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Crash sends 6 to hospital

Traffic was backed up for a painful two hours after one driver's faulty accelerator caused a six-car pile up at 1600 N Main St. at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Burnette Ferguson, 75, was driving south on North Main Street in the right lane when she said her accelerator got stuck, causing her to speed up to about 50 mph, according to a Gainesville Police report.

Ferguson was unable to stop and rammed into four cars, one of which ran into a fifth, and flipped her vehicle onto its back, according to the report.

Gainesville Fire Rescue workers had to remove Ferguson from the wreckage using the jaws of life. Her injuries were not found to be life-threatening, according to the report. Five people were taken to Shands at UF for additional care.

Officials find bodies in plane crash wreckage

■ THEY CRASHED SUNDAY NIGHT.

By **PATRICK ANNESTY**
 Alligator Writer

Four bodies were recovered from the wreckage of a plane that crashed Sunday evening in the Everglades after leaving Gainesville.

A crew found two men, a woman and a young male, according to a Broward Sheriff's Office release.

Authorities have not released the victims' names, but friends and family identified them as Bruce Barber, of Sea Ranch Lakes, Fla.; his wife, Karen; their 14-year-old son, Payton; and family friend Phillip Marsh, of Ft. Lauderdale.

The group was in town for the UF football game against the Tennessee.

Shirley Barber, Bruce's mother, said the

family was "definitely" on board the aircraft, according to the Associated Press.

Dave Smith, who roomed with Marsh in Gainesville over the weekend, said Marsh was the fourth passenger.



Barber

Chloe Barber, the couple's 9-year-old daughter, stayed in South Florida with family friends.

Both husband and wife were UF graduates who met as undergraduate students. Bruce, 46, was a Bull Gator — a donor who contributes at least \$14,000 per year to the Gator Boosters.

In an interview with The Gainesville Sun in August 2008, Barber said he bought the or-

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City changes trash rules

By **ESTEE BECK**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County's waste management system is getting a makeover.

Beginning Oct. 1, trash will be picked up Monday through Thursday instead of Monday through Friday, under a seven-year contract approved by the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday.

The \$3.1 million contract between Alachua County and Emerald Waste Services will also introduce a Web site where residents can submit complaints and service requests.

The changes will not result in a cost increase for residents, according to waste collection program coordinator Mary Ulseth.

"Our motto is 'embrace zero waste,'" Ulseth said. "We would like to do something with it other than throw it away and bury it in the ground."

Pasteboard, which includes cereal boxes and drink cartons, will be added to the list of orange bin recyclables, along with junk mail,

paper, margarine and yogurt containers.

Because so many items will be recyclable, residents can apply for smaller trash bins, saving up to \$200 a year on their GRU bills.

Waste collection manager Milton Towns said the county recycles about 33 percent of waste. Florida's goal is to recycle 75 percent of its waste by 2020, according to a release.

Towns also emphasized that having one company serve all residences in Alachua County will make problems easier to fix. Under the current contract, different companies manage the cities' waste.

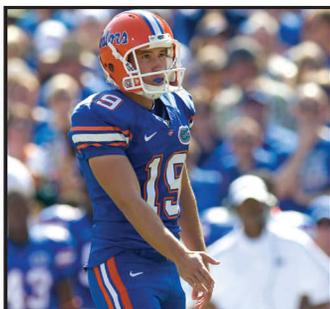
The new contract also no longer requires a request for bulk pickup. Regular waste vehicles will pick it up or send in a proper vehicle within 24 hours of regular trash pickup.

Yard trash will only be collected in brown paper lawn bags or reusable containers, both available at local stores.

Residents will be notified of changes in October. All policies will be enforced by Nov. 1.

Local News

■ Sophomore Caleb Sturgis (right) beat out Jonathan Phillips for the kicking duties against UT, but coach Urban Meyer said he will continue to pick his kicker on a week-to-week basis. See Story, Page 15.



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Newnan's Lake Boathouse, 7300 E University Ave.
The Gainesville Area Rowing Club is hosting a Learn to Row event from Friday to Sunday. The club, a local nonprofit organization, invites adult rowers to participate in this three-day workshop. Participants

THIS WEEK IN GAINESVILLE HISTORY

By **KATHERINE BEIN**
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Sept. 20, 1976: Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine opens its doors to students at UF.
The college welcomes a modest 40 students into its classrooms, chosen from a pool of about 400 applicants, according to the college's dean, Charles Cornelius.
"We hope to go to 80 next year," Cornelius said.
"We only took 40 the first year because the buildings aren't finished, and we'll need time to build our animal stock up."

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should expect individual attention and time rowing on the water.

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SG debates Aramark's treatment of workers

■ SENATORS CALLED FOR BETTER PAY FOR FARM WORKERS.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Some student senators had a bone to pick with Aramark, UF's food provider, Tuesday night.

Progress Party Sen. Dave Schneider and Unite Party Sen. Megan Vu both presented resolutions taking stands against the treatment of workers for Aramark's suppliers.

A resolution is a piece of legislation that expresses the views of the Student Senate but takes no action.

Schneider, who represents Rawlings Hall, presented a resolution that encouraged Aramark to negotiate a wage increase for workers who pick the tomatoes Aramark purchases.

Schneider said the farmers have faced long hours, poor working conditions and cases of slavery.

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jonathan Ossip agreed, adding the bill presented a human rights issue. He said Aramark's other practices on campus, including its promotion of meal plans, needed to be examined.

Unite Party Sen. Jason Cornman said the resolution should be rewritten so it didn't imply that all Florida farmers were treating their workers poorly.

The resolution failed 26 to 22.

"The thing I really came to realize tonight is that there is a wing of Senate that is dedicated to burning any kind of bridge we can have with the rest of Florida and the national and global community," Schneider said.

Vu, who represents District A, presented a second resolution that encouraged Aramark to take action against its uniform provider, W&D Apparel, which has been convicted by the U.S. State Department of confining and exposing workers to poor conditions.

Vu said the issue relates to students because every dollar they spend on food could be contributing to these "horrible conditions."

"We have the consumer power here," Vu said.

An amendment was added to the resolution to allow it to be sent to other public universities to encourage them to support it.

Vu's resolution passed.

Student Government

Hispanic speaker to visit

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**
Alligator Writer

Linda Chavez isn't familiar with the 9-to-5 workday.

A Fox News analyst and chairman of the Center for Equal Opportunity, Chavez was the highest-ranking woman on former President Ronald Reagan's staff and was the first Hispanic woman nominated to the U.S. Cabinet.

Chavez is scheduled to speak today at 8 p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, but she's not going to focus on the work she's done.

"I'm going to speak about the progress that has been made by Hispanics in the United States and some of the misconceptions people have of the Hispanic population," she said. "A lot of people think of it as a disadvantage, but they're not aware of the progress [that has been made]."

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Chavez is raising awareness of some of the key issues affecting the Hispanic community, such as immigration, affirmative action and education.

"Not enough young Hispanics are going to college today," Chavez said. "We need to ask ourselves, 'How can we try to increase the number of Hispanics going to college?'"

Higher education is important to

Chavez, who said she credits her own success to doing well in school.

"I grew up poor and worked my way through college," she said.

Due to her academic success, Chavez said she was able to move up the economic ladder and pursue a career in politics.

Although she has worked with many former presidents and senators, there is one politician she would still like to meet.



Chavez

"President Obama is the first president in a very long time I haven't met personally," Chavez said. "I'd love to meet him. I'd love to interview him, too."

"We don't necessarily see eye-to-eye on certain things," she added.

One of those "things" is the direction of the economy, and Chavez believes this hot-button issue should be of major concern to students and soon-to-be graduates.

"I think the class of 2010 should be worried," Chavez said. "I think this is the first time in history students may face a future with less economic opportunity than their parents."

Tonight's event is coordinated by Accent and the Hispanic Student Association.

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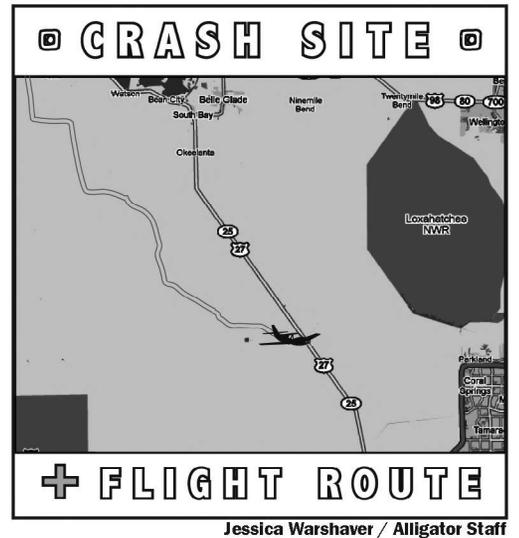
Family flew to Gators home games since the mid-'90s

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ange-and-blue-striped plane to fly to games. The family stayed at the Magnolia Plantation Bed and Breakfast Inn for every home game since the mid-1990s, according to inn owner Joe Montalto. He knew the Barbers before their children were born and considered them extended family, he said. "The kids grew up here. It was kind of like a family reunion every fall," Montalto said. "We grew very attached to them." He added that he is concerned for Chloe. "She has some of the best characteristics of the whole family," he said. "She is alive for a reason." Montalto said he never met a bigger Gators

fan than Bruce Barber. After each game, they would have a "debriefing session," discussing the game for three or four hours. Smith met Marsh through a mutual friend during their undergraduate years at UF. He said Marsh asked to fly with the Barbers so he would not have to make the drive alone. **State News** "Gregarious does not even begin to describe [him]," Smith said. "He was the most outgoing, entertaining, bright person I knew." Though he didn't have any kids of his own, Marsh was devoted to his family, especially his many siblings and their children, Smith said. Marsh was also a proud Gator. "Name the game, and he went to it,"

Smith said. The plane crashed before 6 p.m. Sunday west of U.S. 27 near the Broward-Palm Beach county line, according to the release. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the plane was registered to Bull Gator Air Inc., which Bruce Barber owned. Neither the FAA nor the National Transportation Safety Board would comment on the crash's cause. An NTSB spokesman said investigators will be on the scene Wednesday, and a report should be released next week. "They are going to be missed by everyone involved with them," Montalto said. "[They] need to be remembered not just as Gator fans but also as a special family."



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Editorial

Flavor Flav

Menthol cigarettes in same category as cloves

If the Food and Drug Administration wanted to prevent people from picking up smoking, menthol cigarettes would be included in the ban on flavored tobacco.

On Tuesday, the sale of cigarettes flavored with anything other than menthol became illegal.

According to The New York Times, mentholated cigarettes are exempt partly because they are viewed as politically off-limits. Without lobbyists from companies such as Philip Morris USA, the legislation to allow FDA regulatory power over the tobacco industry might not have ever passed.

President Obama gave power to the FDA to control the tobacco industry in June, and this ban is the first visible sign of their new regulatory power.

The rationale for banning flavored cigarettes was that since they are less harsh tasting than full-flavored cigarettes, neophyte smokers would be more likely to pick them up.

However, one study from the Harvard School of Public Health concluded that cigarette companies have deliberately controlled the amount of menthol in their cigarettes to provide a milder experience for first-time smokers.

Another study by the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program describes menthol cigarettes as having a "mint-like flavor that lessens the impact of tobacco's perceived harsh taste."

Sounds like menthol cigarettes are flavored and marketed toward new smokers.

If the FDA was serious about preventing people from smoking, it would not make itself beholden to tobacco lobbyists worried about revenue losses and count menthol cigarettes as flavored.

Pigskin Problem

While UF students with flu-like symptoms are being encouraged to quarantine themselves in their homes, three Gators with the flu took the field on Saturday.

We think it's pretty sweet that we managed to beat Tennessee with the flu affecting our players, but we also question whether the decision to let the players onto the gridiron was a responsible one.

The players are being isolated during the week to prevent further outbreak, but on weekends they are allowed to compete in Florida weather in full-blown body armor.

Considering one of the players had a 101-degree temperature, that doesn't exactly sound like the road to recovery.

When we get the flu, we're so dazed that we can barely follow the plot of a Sarah Jessica Parker movie on TBS, nevermind run 7-yard touch-

downs, catch passes or make tackles like Jeff Demps, Aaron Hernandez and Jermaine Cunningham did on Saturday.

We understand the pressure the players must have felt to compete in Saturday's game, and we understand that it was ultimately up to the team's doctors whether or not they were capable of playing.

We just think the risk to both the infected UF players and Tennessee's team was unnecessary.

A New England Journal of Medicine article from 2000 describes a case in which a Norwalk-like virus was transmitted from Duke's team to Florida State's team, so it's possible to pass the swine flu through a contact sport.

Tennessee might have volunteered for a beatdown, but we're sure they wouldn't volunteer to bring an epidemic back to their school.

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Column

Length of friendships should be finite

I don't want to be your BFF.

I don't have a problem with becoming your BFFRN — best friend for right now — but I'm actually pretty tired of taking on BFFs.

It seems like suddenly, everyone I know expects to be a long-term fixture in my life. With Facebook, instant messaging, cell phones, e-mail and texting, it has become impossible to lose touch, even with people you really want to fall out of contact with.

In our parents' generation, I feel like it was understood: After college, you would only stay in touch with a few people. The rest you would get Christmas cards from, if that.

Now, that guy you met once in the dining hall freshman year is still wishing you a happy birthday.

I'm not against loyalty or being a good friend. Trying to be a good friend is something I value highly. But what happened to valuing friendship as something we experience now, rather than something that is supposed to last eternally?

Looking back over the past 22 years of my life, I've had a lot of best friends: Jacqueline at age 2, Jane at age 4, Jacqueline again at 8, Theresa at 12.

Those girls were great friends at the time. We played Barbies and went to movies. They even forgave me when I broke their crayons after coloring too hard. But they're no longer a part of my life. Yet I don't look back at them with bitterness.

My friendships with people in high school and college were deeper than coloring and dolls. But even so, some of my friendships from high school didn't last past a few years. It wasn't anything explosive that ended those friendships. Sometimes, we just didn't have class together.

Since college, though, I've noticed a marked change. When friends graduate, they expect to talk and have as much interaction as they did when we lived in the same town, and are angry if we don't.

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



Hilary Lehman
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One girl I considered an acquaintance informed me that she had told her boyfriend to pick another weekend to come visit so she could come to my birthday party. It was nice, but a little off-putting.

Maybe that came with the arrival of Facebook, where friendship is quantifiable.

There's no gray area in being a Facebook friend; in what other realm can you literally deny someone's request for friendship? And unless you make an executive decision to end it, Facebook friendship is forever.

But real friendship is completely different than being friends on a social network.

Friendships change. That's part of the nature of life. Relationships can't be judged by a wall-to-wall or frequency of texting.

I don't think I'm a bad person or a bad friend for falling out of touch. I make an effort to stay in touch with those who have been there for me over the years.

Honestly, though, if I worked with you one semester or took one lab with you, I have enough people in my life who care about me and whom I care for. Friendship is too emotionally demanding to dole out to everyone as an unlimited time offer.

We should enjoy friendship as it happens. Having dinner, studying or going out are the benefits we experience in the present, and we can overlook those by worrying about whether we'll still be talking to the same people in a few years.

Lifelong friendship is an incredibly valuable thing. Not every friendship will be like that, despite what Facebook would have you believe.

Hilary Lehman is a journalism senior. Her column appears on Wednesdays.

Reader response

Today's question: Should the infected UF football players have been allowed to play Saturday?

Tuesday's question: Have Reitz Union food prices deterred you from eating on campus?

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Letters to the Editor

Aramark encourages unfair labor practices

The issue of campus food reform is starting to gain some serious momentum. A few letters to the editor, some annoyed complaints to restaurants and raw discontent with the high prices of campus dining options was enough to convince Pollo Tropical that they were charging too much for their food.

As important as price reduction is, there's another part to food service reform, namely where the food we consume comes from and how the people who produce it are treated.

Aramark, the corporation in charge of all dining facilities on campus, currently gets a substantial amount of its tomatoes from Immokalee, Fla., during the winter season. Farm workers in Immokalee do back-breaking labor to harvest tomatoes and make only about 50 cents per 32-pound bucket, meaning that in order to make the minimum wage, the average worker would need to pick about two tons of tomatoes in a 10-hour work day.

Numerous controversies have surrounded the farms in Immokalee, not least of which are the several documented cases of slavery, including a case in January 2008 in which six people were indicted on slavery charges.

I want the students at UF to think about this problem and consider that this university is one of Aramark's largest clients. If we're serious about our commitments to sustainability and social equity, we ought to support organizations like the Student Farmworkers' Alliance and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and push for Aramark to negotiate a solution that works for everyone.

Dave Schneider
3LS



Food service provider requires oversight

As a student at UF, I am distressed to see that Aramark, the company contracted to provide food services, has seen fit to raise the prices charged by franchises in the Reitz Union and elsewhere on campus above those charged at off-campus franchise locations, especially while students are increasingly feeling financially crunched. Where is the oversight?

I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking the students should have a say in whether they ought to be price-gouged as a result of university contracts.

Upon further research, I found that students aren't the only ones who are losing out because of Aramark. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, an organization of agricultural workers based in southwest Florida, has sought a penny-per-pound pay increase for the tomato pickers who supply Aramark. That the company has so far failed to make any response is unsurprising, given their attitude toward students.

Aramark is not working for the students, and it is not working for Florida workers.

Mark Jaskowski
3LS

UF should consider minorities as new hires

UF has continued to make known its desire to become one of the top 10 national institutions of higher learning. I commend the university for desiring to achieve this level of distinction. However, UF's administration seems to have eradicated the university's low number of minority faculty members. In 2008, less than 10 percent of our faculty body was black or Hispanic. While seeking to employ faculty members at the top of their fields at this institution, racial diversity must become a component.

As the university prepares to hire 100 additional faculty members, it should consider more minorities for these positions. If something is not done to recruit more minority faculty members, the top minority students will apply to other institutions that employ faculty members who look like them, thus putting on hold this university's rise to the top.

What good is a university when it cannot provide a racially diverse campus? This alone fails to prepare students for a multicultural society. From my perspective, it is fair to say that there is no university without diversity. Research indicates that when we improve the structural or racial diversity of an institution, we have also significantly improved the institution's climate.

We must provide all resources possible to focus on programs like the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, which seeks to encourage and prepare first-generation minority college students to earn their doctorates in hopes of one day becoming professors. In reiteration, racial diversity must be a priority if we are to serve as one of the leading institutions in the nation.

Bradford Hall
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Newspapers not worth the cost

Let me let the hardcore political party members in on a little secret: The average student does not care about The New York Times.

In three years on campus I have seen one person with a New York Times. Never have I been able to grab a New York Times or sat next to someone in class with a New York Times. Three hundred papers handed out in a college of 50,000 students do not even make a dent in the student population.

For something that people can get by looking on the Internet, it is a colossal waste of money. Spending \$60,000 on 300 newspapers? You do realize that \$60,000 is almost equal to the entire budget for all the clubs in the College of Engineering? The self-congratulation and finger pointing I've seen in the Alligator over this issue has been disgraceful.

Francisco Sotomayor
4EG

Guest column

UF Libertarians left out of health care forum

If any of you went to the Health Care Forum on Monday night hosted by Student Government's Chomp the Vote, you would have noticed that the student organizations participating in the discussion included only the College Democrats and the College Republicans.

I assumed there would be more groups present, as promised by Chomp the Vote. As the vice president of Students for the Preservation of Freedom (also known informally as the College Libertarians or SPF), I am deeply saddened by the complete lack of effort the host of this debate put forth to include other political student organizations in this important discussion. I feel that the nonpartisan Chomp the Vote would welcome a variety of opinions in the debates it hosts, but apparently I am mistaken. I don't know what they were thinking, but last time I checked, describing an event as having "various student organizations" participating does not constitute including only Republicans and Democrats.

I shouldn't be surprised, though. Much like our current two-party political system, my organization, having differing views with both the Democrats and Republicans, has historically been excluded from political debates on UF's campus. You would think the message of smaller government and increased personal liberties would resonate with students here at UF, and it does. But the political establishment tries its hardest to suppress any reasonable debate that is outside the "mainstream." In such an important issue as health-care reform, it would be careless to ignore the concerns of any legitimate opinion and just assume the Republicans and Democrats have all aspects of the debate covered. I find it detrimental, especially on a university campus, to restrict the views of any organization or person even though I may disagree with their positions. This is truly an issue of freedom of speech, and

Daniel Rood
Speaking Out

Chomp the Vote should feel ashamed for its actions.

To give you better context on what exactly happened, the College Republicans and the College Democrats decided privately that they would have a forum on health care and then asked SG's Chomp the Vote to host the event. At this point, what Chomp the Vote should have done was to go ahead and invite other political student organizations to participate in the forum as is required by UF's Non-Discrimination Policy.

SPF only received notice of the debate through the grapevine three days before the forum took place. My organization immediately sent formal requests to the College Democrats and the College Republicans asking to be included in the discussion, but we have yet to receive responses. We then contacted Chomp the Vote and asked that our group be allowed to participate, but they denied our participation explaining to us that the debate was "set in stone."

We attended the forum from the audience and were given the opportunity to submit written questions. The funny thing was, when our questions were finally read by Chomp the Vote, they edited most of the content out, totally distorting the context of the questions.

I don't know if this is standard practice, but I don't think it's appropriate for an organization that prides itself on hosting fair political discussions to manipulate reasonable questions from the audience in order to dilute the intensity of the debate.

Hopefully in the future, SPF and other student organizations are given the opportunity to participate in discussions on important issues like health care, but I'm not holding my breath.

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Murphy's versatility key for UF

By **ADAM BERRY**
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Kelly Murphy's versatility has her coach dreaming of a rule change or two.

Not because Murphy has been breaking rules for Mary Wise and No. 5 Florida (8-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference), but rather because the sophomore's skill set allows her to do practically anything Wise needs her to on the court.

"In a perfect world, we'd change the rules to where she could pass, set and hit to herself — that she could contact the ball twice in a row — because her skills are so unique and she has that talent," Wise said.

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Mary Wise
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Murphy's ability to perform a number of jobs for the Gators is even reflected by the slash in her listed position of setter/right-side hitter — she can't be confined to just one role.

With the SEC season now underway, Murphy is nearing midseason form in much the same way she did last year, when she was named the National Freshman of the Year.

On Friday, Murphy notched her second triple-double of the season at Ole Miss, putting up 20 kills, 32 assists and 16 digs. She nearly added another one Sunday, finishing with eight kills, 17 assists and nine digs against Arkansas.

After recording her first triple-double of the 2009 season against Stanford on Sept. 4, Murphy is already ahead of the pace she set in 2008. As a freshman, she tallied a Florida-record six, all of which came after the Gators' conference schedule began.

"I don't know what the NCAA record is for [triple-doubles], but I think



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UF sophomore Kelly Murphy tallied her second triple-double of the season Friday against Ole Miss. She now has eight in her 40-match career.

Kelly's going to make a run because of all of her skills," Wise said. "I think that her best volleyball will always be the middle of the season to the end of the season, when she's gotten enough reps in practice playing with the players she plays next to."

Sophomores Colleen Ward and Kristy Jaeckel are among those benefiting the most from Murphy's versatility. The two outside hitters are first and second on the team in kills, respectively, with Murphy currently in third.

While Murphy's utility has allowed her teammates to fill up the stat sheet, junior setter Brynja Rodgers has freed up Murphy to use her talent as a hitter.

The two have had to build chemistry on the fly given Rodgers' late arrival to Gainesville, but their time on the court together is already paying dividends.

"There is no pause button that we can just pause the season, let them play together in practice," Wise said. "We just had to keep going, and we knew it was just a matter of time."

Six more out with flu-like symptoms

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Six more Florida players were held out of practice Tuesday because of flu-like symptoms, coach Urban Meyer said.

Starting linebacker A.J. Jones, safety Josh Evans, receiver Justin Williams, running back Mike Gillislee, defensive lineman Earl Okine and offensive lineman Shawn Schmieder are the latest to be limited by illness. He added that defensive end Jermaine Cunningham and running back Jeff Demps — both starters — still haven't fully recovered.

"We're battling a little bit," Meyer said. "We'll just control what we can control. Guys are wiping down everything, we're doing everything we can, and I think we'll be OK."

When asked about the prospect of Tim Tebow taking ill, Meyer joked, "He's coming with me to that deserted island I talked about."



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THE END?: Meyer may have finally ended the back and forth between he and Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin. When a reporter started to ask him about Kiffin's remark on Monday that suggested the Gators used the flu as an excuse for their performance Saturday, Meyer cut the question short with a "no comment."

WHATEVER IT TAKES: Offensive coordinator Steve Addazio said he isn't concerned with Tebow carrying the ball 24 times against Tennessee and doesn't necessarily see a reason to gameplan differently with Kentucky coming up this weekend.

"We do what we got to do, period," Addazio said. "I think we're going to do whatever it takes to win the game, like we did, like we will do this week. Nothing is ever going to change there. It's all about one thing — get a W."

Addazio agreed there were probably only six or so plays designed for Tebow to carry the ball with no option of handing it off or throwing it to a receiver.

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Sturgis surprised to earn kicking duties against UT

■ HE MADE ALL THREE FIELD GOALS SATURDAY.

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It wasn't that Caleb Sturgis didn't think he was good enough to win the starting kicker job from Jonathan Phillips.

He just didn't really believe there was a race to be won.

With the year Phillips had in 2008, there was no reason to think Sturgis would have much of a shot. Phillips finished the year 78 for 79 on extra-point tries, setting a new school and Southeastern Conference record, and was 12 of 13 on his field-goal attempts.

But Sturgis continued to work to improve his kicking with the idea that he would be ready for the 2010 season when Phillips would have used up his eligibility.

Until then, he would just have to be content with his role of handling kickoff duties, which he also did last season as a freshman.

"I wanted to believe I could

(win the job), but at the same time, after the season he had last year — all last season he kicked really good — I just focused on my own and getting better," Sturgis said.

But through the first two games of the season, Phillips had already missed an extra point and a field goal — matching his misses from all of 2008.

Coach Urban Meyer said after the Troy game he would be opening up the kicking battle.

Sturgis continued to outperform Phillips, something he had been doing since the beginning of fall practice.

"Caleb actually outkicked him slightly during training camp, but Jon earned the right to play," Meyer said. "Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will chart all their kicks — we have done it before here — and the best kickers goes and kicks."

Even after having a better week in practice than Phillips, Sturgis was unaware before the Tennessee game that he would be taking the field goals and extra points as well as kickoffs.

Meyer told him to warm up before the third down just prior

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UF kicker Caleb Sturgis lines up for the first field-goal attempt of his career during the Gators' 23-13 win against Tennessee in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday. Sturgis was 3 for 3 with a long of 37 yards.

Don't worry, Florida will fix flaws

There is no need for Gators fans to panic.

Sure, UF did not look its dominant self against Tennessee.

And the 23-13 score was not the massacre everyone expected against a Volunteers team that was supposed to be down this year.

Florida's offense never seemed to be in rhythm with quarterback Tim Tebow running more than he should need to and the wide receivers barely being anything more than some extra blockers.

Then, there was the defense that had a poor tackling performance and allowed Montario Hardesty to have a good day running the ball for Tennessee.

Yet the Gators still walked away with a win despite not playing their best, and that says a lot about this team.

Tennessee came in with a great game plan on defense to slow down Florida's offense, and it worked extremely well.

But Urban Meyer and Tebow deserve some credit for realizing they would have to play a slower style than they would



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like.

The Gators' spread is usually a high-scoring, fast-paced offense and can have problems when the deep ball is taken away, but their running game is better than it has been in previous

years.

That showed Saturday when UF chose to run the ball 44 times for 208 yards.

The Volunteers didn't allow any big gains, but they did little to stop the Gators from running time after time.

UT wanted to establish the run and control the clock, and it did that. But UF did it better.

When the Gators came out after half-time, there was a clear decision to commit to this style of play and in the third quarter, they had the ball for 11 minutes and 11 seconds.

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UF emphasizes set pieces

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The term "special teams" isn't only applicable to football.

UF soccer has its own version of special teams — it's how the Gators refer to set pieces.

Set pieces are situations where the ball is being put back in play and usually refers to corner kicks and free kicks. Throw-ins are also technically set pieces.

When these situations arrive, they indicate a scoring opportunity; something UF has had a bit of trouble with lately.

While Florida has scored 10 goals in its last four games, the team has had a tougher time scoring on set pieces.

The Gators know how it feels to be on

the wrong side of set pieces and are using that for motivation. UF lost to FSU on Friday 1-0 in overtime off a set-piece goal that started with a throw in and ended on a goal off a deflection.

"We are a team that has been scored on with set pieces enough to know how much that can change a game," senior Angela Napolitano said.

Victor Campbell, the Gators associate head coach, works with the team on free kicks and services for corner kicks. He tries to stress how valuable set pieces are, including all the techniques that go into an effective set piece.

"It's all about technique," Campbell

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TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ Plaxico Burress began his 2-year sentence Tuesday, which seems a bit harsh. I guess the courts didn't want to be shown up again by a tougher punishment from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell ... After being criticized for calling fans "dim wits" on Twitter, Redskins LB Robert Henson deleted his account. As the saying goes, "If you can't tweet anything nice, then don't tweet anything at all."

UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ Senior quarterback Tim Tebow was one of 22 players named to the 2009 Allstate AFCA Good Works Teams on Tuesday for his contributions to the community.

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Meyer: Sturgis will need to hold off Phillips in practice for starting job

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to his first kick, meaning he would be taking the field and not Phillips.

His first career field-goal attempt would be a 37-yarder against one of the Gators' biggest conference rivals.

But the short notice didn't allow much

time to consider the pressure of the situation.

"That was lucky because I didn't have time to think about it, so I just went out there and did what I do all the time," Sturgis said.

Sturgis easily made the field goal and went on to make his other two attempts (29 yards and 35 yards) as well as both his

extra-point attempts.



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He wasn't just making them though.

He was showing off his big leg by hitting them all as if they were from longer than 50 yards.

"He's really, really improved. You watch those kicks; someone said he hit an

extra point in the next (deck)," Meyer said. "He's got a hose."

Although Sturgis' strong showing seemingly proved the coaches made the right choice, Meyer said the kicking battle will be open again this week.

Sturgis will need to continue to outkick Phillips in practice if he is to lock down the starting job.

Right pace can make all the difference

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said. "It's nothing to do with who wants it more or who wants it less.

"It's almost like kicking a field goal, you're very deliberate," Campbell said about the technique. "You set the ball down exactly so you hit that same spot every time."

Mis-aiming by even a quarter of an inch or hitting the ball a fraction off-speed could be the difference between a goal and a save.

Lauren Hyde scored a goal on Aug. 30, against USF on a 25-yard free kick that hit off the goal post and ricocheted in. Faced with a similar situation on Sunday against Eastern Kentucky, Hyde didn't hit the ball with the right pace, and it went right into the hands of the keeper.

Campbell said the real key is having the technique down pat so in pressure situations the player can focus on just hitting the ball.

"Vic has helped a lot with teaching us the way you hit the ball, where you hit it on

your foot, the place of the ball that you hit it," Napolitano said. "Those types of things all factor into how it spins, where it's going to land."

Any set piece starts and ends with the service, so knowing where the ball is going is crucial to developing an offensive opportunity.



Hyde

Without the right delivery, it doesn't matter who is in the box near the goal because that player may never touch the ball.

"It's hard to perfect something that has to be so precise every time," Tricia Townsend said.

One of the main corner kickers, Townsend knows a potential set piece goal can be squandered on the delivery and that may mean not even attempting a shot on goal.

"It's frustrating even for the people involved in the play because they all want the scoring opportunity," she said.

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In the future, they cannot have Tebow run the ball 24 times and will need to establish a go-to receiver. That receiver doesn't even have to be someone to extend the field, but someone that will pick up yards consistently and Tebow will be able to trust when he is under pressure.

As for the defense, the players just can't miss tackles. For as bad of a game as it supposedly had, the unit was still pretty good.

Hardesty was able to have a solid performance rushing with 20 carries for 96 yards, but the rest of the team combined for 21 yards on the ground. And quarterback Jonathan Crompton didn't even eclipse the century mark in passing yardage.

Hardesty was the only positive note

for the Volunteers on offense.

Despite the hype around the UF defense, it was unreasonable to assume no opponent would ever have a good game. One player having a big game is not enough to break this defense.

Last year, the unit allowed three running backs to rush for more than 100 yards. Oklahoma's Chris Brown ran for 110 yards, Alabama's Glen Coffee ran for 112 yards and Arkansas' Michael Smith finished with 133, but Florida still won those games.

The defense also showed last year in the Alabama game and in the BCS National Championship Game that it can carry the team to victory when the offense has an off day.

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