Search for Machen’s successor continues this week

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The Presidential Search Committee narrowed down a pool of 15 applicants to three Monday morning.

Kent Fuchs, Cornell University Provost; David McLaughlin, New York University Provost; and Sibran des Poppe ma, President of University of Groningen in The Netherlands, were chosen to meet with the committee Tuesday.

“All of these people have academic distinctions that are exquisite, and I’m very pleased,” said committee chairman Steven Scott.

UF Provost Joseph Glover withdrew his application Friday and was not among the 15 applicants, said UF spokes-

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man Janine Sikes.

Scott told the committee that choosing the next president would be a fast process, Sikes said.

Scott said his wife will be happy when the process is over. He said before the committee debated the 15 applicants Monday, he had read 180 resumes and biographies and had flown to 10 states.

There were no new applicants this weekend, which was unusual, he said.

“I wish more could have come forward, as you can imagine,” Scott said. “But the Sunshine Law is not something everyone is willing to deal with. But we do have a very good pool.”

Search firm Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. was paid $95,000, which is low for comparable presidential search services, Sikes said.

UF paid a Los Angeles firm about $90,000 to search for the new dean of the UF Levin College of Law last Spring.

Scott said he feels good about the remaining three appli-

Kangaroo gas stations offer smokers a deal

SHOW A CVS CARD AND GET A FREE 16-OUNCE COFFEE WITH CIGARETTES PURCHASE.

PATRICK PINAK
Staff Writer

When Anna Beth West heard about Kangaroo Express’ promotion, she was disgusted.

The convenience store chain is offering a free 16-ounce coffee to any customer who presents a CVS ExtraCare Health card with a cigarette purchase.

“I’m very against smoking because it’s so terrible for your health,” said West, a 22-year-old first-year medical student at UF. “It’s really unfortunate that they’re capitalizing on that.”

The store began offering the deal about a month ago, said Ashley Garrett, manager of the Kangaroo Express on North Main Street and Northeast 16th Avenue. This came after CVS Caremark announced in early September that it would stop selling tobacco products.

Along with the ban, CVS Caremark changed its name to CVS Health in September to better reflect its health care commitment. The company also rolled out a campaign against smoking, featuring anti-smoking signs and products to help people quit smoking.

Garrett said her district has about 10 stores.

Reverend steps in for scheduled speaker

BRYAN FAUX
Contributing Writer

Through a little divine intervention, the Rev. Steven Baines arrived at Pugh Hall on Monday evening to present a discussion on religious liberty.

At the event titled “Religious Liberty: What it Really Means,” Baines stood in for Barry Lynn, the executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, who could not attend due to a health crisis.

During his presentation, Baines spoke about the freedom to choose not to worship any deity.

“I can’t think of anything that would destroy religious freedom in our country more than turning our houses of worship into super political action committees,” said Baines, the Americans United for Separation of Church and State assistant field director and religious outreach director.

Baines said Americans United was recently involved in the Supreme Court case where it was ruled that the owners of “Hobby Lobby” would not have to pay for their employees’ contraceptives under religious freedom.

“This, to me, is probably the most egregious Supreme Court decision I have seen in my lifetime,” Baines said.

Baines said it is unfair for employers to trample on the rights of women.

Baines’ presentation continued with comments on marriage equality. Baines said marriage equality is the biggest debate in America on all sides of the spectrum.

“Marriage in America is a civil institution,” Baines said, emphasizing that marriage is regulated
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Small Group Training Open House
Small Group Training offers the opportunity to explore fitness in a different way by merging group fitness classes with personal training. Small Group Training classes focus on a specialized format, individual progressions and will develop at an affordable price. Stop by the Small Group Training Open House at the Southwest Recreation Center for a free opportunity to check out the classes. RecSports has it to offer. Open House hours are from today from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu/fitness/small-group-training.

“Community” Fans Rejoice: Hippodrome Presents HARMONTOWN
The Hippodrome State Theatre presents HARMONTOWN tonight at 7 p.m. HARMONTOWN follows “Community” writer-producer Dan Harmon as he travels the country broadcasting his popular podcast and performs live for his cult-like fan base. Visit thehiphop.org to reserve your ticket as seating is limited. Admission is $10. No discounts. The Hippodrome State Theatre is located at the Hippodrome State Theatre at 25 SE Second Place. For a complete listing of films and additional showtimes, please visit thehiphop.org

Humanists on Campus Meeting
Join UF’s only humanist organization for a spirited discussion on such themes as religion, science, ethics and politics Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. in Little Hall, Room 237. For more information, join our Facebook group: UF HoC: Humanists on Campus.

Sandra Abdalian: SWE Fall speaker series
Sandra Abdalian, career coach and founder of Your Career Engineer, will be at UF on Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Marston L136. She will be discussing how to create a career and lifestyle that you love. You don’t have to be an engineer. RSVP at facebook.com/events/1451347528414451 and email Erin Winick with any questions at president.swe.ufl@gmail.com.

LGBT speaker coming to Gainesville
Join us Oct. 21 as ElizabethPayne, the founder and director of The Queering Education Research Institute (QuERI), currently located at Hunter College in New York City, hosts a discussion about the importance of restructuring school culture in order to address the issue of LGBT bullying. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will be hosted at Cymplyt Central located at 5402 NW Eighth Ave. It is sponsored by UF LGBT Affairs and Gainesville Equality Youth.

Big Pink Volleyball Registration closes Oct. 23
Big Pink Volleyball is happening Oct. 23 at Southwest Recreation Center. Unlike regular volleyball, Big Pink Volleyball is played with a hot pink Kink-Ball, a 4-foot tall, 2-pound sport ball. Registration closes Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. on rsconnect.rec-sports.ufl.edu. Your team must have a minimum of four players to participate. Additional players may be on your team, but no more than six can play at a time. Participants are asked to donate $5, with all proceeds going to the Breast Cancer Research Fund at UF Health. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu/events/detail/6014.

Servant Leadership Institute
The Servant Leadership Institute is a day-long experience sponsored by the UF Center for Leadership and Service, for student groups who are interested in increasing the breadth and depth of their impact on UF’s campus and in the greater Gainesville community. As a participant in the Servant Leader Institute, you will have the opportunity to network, solve problems and develop skills and knowledge related to servant leadership, coalition building and service learning with other student leaders, Gainesville community members, and UF faculty and staff. The Institute will take place on Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Applications are due by Nov. 3. You and two other members of your organization are encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply to be a participant, please visit http://bit.ly/UFServantLeader

‘Elegance of Science’ art competition
The Marston Science Library and Florida Museum of Natural History have resurrected the “Elegance of Science” art competition, which emphasizes and facilitates the link between artistic and scientific perceptions of reality. The contest is open to UF students, staff or faculty who have scientific two-dimensional images as part of their research or that incorporate scientific tools or concepts. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 20. For more information, visit our website ufl.edu/elegance-science/ or email eleganceofscience@uflib.ufl.edu.

‘Megalodon: Largest Shark that Ever Lived’ exhibit
The largest shark ever known has returned to Gainesville. Visit the Florida Museum of Natural History’s featured exhibit about Megalodon, a dominant marine predator that once cruised the world’s oceans. Walk through the full-scale jaw of a 60-foot-long shark sculpture to learn the story of this fantastic ancient creature, including its size, structure, diet, lifespan, relatives, neighbors, evolution, extinction and new science that continues to reveal Megalodon’s tale. The object-rich exhibit features fossil specimens from several collections and life-sized scale models of other fossils and modern sharks. Tooth-shaped display units include actual Megalodon fossils, and the exhibit is rich in hands-on, family-friendly activities. It is on display through Jan. 4. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free admission.

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The Alligator strives to be accurate and clear in its news reports and editorials. If you find an error, please call our newsroom at 352-376-4458 or email editor@alligator.org.
This week, Albert and Alberta are taking a tour of the University of Florida campus. See how well you know the UF campus by figuring out where each photo was taken.

Track Albert and Alberta’s stops along their tour by entering each of the five locations into the photo log below. Completed and correct entries will be entered into a drawing for Gator Growl tickets and more!

Once completed, deliver or mail your form to The Alligator. All entries must be received by 4 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2014 to be considered for the prize drawing.

**WHERE’S ALBERT?**

**HOMECOMING 2014**

**DAY FIVE**

Grand Prize: 4 Gator Growl tickets
First 4 Runners-Up: 2 Gator Growl Tickets

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________
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Deliver your entry: The Alligator, 1105 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Mail your entry: The Alligator, Where's Albert Contest, P.O. Box 14257, Gainesville, FL 32604

5 winners will be randomly drawn from correct entries on Thursday, October 16th, 2014. Entries must be received by 4 PM Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Of the 5 winners, one winner will be drawn for the Grand Prize. Winners will be announced in the Alligator’s 2014 Homecoming Souvenir Edition, published Friday, Oct. 17th 2014. Please do not call to inquire concerning the contest or the results. Picture ID required to collect winnings. Winners will be selected by random drawing, with odds of winning dependent upon the number of correct entries. One entry per person. Officers, directors, employees, their family members of The Alligator, Homecoming and Gator Growl are not eligible to enter.

No purchase necessary. You do not need to be present to win. Prizes will be awarded only to winners and cannot be sold. Certain restrictions apply. Subject to availability.
Baines talked about separation of church, state, religious liberty

by the state.

Baines shared stories of religious leaders who refused to marry interracial or interfaith couples.

“That is the freedom of religion that I do not agree with,” Baines said.

Jenna Goldman, a 21-year-old political science and history senior, attended Baines’ speech because she said she was interested in the topic.

“I’m Jewish and was always the only Jewish kid in school, so this has always affected me, especially prayer in school and feeling very alienated, so this is something I’ve always been interested in,” Goldman said.

Attendees could ask questions toward the end of the presentation.

Kenneth D. Wald, a UF professor of political science, said Baines did a great job of explaining why separation of church and state is good for religious liberty.

“Very many people sort of assume if you want to keep religion, you know, out of state you’re somehow hostile toward religion,” Wald said.

“And I think what he showed is if you respect religion, it’s best if it is kept out of the state, preserving the freedom of individuals to believe and say what they want.”

Ten local stores are participating

CVS, from page 1

in it, all of which are offering the deal.

The Kangaroo Express on West University Avenue and Southwest 13th Street is participating in the promotion but hasn’t put posters or signs for it.

Carrett said she thinks the promotion might be an attempt to reach out to customers who previously bought tobacco products from CVS.

Carrett, who said she started her position last Thursday, has seen the promotion used twice, both by the same middle-aged woman.

“It won’t be popular at this location because we don’t get a lot of student customers,” she said.

West said she knew CVS stopped selling tobacco products but hadn’t heard about Kangaroo Express’ promotion until Monday.

“As a medical student, West spent all Monday morning talking to middle schoolers about the negative health effects of smoking, but said it wasn’t her place to tell someone else not to take part in the store’s promotion.”

Katlyn Etheridge, 20, said she doesn’t smoke but isn’t that upset with the deal.

“People can do what they want,” said Etheridge, a UF sophomore.

Santa Fe College graphic design junior Natalie Gerber, 21, said she smokes cigarettes every once in a while and said the promotion gives students an incentive to smoke.

“We’re all kind of scraping by, so if there are smokers, they’d take advantage of it,” she said.
Police roundup: sex offender; battery; Midtown accident update

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A registered sex offender was arrested early Monday after police said he falsely identified himself while being escorted from 109 Cantina in Midtown.

At about 1:30 a.m., Dennis Richard Millner, 42, gave officers a false name after being banned from the restaurant and bar, located at 1632 W. University Ave. He told officers his name was Denny Richard Robinson, but that name came up as a young black man when police looked it up.

Police found Millner’s driver’s license after searching him, which confirmed his name and age. Police also discovered Millner had a Talahassee warrant for leaving town despite being a registered sex offender.

He was arrested on his warrant and charges of providing a false name to a law enforcement officer. His bond is currently set at $25,000.

A patient at a rehabilitation center was arrested Monday morning after he hit one of the employees in the face with a closed fist.

Anthony Dwayne Howard was said to be acting aggressively toward other patients and staff at Gainesville’s Meridian location, 4300 SW 13th St. A report said the 42-year-old made remarks about wanting to fight someone at the center and was seen walking around the area with a closed fist.

The victim, a staff tech for the facility who was wearing scrubs, was clearing patients from the area. As the victim walked by at about 10 a.m., Howard punched her on the left side of her jaw. She said she had minor pain in her jaw, but did not request medical attention.

He was arrested on charges of battery and his bond had not been set as of press time.

A Gainesville man was arrested Sunday after police said he broke into an empty house and stole almost $700 worth of items.

A woman called police after she returned to her apartment and found her back door open after she had been gone for a few days. She said the attic’s ceiling was also open and she noticed many items missing.

When police arrived at the victim’s apartment at 6417 SW Ninth Ave., they saw Joseph Tyrree Smith walking out of a connecting apartment two doors down wearing a necklace with a heart on it, which the victim reported as being stolen. Smith, 34, told police it was a gift from his girlfriend but later changed his story.

After he was read his rights, Smith told police his friend — whom he identified to police as 40-year-old Danny Jermyn McClendon — smashed through the next-door apartment’s back window and crawled through the attic space to access the victim’s residence last Wednesday at 6 p.m. Smith said McClendon then let him inside of the apartment to move the victim’s belongings back to his place. Police recovered most of the missing items.

While police were searching Smith, they found a small plastic bag with about two grams of marijuana in his right pocket. They also found cigars, which Smith said he used to smoke the marijuana.

Smith was arrested on charges of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond is currently set at $20,000.

Police said the two pedestrians hit while attempting to cross the intersection of NW 17th Street and University Avenue in front of the Swamp Restaurant area late Friday will likely be cited for pedestrian violations.

Smith is a former UF education sophomore, played baseball at her mother’s baseball academy in Miami. She said the bat is worth the money if it helps players improve their batting averages.

“MLB players have batting coaches who are usually responsible for correcting their form and style,” she said. “It’s not always helpful, though, because it implies that the hitter is adopting their coach’s bad form instead of their own.”

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Safe Cycling

Borning Zhang, a 21-year-old UF accounting junior, registers his bicycle with a UPD investigator on Turlington Plaza on Monday. UPD offers the free service to counter bicycle theft.

Kansas City Royals player practices with locally made bat

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The Kansas City Royals’ office of a new training baseball bat used by Major League Baseball players.

Greg Tekerman was inspired to create the bat after Raul Ibanez, a right fielder for the Kansas City Royals, said there was no tool for baseball players to improve their game.

Tekerman then decided to create the TekBat in 2012 with the help of his son, Hayden, and Ibanez.

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Vatican accepts LGBT, divorce

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — Catholic bishops signaled a radical shift in tone Monday about accepting gays into the church, saying they had gifts to offer and that their partnerships, while morally problematic, provided homosexual couples with “precious” support.

In a preliminary report — released halfway through a Vatican meeting on family life called by Pope Francis — the bishops also said the church must welcome divorcees and recognize the “positive” aspects of civil marriages and even Catholics who cohabit, as well as the children of less-traditional families.

While it does not change Church doctrine, the tone of the report on a host of hot-button family issues such as marriage, divorce, homosexuality and birth control was one of almost-revolutionary acceptance and understanding rather than condemnation. It will guide a closed-door debate until a final document is issued Saturday.

LGBT rights groups hailed what they called a “seismic shift” in the Church’s attitude toward gays.

“For the LGBT Catholics in the United States and around the world, this new document is a light in the darkness — a dramatic new tone from a church hierarchy that has long denied the very existence of committed and loving gay and lesbian partnerships,” said Chad Griffin, president of Human Rights Campaign, the biggest LGBT rights organization in the U.S.

Some conservative cardinals downplayed the report as insig-nificant or derided it as unacceptable, while conservative groups decided late Friday to add six pro-visionaries from four continents to the Vatican debate until a final document after several conser-vatives were elected to leadership positions.

None of the pope’s appointees were Africans, who are traditionally among the most conservative on family issues.

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Memorial should inspire veteran commitment

This week in Washington, D.C., a new memorial honoring disabled veterans opened to the public. According to the Sun Sentinel, the memorial was funded by Florida heiress Lois Pope, who raised $80 million, including some of her National Enquirer fortune. The donations included $3 million from former presidential candidate Ross Perot and $270,000 from the Florida Disabled American Veterans. Pope’s visits to hospitals treating wounded soldiers inspired her efforts to create the new memorial.

“I believe this memorial is a call to action to give them the best medical care they need and deserve,” Pope said. “There are more than four million wounded veterans in the U.S. and more than 100,000 of them live in Florida. During the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, car decals reading, “Support Our Troops” were a popular sight. Unfortunately, those words of support ring hollow today, as our country has failed miserably to attend to the needs of veterans returning from those wars.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is riddled with inefficiencies and incompetencies, both at the national level and in Florida. Here in Gainesville, the disastrous scandals at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center serve as a potent reminder of America’s shortcomings in veteran health care.

In June, three mental health care administrators were suspended after the discovery of a secret list containing more than 200 patients waiting for treatment. The Gainesville Sun reported that wait times at Randall are among the worst in the nation at an average of 50.8 days for new patients.

The abysmal state of health care for Florida veterans was revealed in the wake of a national VA scandal that began after at least 33 veterans died while waiting for health care treatment in Phoenix, Arizona. The scandal, which ultimately led to resignation of Veterans Affairs secretary Gen. Eric Shinseki, led to an examination of VA systems around the country.

“The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” brought attention to the failings of the VA with a segment focusing on its outdated technology. Many of the VA’s computer systems have not been updated since the 1980s, leading to miscommunications, lost records and lengthy waiting lists.

Perhaps someday, our country will eventually send our young men and women off to be injured, disabled and killed in foreign wars. Until that day comes, we have an obligation to ensure that our veterans are treated properly and with respect.

Connections matter: Keep home roots

When freshmen embark on the first semester of their college careers, one of three things undoubtedly occurs: They forget their families at home exist, they become incredibly homesick and call them every night or they cheerfully manage to keep up relationships with their families while also balancing and enjoying school like an ultimate pro. Kudos to those who can swing that. We’ve all been through that tough first break from the comfort of home, whether it’s hardest breaking away from your family, your friends or just your pet. College is always an adjustment period.

Personally, when I first arrived at UF, I became a sobbing homesick mess and called my mom every other night. I holed up in my bed like a gnome afraid of sunlight and batting an eyelash or crying a single homesick tear. But when I was living only four hours away from home at UF … bring on the waterworks.

Of course, this changed as I got used to college, got involved and made new friends. I’d like to let anybody who is suffering from homesickness now know this — it does get easier, and it does change. For me, it changed so much that by the middle of this semester, with a full course load and a mountain of extra things to do which hungrily eat up my time and energy, I am only calling my family and friends at home perhaps once every three weeks.

Unfortunately, this isn’t actually healthier than becoming a homesick gnome. My family is tightly knitted. I have two wonderful sisters that I’d like to remain close with for the rest of my life. It’s important to me to keep up that connection, and in college it’s easy to forget how much time has passed. It’s easy to miss how much might have changed in the lives of those you love when suddenly you don’t speak to them every day.

Whether it’s family, friends, a partner, an organization you were part of or your loyal and lovable puppy, we all have things and people special to us that we’ve left behind to come here to UF and shape our futures. This is true if you hail from across the country, overseas or only 30 minutes from Gainesville.

Sometimes, when the haze of homesickness has lifted and we feel comfortable in our place and with our goals, we can lose sight of the relationships and the bonds we forged for the first 18 years of our lives. Recently, I came across an article in the New York Times titled “Forty Portraits in Forty Years” written by Susan Minot. The article is about a photography project by Nicholas Nixon made up of 40 different photographs of four sisters taken every year spanning from 1975 to present day. The article was well written, but the portraits were especially enthralling. The photographs illustrate the closeness the sisters have maintained their whole lives, but they also tell the reader a story about the human condition — connections to other people are important and worth safeguarding. In every picture, the sisters age, but their relationships with each other never seem to fade.

In college, selfishly wrapped up in our own problems and activities, we can forget to nurture the relationships we’ve formed with loved ones in the past, often because we are so busy building networks with new people. Sometimes, we — myself included — need a reminder to treasure and maintain these bonds. We should make an effort not to forget about the connections we’ve made with important people in our lives and remember that every relationship we create can be meaningful.

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The DEA has gone too far; it’s time to end the ‘War on Drugs’

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he Drug Enforcement Administration has frequently displayed reckless disregard for the lives of any person associated with drugs. The agency’s thoughtless behavior recently reached a new low.

According to reports released last week, a DEA agent created a fake Facebook profile and impersonated a young single mother who was awaiting sentencing for drug charges. In addition to posting personal photos of the woman, which he obtained from her cell phone, he also communicated with her friends and acquaintances, sent a friend request to a fugitive and created false status updates—all without her knowledge.

A U.S. attorney defended the agent’s actions as serving a “legitimate law enforcement purpose.”

These actions point to a disturbing cycle of dehumanization in the war on drugs, especially in our country. For decades, the U.S. government has treated nonviolent drug offenders as though they are less than human beings.

Instead of treatment and education, they receive aggressive and terrifying SWAT raids, indefinite seizures of property, and extremely harsh prison sentences. Their privacy is disrespected, their safety is compromised and the value of their lives is treated with indifference. What good has come out of it?

Treating drug abuse as a criminal justice issue instead of a public health issue has resulted in increased drug-related violence, the establishment of billion-dollar drug cartels and a staggering incarceration rate that continues to rise.

Even though American taxpayers have spent an overwhelming $1 trillion over the past four decades on the war on drugs, our prisons are bursting with nonviolent drug offenders. This isn’t surprising, considering that the DEA’s very existence relies upon the constant process of arrests and convictions.

Irrationally labeling drug abuse as a criminal problem is the reason why the U.S. makes dollar for dollar less from its communities. Instead of pumping money into criminal investigations and prisons, Portugal’s government made the controversial decision to decriminalize all drugs and establish policies and programs for prevention, treatment and harm reduction.

Drug possession is still prohibited but treated as a civil offense, much like a parking violation. People found with small amounts of drugs are sent to appear in front of a judge instead of treatment and education. People who use drugs are banned from traveling to Portugal and are heavily involved in the decision. The results are incredible. Youth drug use has decreased, overdose rates have fallen, and more addicts are receiving treatment than ever before. Without the fear of being thrown in prison, people struggling with drug abuse are coming forward to help.

The war on drugs has failed, but it does not have to stay a failure. As demonstrated by Portugal’s success, education and health programs will make a long way in effectively lowering rates of drug abuse and the crimes that come with it.

In order to see the improvements these new policies will bring to society, the U.S. government must confront its own addiction to incarceration. Otherwise, the cycle of drug abuse, violence and imprisonment will continue indefinitely.

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Guest Column

Grad assistants left out of prez search

As representatives for UF’s 4,000 graduate assistants, we received last Monday’s presidential search update with great concern.

Not only have UF administrators failed to adequately include graduate assistant representation at any step of this week’s three-day selection process, they actually seem to have no interest in including graduate assistants in the vetting of UF’s next president at all.

We find it highly suspect, quoting from the committee’s latest report, that “after five months of search committee and subcommittee meetings and outreach to the greater UF community,” Graduate Assistants United has not been contacted once throughout the process.

Given our recent efforts at increasing transparency at UF, such disregard for the largest percentage of the university’s workforce—particularly at the levels of research and teaching—is shocking.GAU candidates but on the leadership at the helm of the Presidential Search Committee.

However, as United Faculty of Florida representative Paul Ortiz aptly pointed out: “Students, faculty and the broader community should be involved in every step of this process because all of these constituents will be affected by this decision. The days when university administrators were ivory towers, isolated from their surrounding communities, are long gone.”

Yet current developments beg the question—does an ivory tower still stand in Gainesville?

Recent vandalism at Emory AE Pi matters

This summer, while working for a startup in Atlanta, I spent a week-end to travel to Jerusalem and visit the Holocaust memorial. There, I walked by black and white photographs of synagogues, Jewish-owned storefronts with shattered windows and signs calling for boycotts of Jewish businesses.

I found it oddly reminiscent of earlier that day, when I was reading news headlines about people hurling Molotov cocktails at synagogues in Paris and burning Israeli flags whilechanting roaring “death to the Jews!”

This past week, anti-Semitism hit closer to home when a Jewish fraternity house at Emory University in Atlanta was vandalized with swastikas. This act was not only offensive, naive and hateful, but extremely terrifying. It seems that as much as we try to teach each generation to “never forget” the Holocaust, there are those who blatantly undermine the bitter history behind a swastika and its meaning to six million Jews, as well as millions of homosexuals, Africans, people with disabilities, Christian activists and Gypsies.

There is absolutely no excuse for anti-Semitism in the present day, yet it continues under the misguided veil of anti-Israel sentiment. Whoever draws an analogy of the political situation in Israel to Nazi Germany is shamefully ignorant. It’s OK to be critical of Israeli political policy—in fact, Israel encourages open discussion and moral debate. It’s OK to criticize Israel just as one would criticize other nations for their faults. It is when one deliberately singles out and criticizes the Jewish nation or the Jewish people that they embody anti-Semitism.

Why does the United Nations constantly condemn Israel for perceived human rights abuses when flagrant abuses on significantly larger scales go without mention in countries like Cuba, Sudan, China and Iran? This is antisemitism.

This is why it’s not the 21st century and yet, an Emory Jewish fraternity house is vandalized with a swastika, the preeminent symbol of hatred and bigotry? This is anti-Semitism.

Why is it that if you walk through the 13th Street tunnel on the UF campus, you see graffiti of anti-Israel slogans paired with swastikas? This is anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism takes many forms, and it is shameful that many facets of the prejudice—whose long history dates back to significant events like the first Crusade in 1096, the Jewish expulsion from England in 1290, the Spanish Inquisition in 1492, the Holocaust in Europe and the riots in Paris—continue to this day. This should no longer be a part of our daily lives; we must maintain the promise to “never forget” and relegate hatred to history books and black and white photos.

Arielle Davis is a UF business senior.
RESEARCH
UF beekeepers buzzing about grant

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UF beekeepers are awaiting legislation that could bring a $3.5 million bee research facility to campus.

Gov. Rick Scott vetoed UF’s proposal for a $2.5 million grant to build a beekeeping research facility in 2013. But UF and the Florida State Beekeepers Association are in the process of regrouping in order to lobby for their cause.

Laurence Cutts, a self-professed Florida bee advocate, said the facility has plenty of support within the beekeeping community.

The original $2.5 million vetoed in 2013 would have gone toward building the facility. With the proposed $3.5 million, the plans include an adjoining auditorium and teaching facility.

Cutts said UF already has architectural plans for the facility and is strategizing to go back to the legislature to get the proposal approved.

Florida TaxWatch, a private company that closely monitors how taxpayer money is spent, compiled a report on the facility this year. The report said the facility would pay for itself and bring in an extra $1 million in profits the first year alone.

The addition of the facility to UF would make Florida one of the top beekeeping research facilities in the world, Cutts said.

Tom Nolan, president of the Florida State Beekeepers Association, said the legislative effort is being spearheaded by the association.

“We are going back to the legislature and we will make a better charge at the governor’s office no matter who is in the governor’s seat this year,” Nolan said.

Cutts said UF has received so much attention in the beekeeping community for its leadership and passion brought by James Ellis, a UF associate professor of entomology.

Lobbying for the funds to build the new facility has already started among beekeepers and their local government. The association hired a lobbyist in 2014 and will resubmit a proposal by the end of this year.

Though beekeeping is not the focal point of the university, Cutts said that the benefits of the new facility would reach beyond UF to the whole U.S.

If the proposal is approved and the grant is received, Cutts said he foresees that the new lab will be built within two years.

“We are going to keep lobbying until we get it,” Cutts said.

New York football player arrests put focus on hazing policies

SEVEN HIGH SCHOOLERS WERE ARRESTED.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARLIN, N.J. — As classes resumed in a New Jersey town Monday for the first time since the arrest of seven high school football players on charges of sexually abusing younger teammates, attention turned to whether the state’s anti-bullying laws adequately address team sports.

Seven members of the celebrated Sayreville War Memorial High team were charged Friday over behavior its 40th anniversary last Thursday.

Christopher Silver, dean of the School of Landscape Architecture and Planning, said the publication is the only one that ranks solely graduate planning programs and is the go-to publication for students.

“It’s important because faculty at other universities look at these rankings, and they pay attention to these rankings,” Larsen said. “It’s a way for us to compare our program and strengthen it further.”

According to Larsen, the department has 13 faculty members and about 122 students. It’s the first graduate planning program in U.S. to have a fully online master’s degree, which was established in 2012. Larsen said the online component might be a reason the school has gained recognition.

“This definitely helps draw students in,” she said.

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning celebrated its 40th anniversary last Thursday.

Silver said the rankings help recruit new students and keep alumni proud. The school is gaining recognition because of the quality of research, publications and students that come out of the school, he said.

“Part of it is being productive but also highly visible among students,” Silver said. “People fill out the questionnaire and identify which programs are the best in the country,” he said.

John Wisniewski
Assemblyman

“We do see this as an opportunity to provide guidance and to take a fresh look at how school districts have been responding to hazing and bullying,” he said. He also said it is an opportunity to see what “additional best practices” can be put in place.

State Sen. Joseph Vitale and Assemblyman John Wisniewski, whose districts include Sayreville, cautioned against rushing to make changes before all the facts are known.

“The natural question is who is supervising these students so that that can’t happen. We don’t know that right now,” Wisniewski said. “Before we talk about the need to legislate, we should first discuss all the facts, and we don’t have all the facts.”

The state’s high school sports governing body, in its constitution, encourages schools to establish rules governing contact and other offenses.

None have been identified because the facts.”

None have been suspended. None have been identified because they are minors.

It isn’t known whether coaches at Sayreville knew about the alleged abuse or suspected it was going on.

While many strongly criticized Labbe’s decision to cancel the season last week, the reaction on Monday was more sober.

“It just kind a puts a real damper on your view of your town,” said Angelo Palma, a 2006 Sayreville graduate. “And your leaders, your teachers, your school. Thinking, wow, I thought I lived in a great town that people really loved each other, cared for each other. This just shows a lack of care and concern for our neighbors.”
LEXIE BYERS
ALLIGATOR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Before Bryan Dubno graduated from UF, he created an application for The Gator Nation. The computer science alumnus developed the original UFmobile app, which he said could reach about 36,000 users daily.

“...But I ran into legal trouble with the university and had to take it down,” he said.

Now, a UF-sponsored app stands in its place.

Dubno’s original UFmobile app sparked his interest in app creation and has led to his latest endeavor—Kiwi.

Just two weeks after Kiwi was released, the phone personalization app had been downloaded more than 1.1 million times.

The app allows users to create a custom keyboard with color backgrounds and images from photo libraries, which users can then apply gradient and blur effects to.

“It gives people a way to make their phone their own,” Dubno said. “It’s sort of like opening your computer and seeing a picture that makes you happy.”

St. Petersburg Police said a tractor-trailer containing the 36,000 pounds of shortening was snatched Sunday.

The truck was destined for a Publix distribution center in Lakeland. Authorities said the stolen tractor was a red Volvo with a Florida tag and the business name NS Express LLC on both sides of the cab. The trailer was a white Hyundai.

Boy drowns while attending birthday party

Authorities say a 9-year-old boy drowned while at a birthday party in the Fort Lauderdale suburb Southwest Ranches.

Police said the boy was spotted at the bottom of the pool Sunday evening. He was pronounced dead at Memorial Hospital West.

The child did not live at the home. It was unclear how long he was at the bottom of the pool.

In other Florida news

News Briefs

Shark bites woman off Melbourne Beach

A shark bit a woman on the hand as she swam in the Atlantic Ocean off Melbourne Beach.

The woman told paramedics on Sunday afternoon the shark was 2 to 3 feet long. Brevard County Fire Rescue District Chief Josh Shepherd said the shark bit her right hand.

The woman, who is in her early 20s, was taken to Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne for treatment.

Shepherd described the woman's wound as "a pretty significant bite." Her condition was not life-threatening.

Truck containing 36,000 pounds of Crisco stolen

A truck containing 18 tons of Crisco sticks headed to a grocery store distribution center was stolen in St. Petersburg.

The child did not live at the home. It was unclear how long he was at the bottom of the pool.

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All information is confidential and will not be used for spam to download and use, he said.

Dubno started working on the app in July, and it was released Sept. 17.

Travis Noddings, a 20-year-old UF English junior, said he downloaded the app as soon as it was released.

“I think the app is awesome—instead of just having a custom picture on your lock screen or home screen, you can have something personal on your keyboard.”
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1. Westerly landmark 6. Literary captain who says "I'll strike the sun if it天花板了 me!"
2. 100000 francs
3. Bucking bronco
4. Same as "who, what, where, when, why, how"
5. Had a chapter (in a novel)
6. "To the" (exclamation)
7. "You don't" (exclamation)
8. "You're/S' " (exclamation)
9. "I can't" (exclamation)
10. "You're/S' " (exclamation)
11. "You don't" (exclamation)
12. "To the" (exclamation)
13. "Man!"

DOWN

1. Can't beat this one
2. "Well done!"
3. "Yay!"
4. Catch it in a string
5. "Cerberry!"
6. Ann ___ Michigan
7. "Impressive!"
8. Mr. Solberg
9. "Car that's ready for the scrap heap"
10. A side of a road
11. Egyptian noble
12. "Second Commandment"
13. More than lean
14. "Leaves"
15. Later on the page
16. "Black"
17. "Work group"
18. "Appliance with a water reservoir"
19. "30-10-hour host"

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Answer to previous puzzle:

1. Beer flavoring 31. Pads to the staff
2. "Cuban papa" 32. Kox off
3. James of jazz 33. Vital blood line
4. Path to the pins 34. Groucho's smoke
5. Consumed 35. Prepared to be
6. "Erect" 36. Make a scene
7. "Second attempt" 37. "Once again"
8. "Humid water" 38. Creative spark
10. "Kidnap" 42. "Help!"

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Best score 224

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Driskel, Harris to play against Mizzou

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Jeff Driskel is the Gators’ starting quarterback as of right now, but fans will get another glimpse of what true freshman Treon Harris has to offer when Florida takes on Missouri on Saturday.

Coach Will Muschamp announced Monday afternoon that both quarterbacks will take snaps against the Tigers.

“Right now Jeff will probably start,” the fourth-year head coach said, “but they’re both going to play.”

Harris’ last time out was on the road against Tennessee, where he came in late in the third quarter for Driskel and completed two of four passes for 17 yards and added 25 rushing yards on seven carries.

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Will Muschamp
UF coach

The Miami native is back on the team after missing a week of practice while being investigated for alleged sexual电池. Muschamp said that missing a week as a true freshman may affect him more then it would an upperclassman, but he has an impressive playmaking ability that didn’t go unnoticed in practice.

“You take the ball in the right spots, accurate with his passes, has a certain confidence about him. I think that’s been something I’ve seen and noticed throughout his opportunities, though limited in game.” Muschamp said.

Harris, the No. 3 ranked dual-threat prospect in the 2014 recruiting class rankings, stepped on campus in August after a recruiting process in which he was highly recruited by Florida, Auburn and Miami — the school closest to his high school Booker T. Washington.

Harris passed for more than 2,000 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior at Booker T. while throwing only four interceptions.

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UF soccer coach Becky Burleigh said the sky is the limit for the Gators. Read the story on Page 16.

Holston, Alhassan honored by SEC
UF volleyball sophomore right-side hitter Alex Holston and freshman middle blocker Rhamat Alhassan were respectively named the SEC Offensive Player of the Week and SEC Freshman of the Week on Monday.

Did you know?
UF sixth-year senior wide receiver Andre Debose leads the country in punt return average (30.3 yards/return). Debose returned a punt for a touchdown against LSU.

Driskel attempts a pass during UF’s 30-27 loss to LSU. Driskel and true freshman Treon Harris will both play against Missouri on Saturday.

Injuries:

Did you know?

Debose returned a punt for a touchdown against LSU.

Late in Florida’s 30-27 loss to LSU Saturday night, a silence enveloped the more than 88,000 fans in attendance.

Receiver Latroy Pittman lay motionless on the turf, being tended to by trainers. Much of the LSU team took to a knee, some could be seen praying, but most of Florida’s team seemed to be huddling, talking through what they were about to do on the next series.

Muschamp said Pittman was going to be all right after the game, and Sunday morning UF released a statement that Pittman was released from the hospital Saturday night.

But Florida fan Kyle Morgan took to Facebook in a rant about the sequence of events and it was picked up by the New Orleans Times-Picayune among his ravings included:

“Fire Will Muschamp, Jeremy Foley. If not for being a bad head coach who can’t win enough games, then do it for the better reason. Fire him for failing to be a leader of men.

Fire him because he lacks the respect for an injured player that over 80,000 other people possessed in that stadium.”

“Well, the information is relayed to me immediately that he had movement,” Muschamp said.

“We took that time, and we’ve not instructed our players to take a knee in those situations, any time someone gets hurt, we don’t always know the severity of the injury or the situation. That’s not something that we’ve done, or anywhere that I’ve ever been that we’ve ever done.”

Muschamp said they had plays to go over for the next series including a potential field goal block situation.

Muschamp did end up going over to where Pittman was laying near the middle of the field, and said the receiver told him while still on the ground that he was fine. Pittman is officially day-to-day.

INJURIES: Defensive lineman Leon Orr is questionable for the Missouri game with a knee injury.

Matt Jones’ ankle forced
Florida (3-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) can still very well win the SEC East and make it to the conference championship in Atlanta for the first time since 2009. They have four SEC matchups remaining on the schedule — all of which are against Eastern Division rivals. The first of those games is against Missouri (4-2, 1-1 SEC) on Saturday night in the Swamp at 7. Here are four points to watch out for when the Gators face their second set of Tigers in as many weeks.

1. Florida's two-quarterback system: Coach Will Muschamp announced in his weekly Monday press conference that both Jeff Driskel and Treon Harris will receive playing time against Missouri on Saturday, with Driskel likely to get the start. There is an old adage in the football world that goes "If you have two starting quarterbacks, you don’t have one.” In many cases, that tends to be true. But offensive coordinator Kurt Roper has experience with a two-quarterback system. In his last year as the offensive coordinator at Duke, Roper’s starting quarterback situation consisted of a combination of Anthony Boone and Brandon Connette. The duo totaled 3,472 passing yards and 26 touchdowns. Connette worked as the main running quarterback, scoring 14 touchdowns on the ground in 2013.

2. Mauk’s second game against the Gators: Florida learned Maty Mauk’s name early in its matchup against Missouri in 2013. The then-redshirt freshman quarterback started his first career game against the Gators last season. His first pass attempt — and the first play of the game — was a 41-yard pass to L’Damian Washington. One play later, Mauk found receiver Bud Sasser in the end zone for a touchdown just 27 seconds into the contest. Mauk finished the game with 295 passing yards, a touchdown and an interception on a 50-percent completion rate. Four different receivers had at least three receptions and 52 yards.

3. Battle in the trenches: Both Florida and Missouri have defensive lines capable of forcing pressure on the opposing quarterback. The Gators have tallied 10 sacks in the last two games after totaling just six through their first three games. Redshirt sophomore Alex McCalister leads Florida and is fifth in the SEC with four sacks — including three in the last three games — and Buck linebackers Dante Fowler Jr. has a team-high nine quarterback hurries.

4. Moving the chains: After converting seven third downs in its win against Tennessee, Florida struggled to move the chains on Saturday against LSU. The Gators converted just two of its 12 third-down attempts against the Tigers. Luckily for Florida, Missouri is allowing opponents to convert on 37.5 percent of its third down attempts, so this could (read: should) be the time for Florida to find its rhythm on offense.
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Sophomore Keanu Neal, who started at safety for Florida against LSU, had high praise for the true freshman too, especially regarding Harris’ play against Tennessee ten days ago.

“He’s just comfortable in the pocket,” Neal said. “He didn’t really panic when things went wrong. He almost threw an interception and he didn’t panic and he stayed in and did a great job in the Tennessee game.”

Driskel, the presumed starter, is coming off of an average performance against LSU.

He completed more than 50 percent of his passes, but threw two interceptions and fumbled the ball in the first quarter.

Driskel spoke to reporters on Monday and was a class act behind the podium, even when he was asked repeatedly about whether or not Harris sharing snaps with him would rattle his confidence.

“Believe it or not, I’m not worried about me. I’m not worried about the team,” the red-shirt junior signal caller said. “I want the team to play well. If it’s going to help the team, I’m all for it. We’re confident in Treon. I think the guys are confident in me as well. It’s not going to be something that’s going to divide the team or anything like that.”

Offensive coordinator Kurt Roper implemented more quarterback designed runs than fans have seen this season.

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The Gators haven’t loss since Sept. 12

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Some say that winning is all that matters. Others say it’s all about having fun. Luckily, for Florida, it doesn’t have to choose. It has both.

The No. 5 Gators are rolling through their conference schedule as their season begins to wrap up, with five games remaining.

Florida is 6-0 in Southeastern Conference play — the only SEC team without a conference loss — and 11-2 on the season.

And the Gators are loving every minute of it.

“It’s really hard to believe that there’s only five games left,” coach Becky Burleigh said. “I think that’s a credit to the fact that every day it’s been really enjoyable.”

Burleigh said on Monday how tightly knit Florida team has become and how well they have been able to practice and play together week in and week out.

A big key to Florida’s success this year has also been the large amount of players who returned from last year’s squad.

For every player that played together last year, they know each other very well — both on and off the field — which makes playing together this year that much easier.

Florida has eight seniors this season and 19 total players who returned from last year’s squad.

The Gators have only grown stronger in 2014, with eight senior players who are familiar with each other’s strengths and weaknesses.

“We knew all along this was gonna be kind of a special group because of the large senior class and because of it being a pretty intact team from last year’s group,” Burleigh said.

The Gators are firing on all cylinders. They haven’t lost a match since Sept. 12 and they continue to beat their opponents with strong goal scorers and tough defense.

But Burleigh said she still believes Florida can improve and continue to develop as a team. She thinks individual players, younger ones who have not been exposed as much, will become important playmakers as they continue to get better.

“I think this team still has room to grow,” Burleigh said. “We’re seeing different players emerge…and I think we’re gonna continue to see more players emerge.”

Betsy Middleton was one player Burleigh used as an example.

The sophomore transfer from the University of Miami has seen improvement as the season has gone on. Middleton is third on the team with three goals this season and has yet to start a game.

If Florida continues to get stronger as the postseason quickly approaches, it wouldn’t be a surprise to see it in the NCAA Championships in late November.

“For us, I think the sky’s still the limit,” Burleigh said.

UF soccer players celebrate Savannah Jordan’s goal during Florida’s 5-1 win against Mississippi State on Friday at James G. Pressly Stadium. The Gators are undefeated in SEC play with five matches remaining.