Program helps pets get fixed

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Ramses rode home in his cat carrier on Wednesday afternoon, slightly dazed from post-surgery medication. He was one of 46 cats to be fixed at the Tom-A-Thon, a project of No More Homeless Pets’ Operation PetSnip held Wednesday.

As part of the event, the clinic offered a complimentary rabies shot with each surgery and cut the price of neutering in half for each additional male cat, also known as a “tomcat.”

The “high-volume, high-quality” spay-neuter clinic, located at 4205 NW Sixth St., is a product of No More Homeless Pets in Alachua County. The project began more than a year ago to provide an affordable way to fix cats and dogs in the community. The clinic, based by appointments, is one of 46 cats to be adopted during Tom-A-Thon, a project of No More Homeless Pets’ Operation PetSnip.

The 11 Progress Party senators retain their seats in Student Senate, and are considered members of an independent caucus within Senate, rather than a party. The complaint was filed specifically against Sagar Sane, the former vice presidential candidate for the Student Alliance Party prior to that party’s merger with the Progress Party.

According to Georgia Buckhalter, chair of the five-person elections commission, Sane was identified as a member of the Progress Party in a statement he submitted to the elections commission prior to a late February hearing where the complaint was addressed.

“He explicitly identified that he was in the party,” Buckhalter said. She said the Progress Party was SANE.

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Putnam County woman dies in house fire

FLORAPLACE, Fla. (AP) — An elderly woman died in a fire at her north Florida home.

Putnam County fire officials say rescuers responded to the home early Wednesday morning. Damage was so extensive that a cause for the fire couldn’t be determined, but foul play wasn’t suspected. Authorities didn’t immediately identify the 90-year-old woman. The home was a complete loss. No other injuries were reported.

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

As you are probably aware, the university has installed black, university-owned modular units for the distribution of various publications, including The Independent Florida Alligator, at some locations on campus.

These units were recently put in place as part of the university’s goal to increase campus safety, promote sustainability and bolster campus aesthetics. We acknowledge that these types of units have become common across the country, including at other universities.

As a result, some of our iconic orange and blue racks have been removed from campus in an effort to comply with the university’s plans.

While the Alligator appreciates and supports the aforementioned goals, we object to the removal of our racks from campus.

We feel such a move harms our ability to reach the widest campus audience possible, which is our primary goal: Every person on campus should have easy access to a copy of the Alligator. We are a free student-produced publication that survives on slim revenue from advertisers. This new form of distribution, we feel, could hurt our ability to effectively reach an audience that would continue to satisfy our advertisers.

Currently, we are in discussion to reach a solution that suits both us and UF. We have full faith that we can reach a solution that is favorable for both parties. We view the university as a partner, not an opponent, in this matter.

We ask for your support. It is because of you, the readers, that we exist. Our daily labor is to provide you with the best and most thorough news possible.

We want to respect the process. As we continue to work and cooperate with the university, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, we assure you that we will never lose sight of our mission: to serve the campus community, which has helped us become the largest independent, student-run newspaper in the United States.

Sincerely,

C.J. Pruner, Editor-in-Chief

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