March 7 for exploiting a disabled person by getting into a vehicle with them and having them drive him around to buy drugs, according to the report. The victim reportedly had Asperger's syndrome.

Green remained in the Alachua County Jail on Sunday in lieu of a \$55,000 bail.

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UF MSD alumni grieve over mass shooting in Texas

By Dana Cassidy
Alligator Staff Writer

Ten people were killed and 10 were wounded after a 17-year-old student opened fire at Santa Fe High School in Texas. It is the deadliest school shooting in America since Feb. 14, when 17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Emily Weingarten, a 19-year-old UF business management sophomore and MSD alumna, said she first heard about the Santa Fe shooting through Twitter. When she saw Santa Fe High School was trending, she immediately knew why.

"We said 'Never again,' but it's happening again," Weingarten said.

Weingarten was reminded of what happened at Parkland and felt sympathy for the victims in Texas.

"I know how much my community has struggled with the loss of 17 lives," said Weingarten.

Max Baron, a 20-year-old UF English junior and MSD alumnus, said he feared the day Parkland would no longer be the most recent deadly school shooting.

"All it took was three months to go by," Baron said. "How many more times will this go on?"

Weingarten and Baron are members of Never Again Florida, a group advocating for stricter

gun control laws and better access to mental health care. They also promotes gun violence awareness, increasing youth votership and helping personally affected students.

Adler Garfield, a 19-year-old UF advertising junior, is Never Again Florida's president and MSD alumnus. He said he and others were upset and frustrated when they heard another high school mass shooting occurred.

Never Again Florida met with UF President Kent Fuchs in April to discuss the program's goals, Weingarten and Garfield said. The goals include having more accessible officers on site in case of campus threats and helping incoming MSD students make a comfortable transition into UF.

Baron said NAF is already starting a relief fund for the neighborhood and families affected in Texas. He said forum members have volunteered to ask the superintendent of Santa Fe High if they need financial assistance.

The group said a key to stopping the high incidence of mass shootings across the nation is not through banning guns but increasing the restrictions on easy access to guns.

"We need a safer America," Garfield said. "For our generation, the next generation and the generations to come."

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State campaign warns drivers, "Drive Baked, Get Busted"

By Eman Elshahawy
Alligator Contributing Writer

With several medical marijuana dispensaries now open for business, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and state and local law enforcement are warning Florida drivers, "Drive Baked, Get Busted."

Since the recent legalization of medical marijuana, the Florida Legislature passed a law which entails the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to receive \$5 million in funding to implement a statewide driver safety campaign.

"The ('Drive Baked, Get Busted') campaign aims to educate Florida drivers of the dangers and laws of impaired driving, especially marijuana," said Alexis Bakofsky, the deputy communications director of FLHSMV.

The campaign has hit Gainesville streets with billboards posted near medical marijuana dispensaries in town and TV ads on local channels.

The local impact generated by the campaign has Gainesville Police reiterating to

drivers that any form of impairment can constitute a DUI, said Capt. Jorge Campos, the GPD patrol support bureau commander.

"I'm gravely concerned with traffic crashes or people getting hurt from marijuana," he said. "Widespread use of marijuana is not as much as alcohol, but it's still there."

He warns that driving under the influence of marijuana can lead to impairment by decreasing motor function, reaction time and balance.

Florida Highway Patrol Chief of Public Affairs Capt. Tom Pikul said drivers suspected of using marijuana are given a DUI field sobriety test requiring them to perform physical tasks that indicate impairment.

This includes walking in a straight line heel to toe, standing on one leg and following a moving object horizontally or vertically to test for nystagmus, a jerking motion in the eye that occurs under any form of impairment.

For more information on the campaign visit flhsmv.gov/drivebakedgetbusted.

Alachua County Commission debates the county's urban sprawl

By Sloan Savage
Alligator Staff Writer

The Alachua County Commission met Thursday to discuss the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan update, something local governments are required to do every seven years.

One of the fundamental things in the comprehensive plan is the urban cluster, which is the boundary for urban growth within the unincorporated county, said Ben Chumley, senior planner for Comprehensive Planning for the Alachua County Growth Management Department.

The urban cluster serves to direct growth to a specific area, as op-

posed to allowing people to develop land anywhere in the county. It's a boundary set to direct urban development from growing in the borders of the county.

The unincorporated county Chumley referred to is undeveloped land in the area of Alachua county that is not in one of nine incorporated, or developed, cities, such as Gainesville and Newberry.

Chumley said the debate is about whether or not the urban cluster is large enough to accommodate for the population growth being projected for the unincorporated area over the next 20 years.

The growth management depart-

ment staff used population projections from the UF Bureau of Economics and Business Research to predict the demand for this growth.

Not all the commissioners were in agreement on the population projections and urban cluster capacity. Commissioners Lee Pinkoson and Mike Byerly took different stances.

Byerly said the urban cluster has always been a politically debated subject.

"People who have cow pastures or land, they want to develop out in the boonies, want us to move the line all the time so they can develop. People who live out there and really don't want the city coming in their

backyard constantly want to hold the line back," Byerly said.

Byerly supports leaving the urban cluster line where it is.

"The staff showed us that there's ample development capacity and room for growth over the next 20 years, where the line is right now," Byerly said.

Pinkoson is concerned with getting accurate numbers to determine the growth rate. He believes the projections should be based off historical numbers. He said the population projection numbers being provided through the BEBR are lower than numbers the past would project.

"If we know that something has

been happening pretty consistently from a historical perspective, why wouldn't we use that as opposed to using some lower number," Pinkoson said.

Byerly says the BEBR's numbers are the most reliable standard to use.

"They're the professionals, and they're the experts on projecting population growth," Byerly said.

The growth management department staff will be doing further analysis on both the historical and the BEBR numbers in preparation for discussion at a future meeting.

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What's Twitter for?

On Friday, right-wing political commentator Ben Shapiro tweeted, "If you wear your pants below your butt, don't bend the brim of your cap, and have an EBT card, 0% chance you will ever be a success in life."

That same day, a Twitter user named Racism WatchDog (@RacismDog) tweeted its response: "WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF."

It's a dog-eat-dog world out there. But if Twitter has a say — which it almost always does — it's a dog-befriend-dog world. WeRateDogs (@dog_rates), a Twitter account that does exactly as it advertises, made a new "doggo" friend two days later.

"Proud of you," WeRateDogs tweeted.

Racism WatchDog has been active since November 2017, but it rose to a more mainstream audience when it took aim at Shapiro on Friday.

Shapiro had 1,535 likes on his tweet by Monday night. Racism WatchDog had 181,303 on its response.

All this is to say that when utilized to its full extent, Twitter is not what it started as. At its core, the platform was supposed to be a way for news to transcend social and geographic boundaries. Think Facebook's original mission, but without the obvious drawbacks of your grandmother digitally poking you or Farmville invitations.

Maybe there was a time when Twitter was used "properly." But if that period existed, it's long expired. Gone are the innocent days of Vines from wacky high school kids. Gone are the innocent polls asking innocent questions.

Nowadays, it's all about the ratio.

"Getting ratio'd," to use the Twitter vernacular, is when a particular tweet is of questionable intent, or content, and racks up exponentially more comments in response as opposed to likes. It's generally seen as a bad tweet that got attention for the wrong reasons.

Shapiro's tweet was "ratio'd" to about 2,800 comments to its 1,535 likes.

Two days later, conservative speaker and convicted felon Dinesh D'Souza made a pass at the musical "Hamilton," the story of America's first Treasury Secretary and his immigration to the then-British colonies. Though D'Souza's remark didn't have the same outcome, the disparity between his tweet's arbitrary approval numbers compared to Racism WatchDog's seems like plenty of evidence to decide a clear victor in that non-confrontational confrontation.

"'Hamilton' pretends nonwhite immigrants made America..." D'Souza tweeted, possibly non-ironically missing the point of the production. It might be a little more ludicrous that "Hamilton" suggests our Founding Fathers solved their disputes with rap battles and flashy dance numbers, but never mind that. "There's no way Thomas Jefferson was BLACK!" is the tone the tweet strikes, which, yeah, good call, sir.

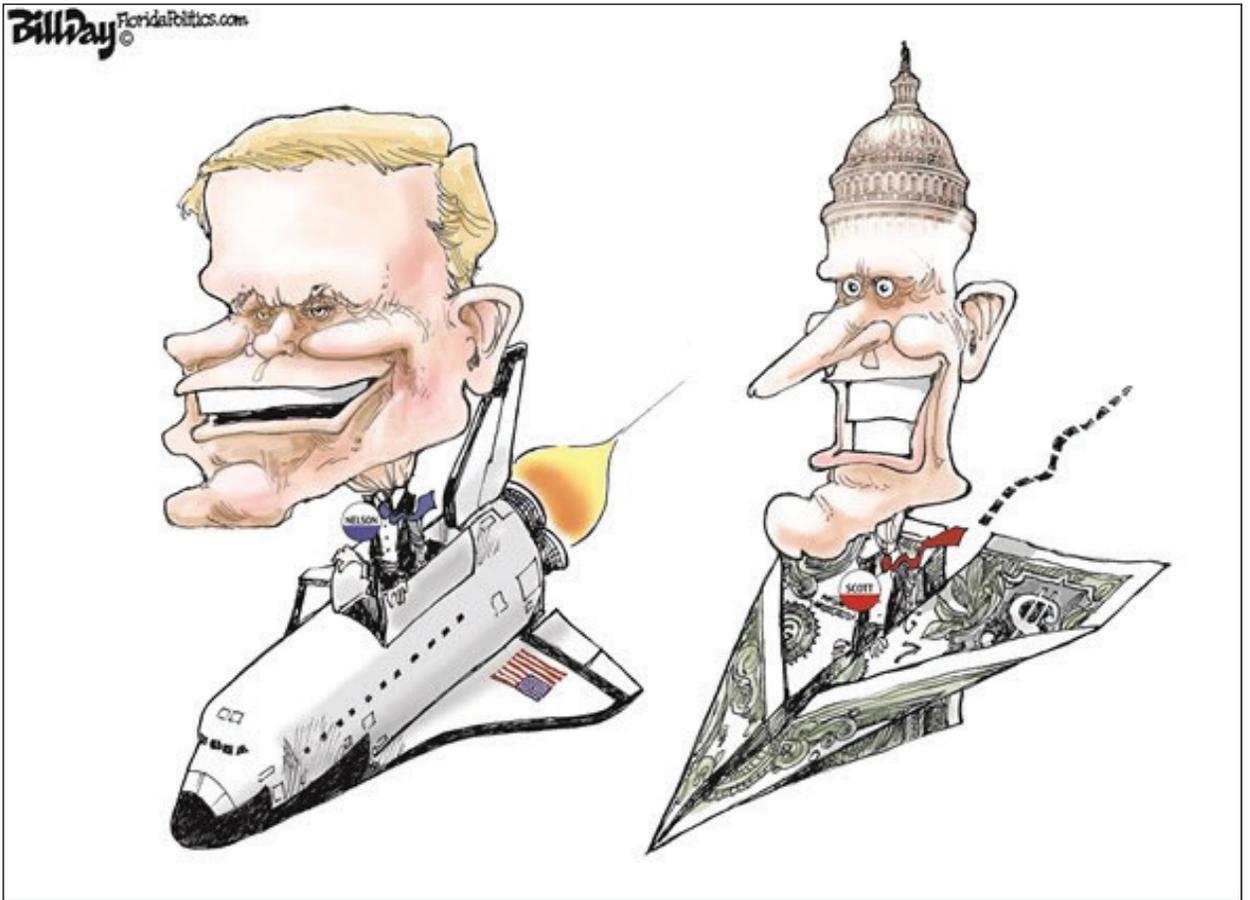
Of course, Racism WatchDog had none of that. "WOOF WOOF WOOF," the account responded. As of Monday night, D'Souza's tweet had garnered 12,391 likes. Racism WatchDog's had 70,994.

Twitter's original mission has clearly flown the coop. The spread of disinformation and blatant propaganda has seen to that. So, we propose a new mission statement for the social media app.

"Make friends with all the dogs in the world." It's simple, it's current and, perhaps most importantly, it's befitting of the environment in which we live: a dog-befriend-dog world.

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Column

The changing tides of time and townships

My Preview counselor did a great job of laying out a roadmap for being a UF student. She told me about what college will be like going forward: how I'd build a work ethic and collegiate-level study habits, find a group of friends that I'd keep for a lifetime and develop myself professionally and spiritually. Preview readies you for changes you'll see to your student persona. What it can never prepare you for is seeing your hometown change right out from underneath you.

There are two equally important roots to the word "hometown." Changes in "town" are gargantuan and conspicuous. They soak up taxpayer dollars and are voted on by committees. Changes at "home" can be more disarming. You might come home to a dog that's slower than he was over Spring Break, that struggles to get up to greet you and wags a bit more meekly although you love each other just the same. They didn't tell you about this part at Preview. Most of the improvements are good despite some of the sad ones. Your parents may have turned your room into a storage closet or a home gym depending on their activity levels. Your living room might have gotten a new paint job, and there may be a different car in the driveway.

It happens to every one of our hometowns, but Miami is the only one I can speak for personally. After spending months in sleepy Gainesville, the shock of being dunked back into a flurry of high-rises and free-ways can be disorienting. The jolt is exacerbated by the constant construction on the once-familiar drive home. There are exit ramps to places that didn't exist when I drove past them in August. The skyline is home to at least two new skyscrapers that seem to have sprouted overnight. You'll have to adjust to their suspicious



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twin outlines projected against that familiar off-white overcast Miami-summer sky. Being away for school, you only get strobe-light glimpses at how your town is evolving. You begin to feel like a visitor in your old stomping grounds.

Coming back, I found myself marveling at mundane things. A city bus took my breath away the other day. I was dumbstruck by the repaving of a popular street in Coral Gables. I got on the train and had to double-take at the electronic advertising space inside the car.

Where once there were dingy posters, there are now bright, animated squares of color. These are improvements, but you can't help but feel like they are a bit alien.

I had another epiphany standing on a street corner in downtown Miami as I was trying to find my way home for the day. I was staring into a large fresh pane of black glass that still crackled at the edges with blue painter's tape. There was newness and hustle and bustle all around me. But in that moment, I was struck by my own reflection in the glass. I had changed just as much as Miami had in the last 10 months. For every change I could see in the buildings and streets there were just as many in my head and in my heart.

When you do go back to your old city, town or municipality of some sort, try not to be unsettled by developments around you. The most important changes are happening within you — a place you will always be able to call home.

Stephan Chamberlin is a UF political science junior. His column comes out Tuesday and Thursday.

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Column

Not winning the lottery taught me about growing up

Something happened Feb. 17, 2016 in my hometown of Melbourne, Florida. Something I couldn't stop thinking about and still think of from time to time. A couple purchased the winning Powerball jackpot ticket at a Publix that I had been to many times, just a few miles from my house. I was 17 at the time, and all day at school I kept thinking about it. People laughed and marveled in the curiosity, but I took it personally. I felt like God was playing a joke on me. I was sure the whole world, the lottery system and my hometown was set up and rigged against me. It felt like I, alone, was being punished by being three months away from 18 in a town where a \$528.7 million lottery ticket was sold.

It isn't uncommon for teenagers to feel

like the whole world revolves around them. And it definitely isn't uncommon for teenagers to have identity crises — which is what I was having. Just a week earlier, I had been denied admission to multiple colleges and found out I would attend UF with the Innovation Academy in Spring rather than regular Fall. I felt helpless, and a lot of my friends did too.

It's not hard to understand why most teenagers are frustrated. They feel like adults but are treated like children. They're so close to freedom but entirely scared of it. By the time most people reach 20, they transform from deserving kids into appreciative adults. College can be the catalyst



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for this change. This development is expected and typical; it's part of growing up. The entitlement I felt toward life to give me my dream school or Mega Millions ticket is something a lot of teens feel. Gratitude is what distinguishes an adult from a child.

When we arrive at college as freshmen, we find the things we want are difficult to get. It's a competitive atmosphere, and it's hard to get internships or to become a club president. This forces us to work harder and truly appreciate the fruits of our labor. Lately, I notice myself trying to burden my parents less and creating opportunity on my own. Taking money from my parents isn't fun anymore — it's embarrassing. As I contemplate my 20th

birthday coming up in a few days, I think this growth is something worth noting.

Being a teenager was fun. There was more room for error. Any attention was good attention. We were encouraged to dream big, not practically. But as you move into your twenties, look forward to more recognition and less reprimands. Take advantage of your mental and physical peak to advance yourself professionally. Things aren't given to us anymore; we have to get them for ourselves. My teen years are gone, but I'm not sad and you shouldn't be either.

Layla Soboh is a UF advertising junior. Her column comes out Tuesday.

Column

Let's destigmatize mental health

"I'm so OCD" is a phrase you can hear when someone is tidying up a mess.

Or there's calling someone "schizo" for being all over the place.

However, the use of these phrases are something that should fade out of everyday vocabulary.

This past semester, I took the class "Abnormal Psychology" where I learned about mental illnesses. With May's designation as Mental Health Awareness Month, it is important to have discussions about reducing the stigmas surrounding people with mental health issues.

It would never be acceptable for someone to say "I'm so asthma" when they're feeling out of breath. Mental illnesses are not adjectives; they are nouns of serious

diagnoses that are just as real as physical illnesses.

Mental health issues include anxiety, autism spectrum disorder, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder or schizophrenia.

As a journalist, the Associated Press Stylebook says not to "describe an individual as mentally ill unless it is clearly pertinent to a story and the diagnosis is properly sourced."

The stylebook implicitly states not to use words like "crazy" or "insane" when describing someone with mental health issues. The standard should be no different for daily conversations with friends.

Now, with mass shootings, mental health seems to have taken on further stigma.

Just because someone is diagnosed as



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mentally ill does not mean they are inherently violent. In fact, mentalhealth.gov notes "the vast majority of people with mental health problems are no more likely to be violent than anyone else."

Mental health diagnoses are common. In fact, the National Alliance on Mental Illness notes one in five adults experience it in a year.

You can find fact sheets about mental illness from the National Institute of Mental Health. Often, it is people between 18 and 25 who are diagnosed most prevalently, but they are not as likely to seek treatment according to statistics from NIMH obtained from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Women are also more likely to receive a diagnosis because NIMH says men are often less likely

to talk about their feelings and get mental health treatment, which seems to indicate further stigma surrounding men and mental illness.

There is no shame in needing help or talking about your feelings. On campus, U Matter, We Care and the Counseling & Wellness Center are there for students, raising awareness and providing aid to Gators in need. The Disability Resource Center also provides students with classroom aid if needed after a mental health diagnosis.

Everyone can be a part of the change that destigmatizes mental health issues and discussions.

Sophie Feinberg is a UF journalism junior. Her column comes out Tuesday and Thursday.

Letters to the Editor

There have been a number of reports concerned with Android phones tracking people's locations and even what floor they are on in a shopping center. This data is then used for targeted ads -- if you are in a hamburger joint, you'll probably get ads for diet products.

There are potential uses including crime fighting. If you have a known drug dealer's number, then you can assume that anyone who stops at the same location is likely to be buying drugs.

There are other possibilities to consider. The location changes of a car driver over a specific distance will give speed. My own life, however, is moderately boring so you can remove me from the data collection!

- Dennis Fitzgerald

My father, John Drake, succumbed to Alzheimer's disease in 2012. He didn't live to see me become an advocate, but I know he would have been proud.

We have a health care tsunami on our hands. It's Alzheimer's, which affects 5.7 million Americans and costs our country \$277 billion annually.

Besides funding a cure, we need to declare Alzheimer's a national public health issue. That's why I'm excited about the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (H.R. 4256/S 2076), which has 95 cosponsors in the House. This bipartisan bill will help establish Alzheimer's centers of excellence at leading research institutions and increase early detection and diagnosis.

In memory of my father, I ask Rep. Ted Yoho to co-sponsor this vital piece of legislation and lead the way as an Alzheimer's Congressional Champion.

- Barbara Drake



Cade Musuem opening features hands-on exhibits

Photos by Marcelo Rondon
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The Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention opened to the public on Saturday. The museum encourages learners of all ages to meet an inventor, think like an inventor and be an inventor. The grand-opening event featured interactive activities in the museum's Creativity and Fab Labs as well as the unveiling of two completed exhibits.



A drawing by the Cade Museum's resident artist, which is a robot called Botsy. The machine was out-of-service on opening day.



Tim Belz, 68, runs the Cade Museum printing press on Saturday. Originally from St. Louis, he came to the museum's opening to demonstrate how the press operates.



Steven Clemmer, 23, and Kyle Rubin, 20, demonstrate how to make slime on Saturday afternoon at the Cade Museum's grand opening event. The museum's Creativity Lab encourages visitors to test out different scientific equipment and experiments.

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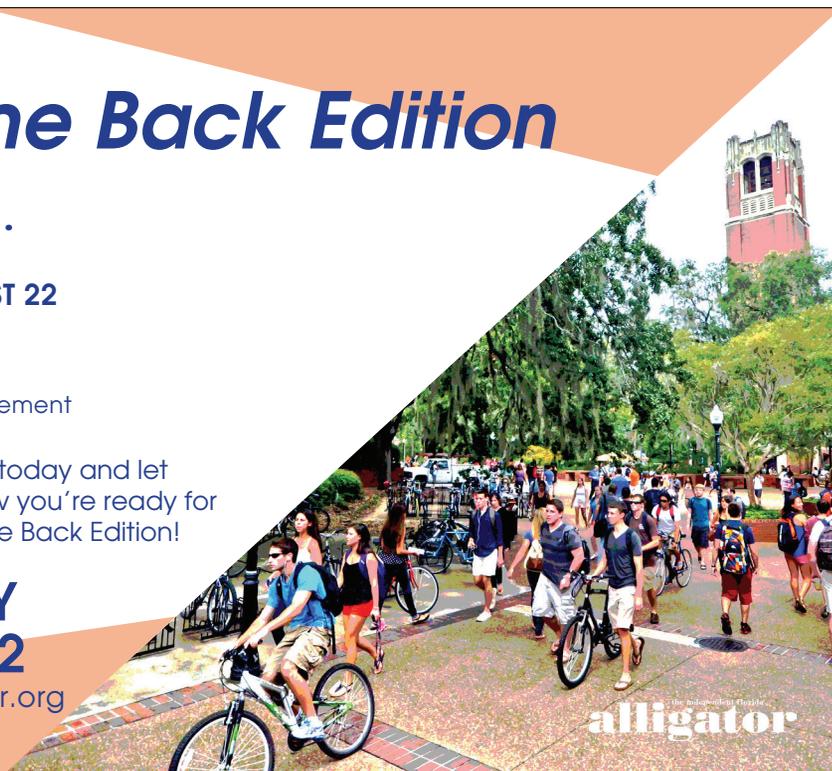
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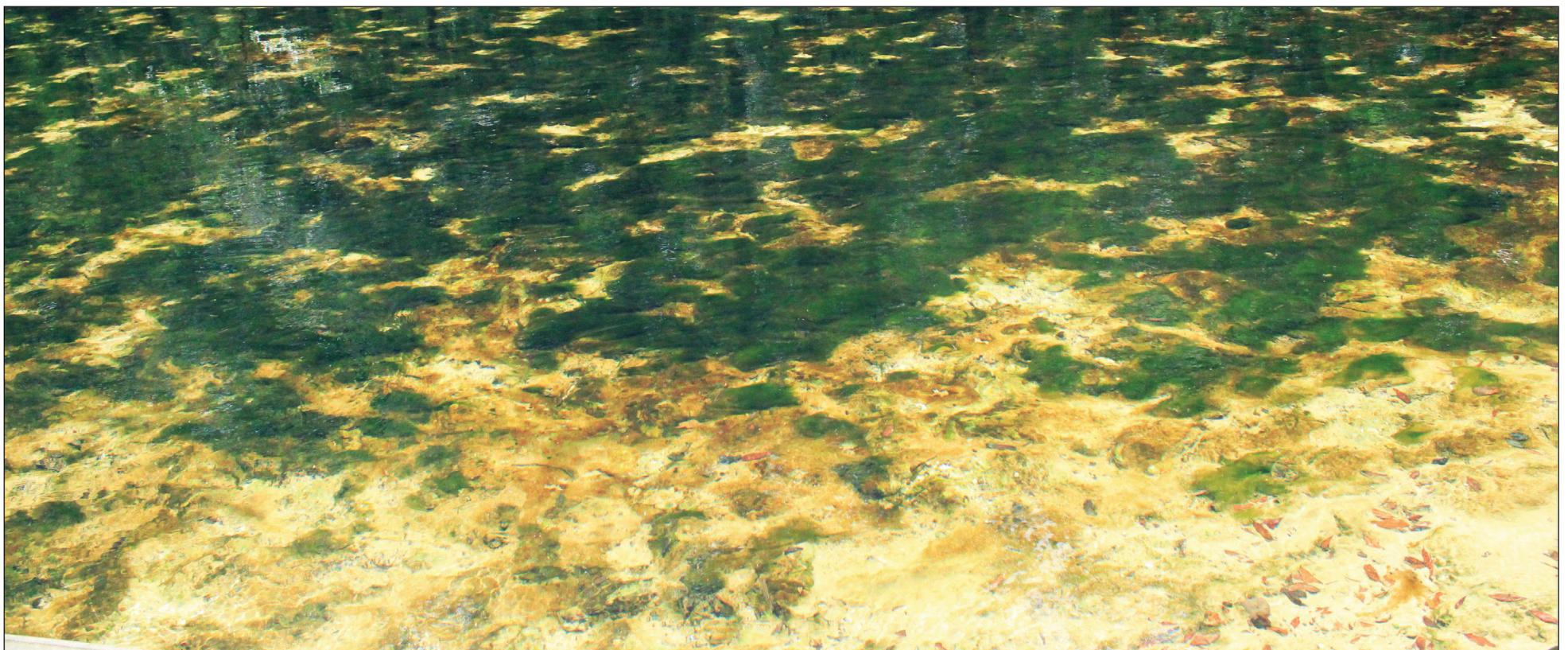
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Left: 53-year-old grandmother Carla Price (right) and 25-year-old mother Nekosha Jones (left) watch their children play in Poe Springs Park during the reopening of the park on Friday morning.

Below: Excessive algae grows on the riverbed of Poe Springs Park after being left undisturbed since September 2017. The county park officially reopened to the public on Friday morning following damage caused by Hurricane Irma.




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FHP: Man flees during traffic stop

By Jessica Curbelo
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida Highway Patrol arrested a man Sunday after he allegedly collided with another car while driving under the influence with a dog in the car.



Holland

Jeffery Holland, 58, was driving a gold-colored Saturn when the incident occurred on State Road 26 and Northeast 47th Street, according to the arrest report. At about 12:15 p.m., the front of the Saturn collided with the rear end of a gray Dodge Ram

pickup truck.

According to the report, a passerby got a video on her phone that showed a man wearing a green athletic jersey and light brown shorts exit from the driver's door of the Sat-

urn. A brown dog then exited out of the window from the same side.

On the video, the suspect was noticeably stumbling. He reportedly fled on foot soon after. Deputies from Alachua County Sheriff's Office later found him about 200 yards from the crash scene. He was identified as Holland.

While searching the Saturn, a 12-pack of Natural Ice beer was found on the passenger side floor, according to the report.

An officer spoke with Holland and noticed the smell of alcohol. According to the report, Holland was unable to perform roadside exercises and refused to give a breath sample. The officer believed Holland's capabilities were impaired by alcohol, drugs or both.

Holland's bond is currently set for \$20,000. There has been no update on the location of the dog.

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SG Pres. to donate salary

By Gillian Sweeney
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UF Student Body President Ian Green can often be seen sporting a suit, but now graduates in his hometown get to do the same.

Green announced via Facebook on Thursday he spent part of his presidential salary on suits for three recent high school graduates in his hometown of Marietta, Georgia. Green has spent more than \$200 on suits and plans to continue, he said.

Suit recipients belonged to Sons of Zion, a program Green and his father created at their church, he said. The program helps young black men lacking role models find structure.

"I felt that I could have a greater impact on giving back to my commu-

nity — the community that has helped to shape me to the individual that I am today," Green said.

The last Student Government executives to donate their salaries were on the 2015 team, according to Alligator archives.

The president's salary is \$10,361.26, SG finance manager Gary Bryant wrote in an email. Green's salary comes from student activity fees.

Sen. Branden Pearson (Independent, Lakeside) said the salary has been supported by students.

"I think that if the Student Body officer has the ability to use that salary to give back, I'd really encourage them to do that," Pearson said.

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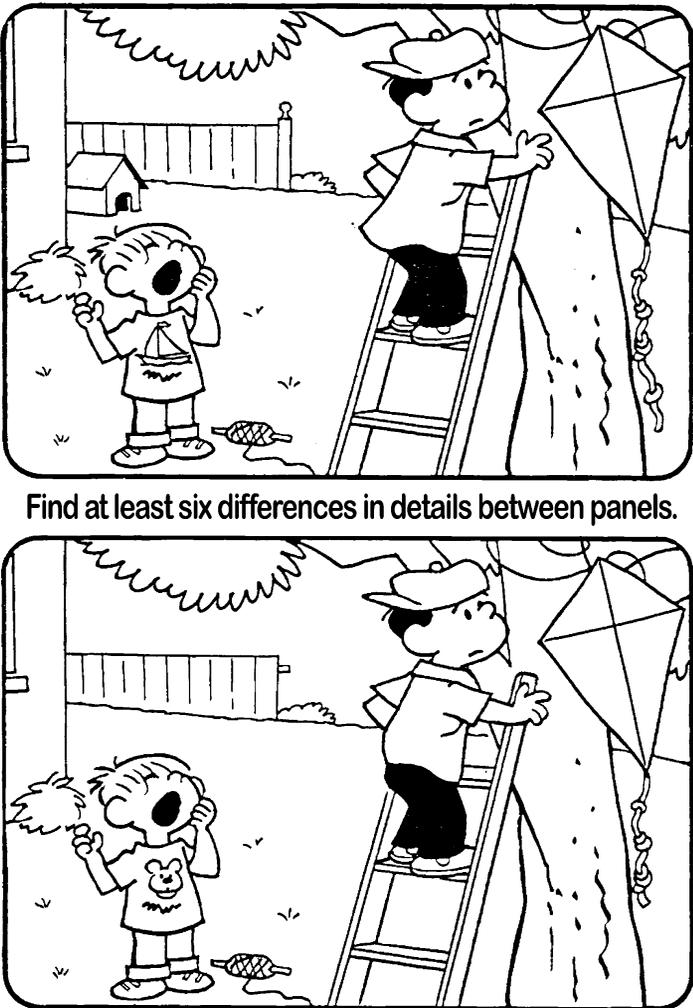


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LACROSSE

SEASON RECAP: A rundown of UF's historic 2018 campaign



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Senior attacker Shayna Pirreca finished her career as a Gator as the program's fourth-all time points leader (209) and with junior attacker Lindsey Ronbeck for 2018 team lead (81).

By Tyler Nettuno
Sports Writer

The Gators' lacrosse season came to an end Saturday afternoon when they were defeated by James Madison 11-8 in the NCAA Quarterfinals.

Despite the disappointing finish, the 2018 season was filled with many high points for Florida. The team won 17 games, tied for the third-best since the program's inception in 2010, and tied for the second-best since UF joined the Big East in 2015.

The Gators captured their fourth-consecutive Big East title. They have won every Big East tournament since they joined the conference. UF's streak of 33-straight conference victories is still active, and it won an NCAA Tournament game for the first time since 2015.

Florida entered the season with high expectations, as the team was unanimously picked during the preseason to defend its conference championship. It lived up to those expectations and then some.

UF started the season with a victory, shutting down a ranked Colorado team in its season opener, 16-9. After that, the No. 1 team in the country, Maryland, came to town. The Gators played the Terrapins tougher than they had in previous matchups, and despite losing the game 16-14, the team showed it could compete with the best in the

nation.

That was put to the test in the following game against Loyola on February 25. The Greyhounds led by two goals with under three minutes left in the game, but late goals from junior Lindsey Ronbeck and rising star sophomore Madisyn Kittell sent the contest into overtime. Senior Shayna Pirreca saved the day, scoring an early goal in the extra period to end the game.

It was one of many memorable performances from the senior attacker, who is one of only six players in the history of the program to reach 200 career points. She was second on the team in scoring with 59 goals (Ronbeck, 65). Over the past two seasons, she had a scoring streak of 40 games that ended in her final match with the team on Saturday.

Florida earned two wins against top-10 teams this season, first defeating No. 3 North Carolina in Chapel Hill 17-10 on March 3. Pirreca led the way in that game, scoring six goals in the victory.

Ten days later, the team defeated No. 10 Navy on its home field, erasing a first-half, eight-goal deficit to win 19-16. However, the come-from-behind victory didn't come without a cost.

Ronbeck left the field with a knee injury early on and didn't return for 18 days. The Gators' of-

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WOMEN'S GOLF

A look back at the Gators' up and down year on the links

By Chris O'Brien
Sports Writer

The Gators saw their season end on Sunday at the NCAA Championships in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The team had a season full of high and low points but ultimately should consider its 2017-18 year successful based on its relative lack of experience.

The year in highlights:

Ocean Course Invitational

Elin Esborn came out swinging in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

In the first official tournament of her Florida career, the redshirt freshman scorched the Ocean Course Invitational in September 2017 en route to a finish in fifth place.

The Gators finished in third out of 17

teams and their consistency showed, with three golfers finishing between 20th and 23rd.

The Landfall Tradition

The cold in Wilmington, North Carolina, got to Florida as it hit a low point with the Landfall Tradition in late October.

Out of 18 teams, the Gators finished 13th and struggled to get anything going in their worst tournament of the fall.

Coach Emily Glaser acknowledged the team's toils in the event.

"This is part of our journey and an important learning day," Glaser said in a release.

Florida's spring would prove to be much more fruitful.

Florida Challenge

Sierra Brooks burst onto the scene after

a rough end to her career at Wake Forest and quickly established her dominance in the Florida Challenge in Lecanto, Florida, in late January.

Brooks paced the field with a 6 under and won the individual event while helping UF to a tough runner-up finish to Miami. From that point, Brooks became the team's go-to golfer.

Allstate Sugar Bowl

Another day, another title for Brooks. With a 7 under, she ran away from the pack en route to another win. Moreover, the Gators would finally find a breakthrough for a team championship. The Gators' score of 9 over scorched the second-place USC Trojans' card of 18 over.

SunTrust Gator Invitational

The Gators enjoyed playing on their home course in March as they sprinted away with a win and a new record in the SunTrust Gator Invitational in Gainesville.

Their final score of even par was the best in the event's 46-year history, blowing away the old record set in 2017 by seven strokes.

Brooks finished runner-up, Esborn in third, Perez tied for fifth and no Gator competing for the team finished worse than 18th.

It was a solid display of golf, and the team looked comfortable – Esborn commented that being on your home course helps.

Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic

A month later, the team fell apart in Athens, Georgia, in its final regular-season tune-up match for the SEC Tournament. Out

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The UF baseball team had four players on the All-SEC First Team announced Monday. Third baseman Jonathan India won SEC Player of the Year.

Gators men's tennis to play at Individual Championships

Oliver Crawford, Alfredo Perez and Johannes Ingildsen will represent Florida at the NCAA Individual Championships beginning on May 23.

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SOFTBALL

Gators advance to NCAA Super Regional 'The Florida Way'



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Senior pitcher Aleshia Ocasio held the Ohio State Buckeyes hitless Sunday, throwing the first complete-game no-hitter in Florida postseason history. She also had a hand in a combined no-hitter Friday.

By Mark Stine
Sports Writer

"The Florida Way."

It's the phrase UF softball senior Aleshia Ocasio used to describe her team's play in its SEC Tournament Championship victory over South Carolina on May 12.

Tough pitching, stingy defense and patient plate appearances highlighted the Gators' performance against the Gamecocks, and they displayed the same pillars of play in this weekend's NCAA Gainesville Regional against opponents Bethune-Cookman and Ohio State.

Pitching

Florida threw two no-hitters while hosting regional play.

Junior Kelly Barnhill and Ocasio combined to pitch a no-hitter against the Wildcats on Friday, while the senior held the Buckeyes hitless for seven innings in Sunday's regional finale.

"(Ocasio) definitely had her best stuff," junior Amanda Lorenz said. "When you see the ball moving like that from left field, you know something's working good."

The upperclassmen united to pitch all of UF's 19 innings, picking up 36 strikeouts and allowing only six walks. Barnhill gave up the only earned run of the tournament – a solo home run by senior Ashley Goodwin – in Florida's first matchup with Ohio State on Saturday.

As a staff, the Gators posted an ERA of 0.36 in the three games.

Defense

Defensive sharpness on the clay complimented Ocasio's brilliant no-hit performance. The UF

infield played errorless softball behind its senior pitcher, who forced 10 ground outs in Sunday's game.

Third baseman Nicole DeWitt and shortstop Sophia Reynoso each picked up four assisted outs. Second baseman Hannah Adams made a spectacular play readjusting to a ball that ricocheted off Ocasio's glove for her only assist of the game but was outdone by Reynoso. In the bottom of the fifth, the sophomore adjusted to a ball knocked up the middle by the mitt of Ocasio, scooped it up and made a sidearm throw to first for the out.

DeWitt, Reynoso and Adams have a combined eight errors on the season. Florida ranks second in the nation in fielding percentage (0.984), behind only the reigning national champions, Oklahoma (0.988).

Plate Discipline

The Gators were a walk-generating machine last weekend.

They drew 34 bases on balls over the three-game stint and set a single-game season-high with 15 on Saturday. They were also hit by seven pitches in regional play.

Despite only batting 0.229 with runners on-base and 0.243 with runners in scoring position, Florida manufactured 22 runs. Eleven UF batters reached base via walk or hit-by-pitch and came around to score in the Gainesville Regional.

"The stats don't matter," Lorenz said. "That's why I love postseason. It doesn't matter how it happens. All that matters is the outcome."

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Huang Story Short // Opinion

I'm calling out ESPN for disrespecting and underrepresenting the WNBA

Check out ESPN's website when you have a moment. I want to show you something.

First, click the link to the NBA homepage. The top of your screen now has a long row of tabs that lead to different facets of NBA coverage: scores, schedule, standings and stats, to name a few.

Now find the men's college basketball homepage. "NCAAM" has its own link separate from the "NBA" tab but is structured the same as its professional counterpart.

Here's where it gets interesting. When you browse the list of sports homepages from the ESPN.com homepage, you'll see that the WNBA and women's college basketball, like the men, have their own, separate links.

But don't be fooled. If you click on

WNBA, you get the same list of sub-links: scores, schedule, standings and stats. And, as it turns out, a link to the women's college basketball homepage, represented as "NCAAW" and "More," with the "More" consisting of: scores, schedules, standings and stats, to name a few. In the top left corner, you realize what you're looking at is the overarching Women's Basketball homepage – because female athletes aren't as important as male athletes, right?

In sum, ESPN.com divides its basketball coverage like this: NBA, NCAAM, and Women's Basketball.

Warning guys, I'm pulling the S-word out.



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That's sexist!

Why are men's college basketball and the NBA on their own tabs, but women's college basketball and the WNBA are lumped together? This simple action de-legitimizes the WNBA, a league of professionals who are already fighting for the respect they deserve.

Sure, the NBA is more established, more popular and more profitable. But ESPN is owned by Disney, a 50-billion-dollar goliath. You'd think its online department would have the resources to make this website issue go away.

There are WNBA fans with the same fervor and love for their teams and favorite players as NBA fans, and they would love to see more in-depth coverage from

the self-proclaimed "worldwide leader in sports."

While commercials of NBA stars introducing some of the world's best basketball players (yes, professional women's basketball players are very, very good at the sport) and talking about how good they are is a start. Still, there is so much work to do.

I apologize if I sound like I'm drilling the same point over and over. It's because I continue to fume over a hypocritical society that constantly breaks its promise of equality across the board.

Or in this case, equality across the backboard.

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UF has won the last four Big East titles

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fense sputtered with the star attacker's absence.

The team survived a close call against Vanderbilt in Nashville on March 18, eking out a one-goal victory against the Commodores, followed by a home loss to Towson. It scored a then-season low 11 goals in both games.

But Ronbeck's return on March 31 against UConn proved to be the catalyst for UF. The team went on a tear through Big East play, running the table in its regular-season conference schedule for the third-straight season. With the addition of Ronbeck, the Florida scoring attack kept opposing goalkeepers busy, averaging 18.9 goals per game down the stretch.

UF demonstrated the immense gap between itself and the rest of its conference, and this was best illustrated in its April 14 game against Marquette. The Golden Eagles entered the game as the only other undefeated team in Big East play. The Gators beat them 18-6.

After clinching the regular season title against Denver 18-13 on April 21 in the midst of snow flurries in the Mile High City, Florida turned its attention to the Big East Tournament.

In the conference semifinals, UF waltzed past Marquette for the second time, winning by a 19-8 clip this time around. Ronbeck's eight goals set a tournament record for goals in a game.

The Gators faced Denver

again in the conference championship game, but this time in the friendly confines of Donald R. Dizney Stadium. UF rode home-field advantage and won 18-6 to take the conference trophy back to Gainesville once again.

In the NCAA Tournament, the team exorcised its first-game demons, defeating Colorado again, 13-9, before eventually falling to James Madison.

Looking ahead to 2019, the future of Florida lacrosse appears bright. Though it loses Pirreca and defensive leader Aniya Flanagan, it returns Ronbeck, whose 65 goals was tied for 19th-best in Division I lacrosse. It also returns midfielder Sydney Pirreca - the team's third-leading scorer - and promising freshman offensive players Grace Haus and Shannon Kavanagh. Defensive starters Cara Trombetta, Sabrina Cristodero and goalie Haley Hicklen will all be on the team next year as well.

UF will also play its first season in the American Athletic Conference in 2019.

While 2018 didn't end with the team hoisting the NCAA Championship trophy in Stony Brook, New York, it showed a lot of promise. Heading into her tenth year with the program, coach Amanda O'Leary will look to build on this season's successes while correcting the problems that landed the team short of its ultimate goal.

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Brooks arrived in January, led Florida with two individual wins

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of 12 teams in the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic, UF finished in 10th.

Brooks led the team with a score of even and an 11th place finish, but none of her teammates finished better than 25th and their scores added up quickly to a dismal 34 over. By comparison, tournament-champion Alabama shot a 15 under.

SEC Tournament

Perez saved the Gators from elimination in stroke play at the SEC Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, with a score of even par - good enough for a tie for fourth.

Had Perez shot the same score as the next teammate below her (Brooks with a 9 over), UF would have missed the cut and not made it to match play on a tiebreaker.

In match play, UF ran into a very potent Arkansas Razorbacks attack and lost 3-2 in heartbreaking fashion.

NCAA Austin Regional

In the NCAA Regionals, the top six teams from each region advance to the NCAA Championships.

After Day 1, the Gators were in trouble after finishing in a tie for sixth. They picked it up in Day 2, though, moving up into third, a spot they would stay in after Day 3.

Esborn and senior Taylor Tomlinson led the team into the Championship, an "awesome hurdle to cross for this team," according to Glaser.

NCAA Championships



Chris O'Brien // Alligator Staff

Brooks had a team-low stroke average of 71.78 in addition to winning the Florida Challenge and the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

After the first day in Stillwater, Oklahoma, UF was in good shape in a tie for tenth as the top 15 teams at the event advanced to match play.

After Day 1, however, it was all downhill.

Even though the Gators shot the same score in round two as they did in round one (15 over), they dropped three spots.

In round three, UF again shot a 15 over in round three. The lack of adjustments proved to be the kiss of death for Florida as it dropped

eight spots and saw its season end.

One has to wonder if a lack of experience had an effect in the Gators' downfall, as they only had one upperclassman on the entire roster.

Still, that fountain of youth is a sign of optimism for Florida as it should be good for years to come with, barring a late transfer, only Tomlinson graduating in the next two years.

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