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UF gets biggest cut of grant

■ UF WILL GET \$2.45 MILLION OUT OF \$10 MILLION.

By JON SILMAN
Alligator Writer

UF is the biggest recipient of a \$10 million joint award to the state university system.

The \$2.45 million share of the award, announced Monday, is part of the 2010 New Florida Initiative.

The initiative is a collaborative effort — along with business and government — to aid Florida's economy and create high-technology and high-wage jobs.

All 11 state universities pitched more than 93 proposals for the initia-

tive's awards, and 31 were selected by the Board of Governors of the State University System.

UF President Bernie Machen said the program is an example of what can happen when you pool the best research skills and focus them on a challenge.

"The people of Florida will benefit greatly from this partnership with FSU through improved health care and a stronger economy," Machen said.

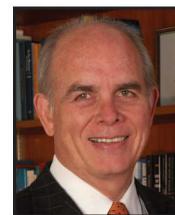
UF is also involved with programs involving climate change, expansion

of Internet infrastructure and biomedical engineering.

The money was given to the Board of Governors by the state legislature, and the funds will produce a series of demonstration projects that show a high return on investment, so the projects can continue into next year.

Board Chairwoman Ava Parker said this is the best way to leverage not just the best current and future academic scholars, but nationally renowned facilities and university resources, as well.

As part of its standard overall yearly budget request, the board has asked the Legislature for \$150 million for next year, which would be the second year of the New Florida Initiative.



Machen



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Rockin' Rion

Frontman Chris Conley along with bassist Rodrigo Palma, guitarist Arun Bali and drummer Spencer Peterson of Saves the Day, a punk rock band from Princeton, N.J., play a free show in the Rion Ballroom at the Reitz Union on Monday night. Reitz Union Board Entertainment sponsored the event. Saves the Day is on a national tour with Say Anything and Motion City Soundtrack.

■ Florida took advantage of a rebounding edge in its season-opening win last week but will be tested by a much bigger Ohio State team in the O'Dome tonight at 6.

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Sanford dealership offers free AK-47 with purchase of trucks

SANFORD — A central Florida dealership trying to drum up business is offering an unusual perk for potential used-truck buyers: A free AK-47 assault rifle.

General sales manager Nick Ginetta says that since the promotion was announced on Veterans Day, business has more than doubled at Nations Trucks in Sanford.

Customers would have to pass a background check before using the \$400 gun shop voucher. They also have the option

of using the money toward other firearms, or they can request a check in that amount instead.

The dealership has fielded some complaints about the deal, which Ginetta acknowledges is controversial. But, he adds: "My buyer is absolutely a gun owner, no question."

The promotion runs through the end of November.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Habitat for Humanity's Kaplan/Holiday Silent Auction

Today to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reitz Union North Lawn
The Kaplan/Holiday Silent Auction has finally arrived. Looking for a convenient way to shop for the holidays, while helping your local community? Look no further! Auction items will also be shown online at ufhabitat.org and range from Gainesville Health & Fitness membership to a free Kaplan course. Proceeds go directly toward fighting poverty housing in Alachua County. Contact bforster@ufl.edu or ufhabitat.org for more information.

Reading Around the World

Today, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas under the canopy
Bring your favorite English translation of foreign poems, stories, book excerpts, etc. to read aloud. For students, faculty, staff and visitors. Pre-registration not required. Sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries for International Education Week.

Islam on Campus and Religion Department Lecture

Today, 7 p.m.
Rion Ballroom
Join Islam on Campus for a lecture regarding "Prophet Abraham: The Patriarch" in light of Eid al-Adha, the religious holiday celebrated by Muslims in order to commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God. Eid al-Adha is celebrated on the tenth day of the last month (Dhu'l Hijjah) of the Islamic calendar. The lecture will be given by world-renowned scholar, Umar Faruq Abd-Allah, the current chairman of the board and scholar in residence at the Nawawi Foundation, a nonprofit educational foundation.

GIS Day at the UF Libraries

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Smathers Library, Room 1A
An all-day event to showcase the use of geographic information systems (GIS) to the academic community and the public. The celebration will include speakers, posters, exhibits, geocaching, demonstrations and cake. Presentations on how GIS is used in real world applications include how GIS was used to help with the Gulf Oil Spill and how GIS is used to track diseases. Free and open to the public.

"A Day Without a Mexican" film viewing

Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Smathers Library, 4th floor (Latin American Collection)
Latin American film based on

FORECAST

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"A Day Without a Mexican, A Mockumentary" by Yareli Arizmendi and Sergio Arau.

Humanity's Stop Hunger Now Food Drive

Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Weaver Beach
Humanity, a campus human rights organization, will host a food drive Wednesday at Weaver Beach. Please donate bags of rice, beans and non-perishable items. Monetary donations to help ship the food are also welcomed. In addition, Humanity will support an electronic food drive via Freerice.com. Answer fun trivia questions, and for each question you answer correctly, 10 grains of rice will be donated to the United Nations World Food Program.

A Spring of Hope

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.
Matherly Room 51
The UF chapter of A Spring of Hope, a nonprofit organization, is having its fourth meeting of the semester at 6:15 p.m. Come out to join a great cause and enjoy some free pizza. Check out our website, Aspringofhope.org.

Psychology Club & Psi Chi Meeting

Wednesday, 7:20 p.m.
LIT101
The guest speaker tonight is Dr. Durning. As always, come early for pizza. Support the club at our next fundraiser at Ben & Jerry's on Archer Road on Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

RUB Entertainment Presents "The Crying Game"

Wednesday and Friday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium

An tale of a group of IRA kidnappers and the British soldier they nab and want to exchange for one of their own. An astonishingly good and daring film that richly develops several intertwined thematic lines, "The Crying Game" takes giant risks that are stunningly rewarded. Admission is free.

RUB Entertainment Presents Comedian Julian McCullough

Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Julian McCullough came in first place in the New York City Comedy Festival in 2008 and has appeared in his own

Comedy Central Presents special last March, the IFC show "Z-Rock" and on MTV and VH1. No charge for admission.

Gators for Free the Slaves' Laser Tag Fundraiser

Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Mars Laser Tag and Pub
Gators for Free the Slaves and Mars are combining forces to bring you an epic night of laser tag, beer (21+), and philanthropy! Come out to play in our laser tag tournament, proceeds of which benefit Free the Slaves — an organization that promotes awareness of/fights human trafficking. It is \$10 a person to enter the tournament and teams should have four members. Win or lose, you're guaranteed to have a great time while supporting a great cause.

Veggie Palooza

Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Lillian's Music Store
UF's Ship and Health Troupe are sponsoring the second annual Veggie Palooza on Wednesday at Lillian's Music Store located at 112SE First St. This benefit concert will raise money to fight against childhood obesity. It is \$5 at the door and is an 18 and older show, so please bring your IDs. Bands featured are J2K, Rumpelstiltskin, Janna Pelle & the Half-Steps, and Jessica Jones, who performed at Gator Growl 2010. The concert will begin at 9 p.m. and end when the bands stop playing. So come out, have some fun and help fight against childhood obesity. For more information, please e-mail VeggiePaloozaConcert@gmail.com.

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Engineering students' 'Chem-E-Car' places nationally

Their car is fueled entirely by chemical reactions

By MEREDITH RUTLAND
Alligator Contributing Writer

As Cougar rolled to the finish, its creators held their breath.

The car, fueled entirely by chemical reactions, had passed the rigorous safety test.

It was consistent in practice. All it had to do now was stop near a line.

It stopped 29 inches from the line, which was good enough to propel the team from UF's chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers tempo-

UF Academics rarely into first place.

Team members jumped and chanted, "It's great to be a Florida Gator!" with the University of South Florida team.

The UF team took second place in the national Chemical Engineering Car competition, nicknamed the Chem-E-Car and hosted by the AIChE, and earned the title of Most Consistent Performance on Nov. 7 in Salt Lake City.

Cornell University competed

after the UF team and ended up winning first place.

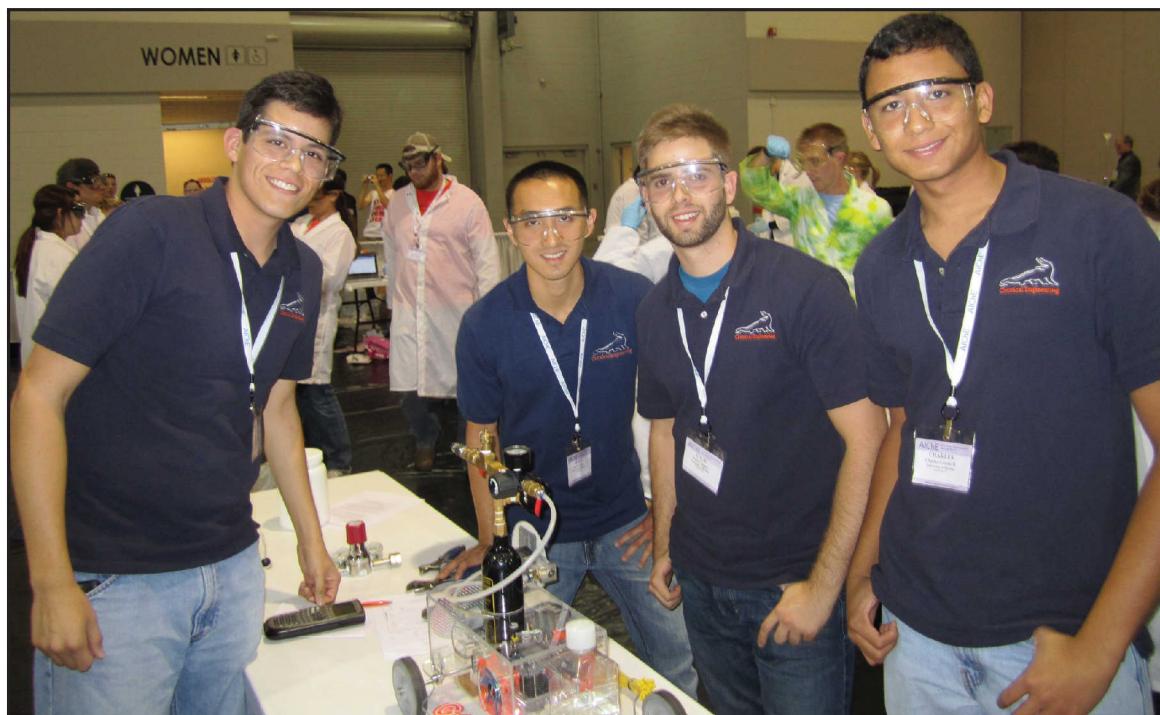
The car runs only off of hydrogen, which powers a fuel cell to

run the motor.

The competition required a car to stop at a line 95 feet away while carrying 250 grams of wa-

ter.

Cary Warsetsky, president of the UF chapter of AIChE, said the club has progressed immensely



Courtesy to the Alligator

From left to right, UF students Miguel Bravo, Jerry Chau, Louis Vazquez and Patrick Crooks stand next to their Chem-E-Car, which won second place in a competition in Salt Lake City.

in the four years he's been involved. He said his team barely had a moving car his freshman year and that to place second in nationals is an amazing improvement.

Next year, they plan to build two cars: a reliable car like Cougar and an innovative car that no one's ever seen before.

They want to win the creativity contest, too.

In order to prepare for the competition, club members started planning last September and met twice a day for the two months leading up to the competition.

"It's a year-round project," said Louis Vazquez, chairman of the Chem-E-Car project.

As far as hands-on learning goes, he said this project is king.

Older members teach new students how to build the car and how to avoid the problems they had in other competitions.

"You pick up things that you didn't learn from a textbook," he said.

Warsetsky said the win was a boost for UF's image, but it was also a personal victory for him and his team.

"It was definitely a good moment for us," he said.



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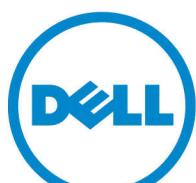
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LOCAL HEROES

Firefighter makes toughest cat rescue in 20 years



Courtesy to the Alligator

Gainesville Fire Rescue driver and operator Alan Dubose handles Wallie, a kitten that was rescued from a storm drain Sunday afternoon.

By JERRY BRUNO
Alligator Contributing Writer

The cries for help from a kitten stuck in a storm drain 20 feet below ground came to an end on Sunday when a Gainesville firefighter saved the forsaken feline.

The animal was trapped at Walmart, 2649 NW 13th St., where the employees told Mary Marion, of Lake City, nothing could be done to help the kitten.

"I just had to do something," she said.

She called 911, and Gainesville Fire Rescue arrived at the scene at 3:25 p.m.

"I thought this situation would be easy," said Jeff Lane, Fire Department district chief. "But the situation was more complex because of possible hazardous materials in the drainage pipe, such as hydrogen sulfide."

Firefighters first removed the large grates covering the drainage vault and tried unsuccessfully to coax the kitten with cat food.

When that didn't work, firefighter David Sutton crawled in the dangerous, vile air pipe to grab the kitten.

"At first the kitten did not want to be

rescued. She clawed and bit at my glove," he said.

After an hour, the kitten was saved at 4:30 p.m.

Once brought to the surface, the distressed animal was greeted with applause and shouts of joy from the crowd that gathered to watch the firefighter's efforts to save her.

"In all my 20 years, this case is by far the most challenging cat rescue," Lane said. "Even though we are not in the animal services business, we serve the public, and this was a life that needed to be saved."

How the cat got in the drainage pipe is still a mystery, he said.

Walmart employee Diane Brault adopted the kitten on the spot and agreed to quarantine her for 10 days as a precaution.

"I felt so bad for the kitten that I just wanted to take her home and take care of her," she said.

The kitten's new name is Wallie, and she is reportedly in much better condition.

"We gave her the name Wallie because she was found in the Walmart parking lot," Brault said with a smile on her face.

Students get shot at songwriting

■ THE SONGBLOOM IPHONE APP LETS USERS UPLOAD THEIR OWN TRACKS.

By ALEXANDER KLAUSNER
Alligator Writer

A new iPhone application developed by a UF graduate is making it possible for even those who don't know the difference between a C-note and a G-note to write the next hit song.

And for UF students to win some cash.

The application, called Songbloom, was created by UF agriculture alumnus Amaury Garcia, 34, and is based off a music collaboration site of the same name.

The idea behind Songbloom is for musicians to upload tracks over a skeleton track that provides structure. From there, musicians can upload their own guitar, bass, keyboard and vocal tracks for a song.

One submission is chosen for each instrument for a pair of songs that are released each month in two categories — rock and hip-hop.



Garcia

The tracks don't need to be overly fancy or technical to be selected, he said.

"It's purely content and feel of the audio that's submitted," Garcia said. "It's how well it suits the song and how much life it gives the song."



Max Reed / Alligator Staff
Jyotir Kulmacz feeds his 3-month-old daughter Maya while looking at the work of Santa Fe College students on Monday.

The plant will be producing energy constantly

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producing reasonably priced electricity and diversifying fuel sources, Meale said.

The company that is developing the plant, American Renewables, has been underway on the project since 2007 with plans to create renewable energy and jobs, said Josh Levine, project manager for American Renewables.

"We're very excited about the judge's decision and are moving along diligently," Levine said. "We are hoping to begin construction early next year, which will allow us to finish by 2013."

The energy will be sold to Gainesville Regional Utilities under a 30-year power purchase agreement. Diversifying fuel sources is one of the greatest benefits,

Levine said. GRU has been criticized by bond rating agencies for not having enough fuel diversity in the past.

Since the new plant will diversify the fuel sources, it will increase the financial liability of GRU, Levine said.

Unlike other forms of renewable energy that require the wind to be blowing or the sun to be shining, Levine said, this plant can produce energy 24/7.

The plant will also create jobs. The company will employ 44 individuals directly and could create up to 700 jobs for the region — anything from hotels and restaurants to the people that will be making the tires for the trucks, Levine said.

Former Mayor Thomas Bussing, the intervenor in the hearing, disagrees with

Levine and said that the plant will be a financial and environmental disaster.

The total cost of the contract is estimated to be more than \$2 billion, Bussing said, making the power much more expensive than other forms of energy.

Increased electricity rates, increased pollution and emission of dioxins are not something that Gainesville needs, he said.

Instead, he said the next step could be taking the case to the citing board.

"This is merely a recommendation to the power plant citing board, and perhaps they will see that this is a flawed decision and remand it for improvement," he said.

For now, the GREC group is trying to get on the Cabinet's agenda for the Dec. 7 meeting. If they are successful, they hope to have a site certification by early December, Levine said.

iPad, accessories cost about \$245 less than printing

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In a memo she sent out Oct. 20, she estimated that, on average, the cost of paper agendas is \$785 annually for each commissioner. Purchasing a 16GB iPad with a protective case and extra chargers would cost \$540 — that's \$245 less than the paper agendas.

The idea to use the new technology started when Rountree brought her birthday present into work.

Lila Stewart, a strategic planner for the city, had been working to make the transition from paper to digital since she started working for the city three years ago. When she saw Rountree showing off her iPad, she thought the new technology might be an interesting way to accomplish her paperless goal.

Stewart said that she later read a case study in the Alliance for Innovation Newsletter showing that the introduction of iPads into local governments allowed for convenience, environmental friendliness and cost efficiency.

She forwarded the article to Rountree and the idea took off.



Orlando

But the city commission isn't the first board in Gainesville to implement this type of paperless system.

The UF Board of Trustees started a similar system nearly five years ago, but with laptops instead of iPads.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said that for the 13 members of the board, printing agendas just didn't make sense.

Rountree said that the city tried laptops but had issues with the costs and size, and the laptops would have obstructed the commissioners' microphones at meetings.

"The convenience of the iPad is what sold it — convenience and portability," Rountree said.

When her husband found out that the city was paying for the commissioners' iPads, Rountree said he wanted to know if that meant she would get a new one and he could have hers.

"I said, 'No,'" she said with a laugh.

Expo shows off world cultures

By LUKE GAVIN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Monday morning was the opening of the week-long World Humanities Expo at Santa Fe College, where exhibits, speakers, food and performances give visitors a glimpse of cultures from around the world.

The large activity room is sectioned into areas, with Asia, Latin America, the U.S., Africa, Europe and world religions each getting a display with a variety of student-created exhibits, including models, pictures, paintings and other creative displays.

Rafael Ramos, a 20-year-old English major at SFC, said he liked the diversity of the projects.

"I think it's just to expose people more to different cultures," Ramos said. "By doing that, they help to prevent prejudices because they give people an understanding of what other cultures might be thinking."

Event organizer William Little, **Multicultural Affairs** chairman of the Humanities and Foreign Languages Department at Santa Fe, said the main purpose of the expo is to inspire, educate and entertain.

"My sense is that people don't have a real feeling for what the humanities are," Little said. "So this is meant to concentrate what they are."

Little said the displays are all graded projects created by Santa Fe students in humanities classes, and he said this is the seventh year for the expo but the first year it has been opened up to the local community.

Little said the rest of the week will feature prominent speakers such as Dr. Philip Williams, director of Latin American studies at UF, and Nobuho Nagasawa, an international artist and professor at Stony Brook University.

The expo is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room R-01.

Study shows Twitter gives GPA boost

■ IT ALSO INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF GRADUATING.

By CHELSEA HULL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students who are social-networking savvy may be ahead of the academic curve.

In a recent study, UF psychology alumnus Reynol Junco found that Twitter increases grade point averages as well as students' likelihood to stay at a single university until graduation.

The study was performed at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, where Junco is an assistant professor.

He took a group of 125 students who did not previously use Twitter from a freshman seminar for pre-health professional majors and split them into two groups, introducing one group to the 140-character world of Twitter.

Junco spoke to other professors about using social media in their classes and found that professors favored Twitter over other networking sites because there was less of a social requirement.

"With Twitter, you can be connected to any country just by typing something into a search field."

Jessica Annett
UF senior

While in these courses, students were able to tweet to complete homework and extra credit assignments.

Junco admitted that he thought Twitter would help students socially but not academically. However, after one semester, students using Twitter had an average grade point average of 2.8 — 0.5 points higher than non-users.

Students were also given a pretest to measure engagement — their level of involvement and attachment to the university — before the Twitter experiment began.

On the post-test, Twitter users showed increased engagement, which Junco said means they are much more committed to the university.

"Engagement is the magic bullet of student success," Junco said. "You have to engage students early in their college career to keep them connected to the institution and to keep them successful."

Jessica Annett, a UF English and Spanish senior, said that through Twitter she is exposed to conversational and spontaneous dialogue from Spanish speakers in other countries.

"Things like slang and abbreviations are never taught in classrooms and hard to find if you aren't immersed in the culture," she said. "With Twitter, you can be connected to any country just by typing something into a search field."

Editorial

Strip down

Airport procedures violate civil liberties

Don't Tase me, bro" finally has a sister slogan. After refusing a full-body scan and then refusing a full-body pat down, a 31-year-old California man was thrown out of San Diego's airport Saturday after saying, "If you touch my junk, I'll have you arrested."

John Tyner's "Don't touch my junk" tagline had already gone viral by Monday morning courtesy of a cell phone video, prompting quick response from Transportation Security Administration officials to defend its already-controversial screening methods.

The new pat down rules began Oct. 28 as an alternative to the already-deemed intrusive full-body scanners that have been called "virtual strip searches" by many.

The pat-down procedure that Tyner refused involves a same-sex airport official conducting a "sliding hand motion" search of the passenger's body, including the groin and breast area.

TSA and the Department of Homeland Security have repeatedly defended the full-body scanners that can peer under clothes as "necessary" to ensure safety, and the pat-down measures, officials said, "serve an important goal."

After refusing to be violated virtually and physically by airport officials, Tyner said he now faces a \$10,000 fine for his "junk" ordeal.

And when any man or woman can face a multi-thousand-dollar lawsuit because he or she refused to be violated by an airport official or be virtually strip-searched, something is wrong.

Defending the new pat-down procedures, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano said the pat downs, which have been labeled as "groping" and "inappropriate" by airplane passengers across the country, protect passenger safety.

But as Americans grapple with the inevitable relinquishing of civil liberties in the name of "safety" today as the holiday season quickly approaches, it becomes clear that no such search method would have discovered the series of printer bombs sent from Yemen in late October.

The main question Americans face is not one of ultimate safety — as the Yemen-originated printer bombs did not have to pass through an intrusive pat down — but rather: How many civil liberties are we willing to relinquish for the government to tell us we're finally safe?

We strongly recognize that the threat of terrorism is ever-present as the series of printer bombs has shown us, but we also agree that TSA's pat-down procedures and virtually strip searching full-body scans do little if anything to solve terrorism's increasingly intelligent methods.

Tyner said it best Saturday morning when he told airport officials, "I don't understand how a sexual assault can be made a condition of my flying."

As soon as we become comfortable with legal "sexual assaults," as Tyner described it, we open the dubious doors to routine full strip searches in the name of "safety."

In response to Tyner's refusal Saturday, TSA Chief John Pistole said the new measures provide the "best possible technology" to detect explosives. Yet Pistole notably disregarded the inability of the new measures to find and discover such bombs as the ones sent from Yemen.

Stand up for your rights, Gators. Sexual assault should not be a requirement for flying. Or you can always report those dissidents who want to keep their civil liberties for thoughtcrime.

And, oh yeah, don't touch my junk.

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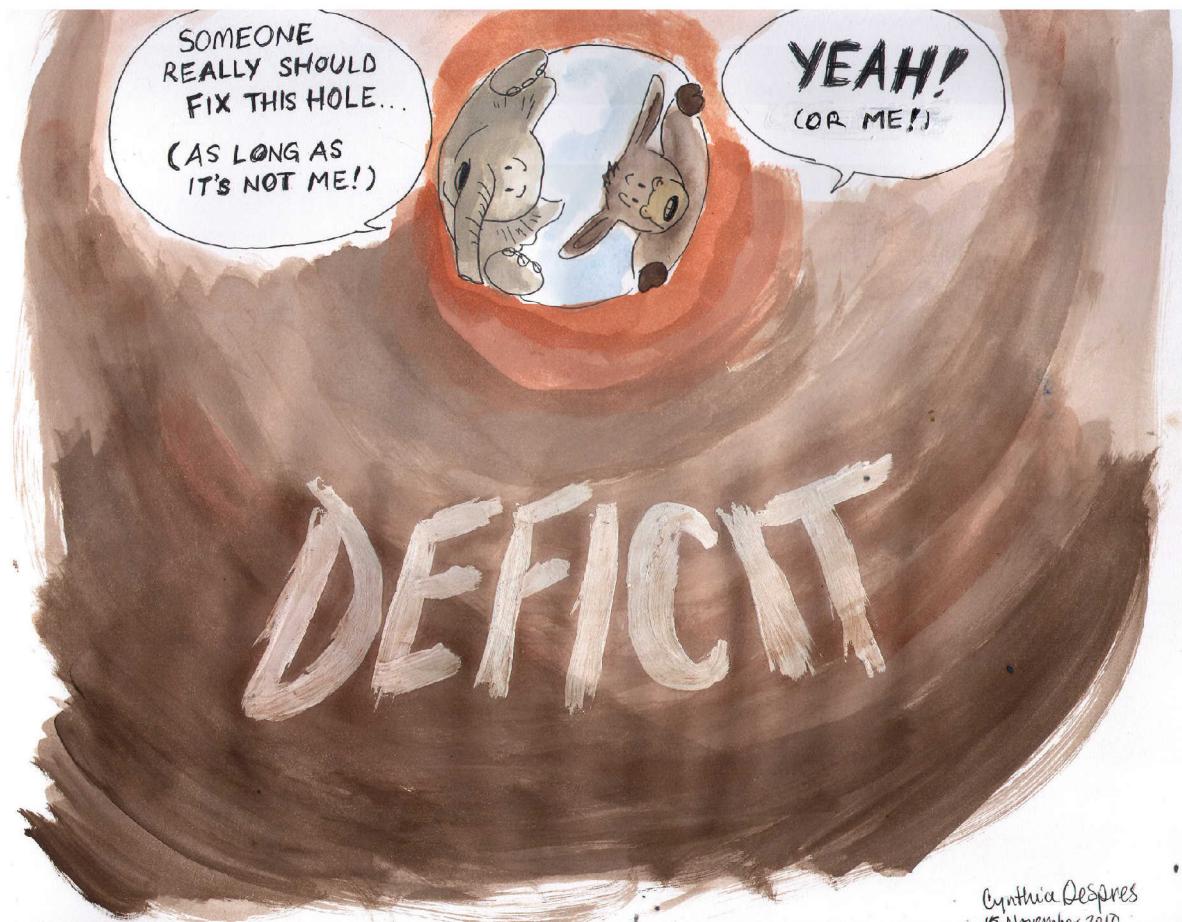
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Column

Biomass plant to use ancient technology

Just like they do with old newspapers and aluminum cans, Gainesville residents should start to recycle their logic into something more eco-friendly.

Maybe everyone who opposes the idea of burning wood to help save the environment can turn their old, venerated logic into GreenSpeak we can use to fertilize local gardens.

Turning facts into fertilizer is almost as eco-friendly as burning wood to clean the air.

The production of thousands of metric tons of Gainesville GreenSpeak holds as much promise as the biomass power plant, and it will cost hundreds of millions of dollars less than planning a way to power the future using caveman technology.

Local politicians and the leadership at Gainesville Regional Utilities have already been working on the widespread production of all the GreenSpeak they can reasonably spew forth, setting an excellent example for the rest of us.

GRU leased 131 acres and the operation of a taxpayer-built billion dollar wood-burning power plant to a private company from the Northeast at the bargain-basement price of \$100 a year.

In the contract our local politicians approved, most of the details were blacked out, getting rid of all that messy "accountability" stuff GRU is always trying to sidestep.

Even the rosiest estimates have our utility rates skyrocketing once we build this.

The only way this won't be the single worst financial decision Gainesville has ever made will be if federal regulations change in the future to punish coal-burning power plants.



Tommy Maple
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The GreenSpeak coming from our elected officials, though, is all the information we will need in order to make a sound decision.

Pumping an average of 1.4 million gallons a day from the Lower Santa Fe River for the plant's cooling tower is fine. We have an iron-clad promise that "some" of the water used will be reclaimed water after seven years or so.

Having 130 diesel trucks barreling down the road every day an average of 52 miles away (and back) filled with tons of wood is actually the most sustainable thing we could do.

Since we are relying on Stone Age technology, anyway, maybe we can equip all the trucks with Flintstones-style foot brakes.

The air around town will be full of particulates and other toxic crap, but who doesn't love the nostalgic and woodsy smell of a campfire?

Plenty of jobs will be created from the hundreds of workers emptying forest floors to the small armada of public relations flacks we'll need in order to keep convincing everyone a power plant built in the 21st century should use technology developed when the woolly mammoth was still around.

The options for clean energy are all imperfect in their own way, and we all have to do our part to conserve and simply live differently in order to construct a cleaner future.

Tommy Maple is an international communications graduate student. His column appears every Tuesday.

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Reader response

Today's question: Are airport security measures too intrusive?

Monday's question: Would graphic images impact people's decision to buy cigarettes?

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Letters to the Editor

Gators should stick together

Shame. Shame all around. Shame on the team and on the coaching staff, but shame on us, too.

Yes, our team has major issues; no one can deny that. But you know who else has issues? The fair-weathered fans in the crowd Saturday who had the gall to boo our quarterback.

John Brantley is not Tim Tebow. We know that. By this point, we know he's not even close to Tebow. But he's ours. You might even think he's the Ron Zook of quarterbacks, but he's ours.

You do not boo your own players, Gators. Boo Steve Addazio. Go ahead. He's a grown man who needs to get some lessons into his skull.

Boo the other team. It's a little crass, but

whatever. But do not boo a guy who, while perhaps lacking in talent, has patiently and graciously waited years for his turn only to see an entire city turn on him. Don't scourge Brantley for trying. Either cheer for the team you love or shut up and stay home.

The team will rebuild. Brantley will move on with his life.

Maybe even Addazio will get fired. But we don't need you mean-spirited hypocrites there. Shame on you, students.

Shaelyn McDaniel
UF student



Cycling safety a two-way street

In reference to Danielle Spatz's Monday

article, I've been a cyclist in this town for eight years now, and every single incident in which I've been close to being hit or actually hit by a car has been on campus.

Sure, there are a lot of cyclists on campus, a fair share of them being inconsiderate by breaking laws and weaving in and out of traffic with a sense of entitlement.

However, even those of us who signal and stop at lights and stop signs have to contend with inconsiderate drivers, many of whom may come from cities with few cyclists. It's hard to be a "defensive biker" when a driver passes you and then immediately turns without warning.

I don't have a horn, so short of throwing things at them from my bike, I, like most cyclists, have no way to get the attention of a driver with the windows rolled up.

If the University Police wants there to be fewer accidents, I'd suggest they place signs at the entrances to campus asking drivers to watch out for their two-wheeled friends when turning and to yield to bicyclists trying to enter traffic just like cars are required to do for buses.

Gainesville prides itself on regularly being ranked as one of the friendliest cities in the nation to cyclists thanks to having segregated bike lanes, numerous municipal bike racks and a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board that works with the City Commission.

Now it's up to the law enforcement as well as cyclists to make it one of the safest cities as well.

Dan Fitzpatrick
UF student

UWire

Facebook breakups peak before Christmas, on Mondays

Students concerned their relationships are on the rocks and could end soon can gain some insight from a study of Facebook statuses.

A new graphic circulating on the Internet charts the use of the phrases "breakup" and "broken up" in Facebook status updates to show what time of the year couples split.

David McCandless, a London-based writer and designer who focuses on data journalism and information design, along with colleague Lee Bryon, created the data visualization in 2008 by scraping 10,000 Facebook status updates for data.

McCandless exhibited the graphic during a July TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conference on data visualization.

He described the graph to the audience, saying, "People clearing out for Spring Break, coming out of very bad weekends on Monday, being single over the summer. And then the lowest day of the year, of course: Christmas Day. Who would do that?"

Kaitlin Ek

UWire

The graphic shows spikes in breakups after Valentine's Day and in the two weeks before Christmas.

There was also a significant spike on April Fool's Day.

Jessica Semin, a freshman pre-nursing student at U. Nebraska-Lincoln, said she thinks people may break up more frequently in the weeks before Christmas because of winter break for college students.

"Maybe since people are with their friends, and not together," she said.

"During Christmas in college, students go back home and see old friends."

Jesse Barlean, a sophomore at UNL, had a different theory.

"I was actually just talking about this with my friends," he said.

"We thought people break up over Christmas and stay broken up until Valentine's Day because they don't want to buy

gifts."

He thought Spring Break breakups were also explainable.

"No one wants a girlfriend for Spring Break," he said.

Semin said that the Monday breakup spikes seemed likely to her.

"Mondays are never a good day for anyone. And it's coming off a weekend," she said, adding that sometimes couples have fights over weekend events.

Barlean agreed, saying, "People have bad Mondays."

As for April Fool's Day, Barlean doubts that more couples actually split up on that day.

"On April Fool's Day, maybe it's just a joke," he said.

During his TED talk, McCandless uses his visualization as an example of the wealth of data available to researchers on the Internet.

"There's a titanic amount of data out there," he said. "It's unprecedented."

Kaitlin Ek is a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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By MINA RADMAN
Alligator Writer

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to put out their cigarettes this week.

Starting Tuesday, GatorWell and the American Medical Student Association will host a variety of events across campus this week to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and provide resources for those who want to quit.

"The goal is typically to raise awareness," said Jane Emmeree, a "quit coach" at GatorWell. "We always try to do something locally in conjunction with the national event."

These events mark the 35th annual Great American Smokeout, held nationwide by the American Cancer Society,

which encourages smokers to pick a day to quit.

"We ask them to consider quitting again, if not by the day of smokeout, then by the first of the year," Emmeree said.

UF has maintained a tobacco-free campus policy since July, in which tobacco use is prohibited across campus. The Office of Student Activities and Involvement addresses students who don't comply with the policy, while employees' immediate supervisors address any issues.

On Campus The GatorWell Health Hut will have health resource materials Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Hub, the Southwest Recreation Center, the Plaza of the Americas and the Reitz Union Colonnade.

AMSA will be tabling on the Plaza of the Americas Thursday with additional resource materials.

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Court upholds in-state tuition for immigrants

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court ruled Monday that some illegal immigrants are entitled to the same tuition breaks offered to in-state high school students to attend public colleges and universities.

While the ruling applies only to California, the case was closely watched nationally because nine other states including New York and Texas have similar laws.

Republican congressmen Lamar S. Smith of Texas and Steve King of Iowa filed a so-called friends of the court brief urging that illegal immigrants be denied the reduced rate.

The lawsuit was part of a broader legal assault led by the immigration legal scholar Kris Kobach, who has filed numerous cases across the country seeking to restrict the rights of illegal immigrants.

A unanimous state Supreme Court, led by politically conservative Justice Ming Chin, said the California provision was constitutional because U.S. residents also had

access to the reduced rates.

The California Legislature passed the controversial measure in 2001 that allowed any student regardless of immigration status who attended a California high school for at least three years and graduated to qualify for in-state tuition at the state's colleges universities. In-state tuition saves each state college student about \$11,000 a year and each University of California student about \$23,000 a year.

The state law also requires the illegal immigrants applying for the in-state tuition to swear they will attempt to become U.S. citizens. The applicants are still barred from receiving federal financial aid.

"Through their hard work and perseverance, these students have earned the opportunity to attend UC," said University of California president Mark G. Yudof. "Their accomplishments should not be disregarded or their futures jeopardized."



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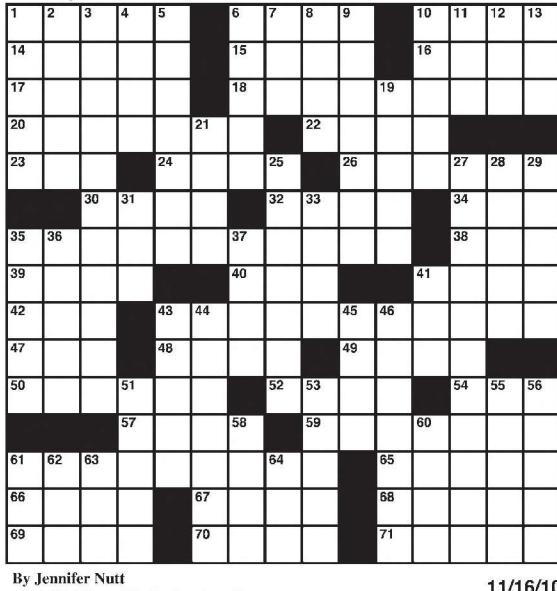
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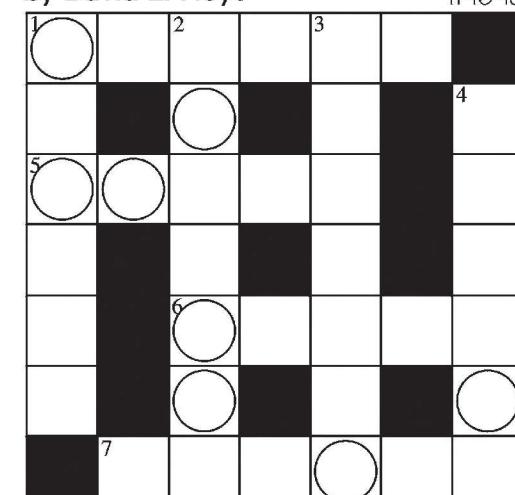
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Gators look to use press to beat big Buckeyes team

■ UF HOSTS OHIO STATE
TONIGHT AT 6.

By GREG LUCA
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For weeks the Gators have been endorsing their increased physicality.

Tonight they'll face their first real test.

After three games of feasting on inferior competition, Florida's big men will be challenged when they square off against No. 4 Ohio State at 6 in the O'Connell Center.

"They're big, they have a lot of size, and they're really athletic," senior Alex Tyus said. "It's definitely going to be a challenge for us."

Tyus and seniors Vernon Macklin and Chandler Parsons comprise a frontcourt that led No. 9 UF to a 36-22 rebounding edge in its season opener against UNC-Wilmington, but they will face significantly stronger competition from OSU.

The average Seahawks starter was 6-foot-5, 195 pounds, while the Buckeyes starters stand at an average of 6-foot-6, 233 pounds.

Ohio State put that advantage on display in its opening game, out-rebounding North Carolina A&T by an astounding 55-17 margin on its way to a 102-61 victory.

"I think (Ohio State) has the po-

tential to be one of the best rebounding teams in the country," said coach Billy Donovan, whose average starter is 6-foot-3 and 206 pounds. "They obviously have a lot of length and size."

A great deal of that rebounding figures to come from freshman Jared

Sullinger, a highly-touted recruit who was the consensus No. 1 center in his class.

The 6-foot-9, 280-pound monster is a quality passer and has a strong face-up game to compliment his dominant post presence.

"He has really good moves and

he keeps his composure," Tyus said of Sullinger. "He doesn't play like a freshman."

One way the Gators hope to counter the Buckeyes' bulk is by playing an up-tempo style and coming at them with a full-court press.

Florida believes that it can tire out

the Ohio State starters if it can keep them out of their normal offensive sets and force them to run the floor.

"With their size, we'd rather take our chances up there than waiting for them to come up in the half court," junior Erving Walker said. "It's our style versus their style, and we want our style to win out."

The Gators are also hoping that the press will be able to generate turnovers against an Ohio State team that usually operates without a traditional point guard.

With the loss of Evan Turner to the NBA, the Buckeyes have had to hand the role of primary ball-handler over to junior William Buford, who has played mostly off the ball in his OSU career.

"I think he's really a two-guard," sophomore Kenny Boynton said. "We definitely have to put pressure on him and try to turn him over."

The only true point guard on the roster is freshman Aaron Craft, who recorded nine assists in 22 minutes during OSU's opener.

UF will be looking to rattle Craft and the rest of Ohio State's top-ranked recruiting class with relentless pressure and deafening crowd noise.

"For their freshman this will be their first time playing in a big game," Boynton said. "I think we definitely could get to them with our crowd and our intensity."



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Power forward Alex Tyus and the rest of UF's frontcourt will battle against a Ohio State starting lineup whose average size is 6-foot-6, 233 pounds.

Butler beats former team to earn 100th career win

By MATT WATTS
Alligator Writer

In 2005 Amanda Butler notched her first career victory as the head coach of the Charlotte 49ers. On Monday night, she reached another milestone against that very same team.

The Gators' 76-70 victory against Charlotte (1-1) in the second round of the Preseason Women's NIT gave Butler her 100th career win.

"There is absolutely nothing bitter about winning, regardless of who you're playing against," Butler said. "I'm just

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UF FOOTBALL Addazio, Brantley expected to return despite criticism

By ANTHONY CHIANG
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Gators fans could be welcoming back some familiar faces next season.

Despite rumors and criticism, coach Urban Meyer said Monday he believes UF offensive coordinator Steve Addazio will be back calling plays next season.

And quarterback John Brantley dispelled rumors that he was thinking about transferring from Florida.

Addazio has received much of the blame for the offense's struggles. The Gators are currently ranked 82nd in total offense.

And if Addazio is the most frequent name when discussing the offense's failures, Brantley isn't far behind.

He has thrown eight touchdowns and seven interceptions in his first season as Florida's starting quarterback.

His inability to run the option has led to a decrease in playing time as he is now splitting time with two other quarterbacks. But Brantley denied ever contemplating a transfer from Gainesville.

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TEeing off with Kyle Maistro

■ Redskins owner Daniel Snyder gave Donovan McNabb a five-year, \$78 million contract extension. Imagine how much he would've paid for a physically fit quarterback who runs the two-minute drill better than Rex Grossman. ... UF QB John Brantley didn't rule out losing to App State this weekend, which got me thinking: What level of team would it take for him to guarantee victory at this point? Men's competitive flag football champs?

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Meyer, Pouncey point toward energy as reason for offense's struggles

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"My dad called me last weekend right when he landed back from Nashville (Tenn.)," Brantley said. "He didn't know what was going on, and I had no idea either. I haven't said anything to him about that. He has never said anything to me about that. Those are just all rumors."

Looking for energy on offense: Florida's offense hasn't just lost three first-rounders in the last two NFL Drafts. Evidently, it's missing something else.

On Monday, Meyer pointed toward a lack of energy as one of the offense's problems.

"I don't see an offense full of life," he said. "I don't see a lot of energy. That's one thing as a head coach that concerns me. That's all personnel-based and success-based. And you try to recruit those types of personalities (that bring energy)."

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Urban Meyer
UF football coach

The offense is averaging about 29 points per game (50th in the nation), and Brantley is the third-worst rated passer in the conference.

Meyer said dual-threat quarterback Jordan Reed's role may expand Saturday to help bring some life to the group.

"[Reed] does provide some energy," Meyer said. "Just the way he plays. You see the energy level, which is obviously critical at the center of the offense."

The freshman completed three of seven passes against South Carolina, one of them for a touchdown.

But so far the energy provided by players such as Tim Tebow, Maurkice Pouncey, Percy Harvin, Aaron Hernandez and Riley Cooper has not been matched by this season's unit.

"You lose two first-rounders on offense and a lot of great players playing in the NFL now," center Mike Pouncey said. "You lose a lot of energy and emotion toward the game. Guys that really show while they are playing that they love it and they bring other guys up around them. I think that's where we were hurting all year."

Easley back practicing with team: Freshman Dominique Easley was not on UF's travel roster for the Vanderbilt game and his status with the team was in doubt.

But Easley is practicing with the team again as of Monday, according to Meyer.

The defensive tackle has recorded three tackles in four games this season. He arrived to Florida as a five-star recruit, according to Rivals.com.



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UF center Mike Pouncey said the loss of offensive leaders to the NFL has caused a lack of passion and energy on that side of the ball for the Gators this season.

HEISMAN WATCH



1. ▲ Cam Newton (20): 183.58 passer rating, 2,038 passing yards, 68.2 completion percentage, 21 passing touchdowns, 6 interceptions; 1,297 rushing yards, 6.3 yards per carry, 17 rushing touchdowns; 2 receptions, 42 yards, 1 TD



Another week, another laundry list of allegations. But unlike many players who are unable to compartmentalize off-the-field issues, Newton thrived despite them. He looked more emotional during warmups Saturday than he had all season. And he torched UGA, capping Auburn's opening drive with a 31-yard score and finishing the game with more touchdowns (four) than incompletions (three, two of which were dropped passes).

2. ▲ Kellen Moore (16): 191.2 passer rating, 2,588 passing yards, 71.9 completion percentage, 24 passing touchdowns, 4 interceptions; 1 reception, 7 yards, 1 touchdown



Moore's Heisman hopes follow a similar strategy to that of Boise State's national championship run: Beat up on the little guys while waiting for the big boys to erase each other. And last week, when LaMichael James and the rest of the Ducks came out flat against Cal, Moore could watch with a smile on his face after posting another fine performance against "rival" Idaho on Friday night. He passed for more than 200 yards and accounted for three touchdowns.

3. ▼ LaMichael James (11): 1,422 rushing yards, 6.3 yards per carry, 17 rushing touchdowns; 10 receptions, 149 yards, 1 receiving touchdown



James suffered a slight setback last week against Cal, when he failed to reach the end zone and was held under 100 yards for just the second time this season. Still, James surpassed former Heisman darling Denard Robinson as the nation's leading rusher, and the sophomore can make up for his recent shortcomings against No. 22 Arizona and in the annual Civil War against Oregon State.

4. ▲ Justin Blackmon (9): 84 receptions, 1,430 yards, 16 receiving touchdowns; 77 rushing yards, 19.3 yards per carry, 1 rushing touchdown



Blackmon added Texas to his growing list of victims Saturday when he torched the Longhorns for 145 yards and a touchdown. Thus far, Blackmon's only miss came against Kansas State, and that's only because he was suspended when the Cowboys beat the Wildcats. In the nine games Blackmon has played, the sophomore is averaging 9.3 catches and 159 yards.

5. ▲ Ryan Mallett (2): 166.48 passer rating, 2,967 passing yards, 67.3 completion percentage, 24 passing touchdowns, 8 interceptions; 4 rushing touchdowns



In Arkansas' last three games, Mallett has passed for 927 yards, nine touchdowns and just one interception. Sure, the 6-foot-6 junior thrived against the likes of UTEP and Vanderbilt, but he also threw for 303 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns in a 41-20 win against South Carolina two weeks ago. You remember the Gamecocks, right?

OUR RANKINGS

*The number in parentheses next to each name indicates how many points each candidate received from the alligatorSports columnists.

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1. Cam Newton, Auburn
2. Kellen Moore, Boise St.
3. LaMichael James, Ore.
4. Justin Blackmon, Ok. St.
5. Ryan Mallett, Arkansas

Tyler Jett

1. Cam Newton
2. Kellen Moore
3. LaMichael James
4. Justin Blackmon
5. Ryan Mallett

Kyle Maistro

1. Cam Newton
2. Kellen Moore
3. LaMichael James
4. Justin Blackmon
5. Colin Kaepernick, Nev.

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Florida's rough season just part of college football's revolving cycle

Few moments of UF's beat-down loss to South Carolina could be described as poetic, but there was at least one.

Early in the fourth quarter, Florida's band struck up Coldplay's "Viva La Vida." The Gators trailed 29-7 and had just turned the ball over on downs, and it would've been hard to choose a more appropriate song thanks to the first line:

"I used to rule the world..."

And that summed up exactly how most of the 90,885 watching Florida get pummeled by South Carolina must have felt at that moment. Remember when Tim Tebow was running around in The Swamp and a trip to the Southeastern Conference Championship felt like a birthright?

Saturday night was a long way

from there.

By then, it was clear there would be no SEC title, and the reality of watching Steve Spurrier's boys romp in The Swamp had set in.

It effectively meant the end of the season, and that's something Gators fans haven't felt in quite a while. In the last rough year, 2007, Florida still had Tebow's Heisman Trophy campaign to look forward to.

Even in somewhat of a rebuilding year, it was a shock.

But please, hold the tears.

This is karma.

No one gets to win all the time. Teams have to suck at least occasionally for the world to stay balanced.

Sometimes they have a pitiful offense and lose a lot.



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around, and
Gators fans were due for some bad moments.

So the powers that be had them lose to the team that ruined last season (Alabama) and then three former Florida coaches: LSU's Billy Gonzalez, Mississippi State's Dan Mullen and South Carolina's Spurrier — men who helped set the standard for exciting UF offenses that this year's team fell so frustratingly far short of.

And the loss to the Gamecocks was a throwback to the win that started it all. Run back the opening kick and get blown out? Sounds like Ohio State in 2006.

Meanwhile, they have to sit and watch Cam Newton guide Auburn to an 11-0 start and likely lock up a Heisman Trophy. They have to dream about what life would be like if Newton was still in Gainesville.

These aren't coincidences. They're what had to happen, and experiencing this is what makes true fans.

The delirious run of Florida athletics from 2006-09 was so much sweeter for those who suffered through down seasons, much like how watching my favorite school win back-to-back conference titles was more special

after seeing just three wins in a two-year period.

People who enrolled at UF in the fall of 2006 and graduated on time (oops) left having seen a total of three national championships, a Heisman and an undefeated regular season.

Life isn't supposed to work that way. For those who showed up in Gainesville this year: bad timing. You arrived for the payback phase.

And based on the wild success of years past, it can't be over yet.

True, a trip to Atlanta is still possible for the Chick-fil-A Bowl, but that wouldn't be the karmic cherry atop this season.

Three bowls match up the SEC and Big Ten, and Illinois is a win away from being bowl-eligible.

ZOOOOOOOK!

Jones hit a three to give UF decisive lead

WOMEN'S HOOPS, from page 13

of steals off inbounds plays and sparked the Gators to a 12-3 lead in the first four minutes.

But it was the play of Jones that would propel the Gators to a second straight victory and berth in the semifinals of the NIT. Jones had a team-high 19 points on a number of clutch shots, including a 3-of-5 showing from beyond the arc.

"[Jaterra Bonds] led us in the first game, and then I led us this game, but next game is going to be someone else," Jones said. "It's a different person stepping up each game, and that makes our jobs a lot easier."

After substituting into a smaller lineup featuring freshmen Brittany Shine, Deaundra Young and Bonds, the Gators (2-0) extended their lead to 21-7 thanks to the fast tempo Butler and Co. have promised.

Shine showed off her best John Wall dance moves before the game and the impersonation carried over into her performance on the floor. She drained a three on a fast break then grabbed a long pass over the defense for an easy layup after a Charlotte miss.

Shine totaled nine points in just two minutes to propel the Gators to a 14-point lead.

"I just tried to be a little sparkplug out there," Shine said. "I just try to bring energy every time I get in [the game]."

But Charlotte fought back, consistently beating the interior of UF's defense with dribble penetration en route to 26 points in the paint in the first half. Entering the locker rooms, UF's lead was down to a slim four points.

After the break, Charlotte's defense began forcing the issue, bringing two and three defenders with a full-court press. The teams traded baskets for much of the second half with neither dominating the action.

Just 6:55 into the second half, Charlotte took its first lead since the opening minutes. But Jones stepped up for the Gators once again.

She drained a crucial three-pointer that put UF up 53-51 — a lead it wouldn't relinquish the rest of the way.

"As long as we keep fighting and that effort stays consistent like that then I feel good about our chances."

Amanda Butler
UF women's basketball coach

But the game once again was determined in the final minutes. Center Azania Stewart snatched two key boards and made two free throws in that time to add to her double-double totals of 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"As long as we keep fighting and that effort stays consistent like that, then I feel good about our chances," Butler said. "I didn't think we played consistently with toughness until it really, really mattered."

"When you can win ugly, and when you grind it out against a good team like that you've got to walk away feeling really good and confident."

Florida's next game will be in the semifinals on Thursday at 8 p.m. against DePaul.



Alligator File Photo

UF guard Jordan Jones racked up a team-high 19 points against Charlotte on Monday.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Texas RB calls it quits after multiple concussions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas sophomore running back Tre' Newton, son of former Dallas Cowboys lineman Nate Newton, announced Monday that he is giving up football after several concussions over his college and high school careers.

Newton missed last week's loss to Oklahoma State after sustaining a concussion in a loss to Kansas State on Nov. 6. Team doctors advised him to give up football to avoid long-term problems, Newton said.

Newton said the decision to quit football was his, but also said his father told him: "You have to think about the future because football is going to end someday."

"As much as I love football, this is one of

the hardest decisions of my life," Newton said. "[But] football isn't forever."

Newton also sustained a concussion in 2009, but was still Texas' leading rusher that season with 552 yards. He had rushed for 229 yards and three touchdowns this season.

Newton said he had more than one concussion in high school. He will stay on scholarship and work to finish his degree in corporate communications.

"He's earned his scholarship here," coach Mack Brown said. "He's a great young man and leader."

Newton said he doesn't remember the play on which he got hurt against Kansas State. He did not practice last week and met with team doctors and his family a few

hours before the Oklahoma State game to make his final decision.

Brown said Newton will remain close to the team and could help coach running backs next season.



Tre' Newton

Brown said.

Newton welcomed the chance to stay with his teammates, offering to help anyway he can "even if it's just running to give

somebody water."

Texas senior wide receiver James Kirkendoll said the team didn't know of Newton's decision until Monday morning.

"He's a true teammate and a great football player," Kirkendoll said. "It's one of the tough things you have to deal with in this sport."

With Newton's career now over and junior Foswhitt Whittaker nursing a sore shoulder, junior Cody Johnson is listed as the starter for Saturday's game against Florida Atlantic (4-5). Johnson leads Texas (4-6) with 361 yards and five touchdowns.

Texas must beat Florida Atlantic and Texas A&M to become bowl eligible and avoid the Longhorns' first losing season since 1997.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Dolphins place Pennington on IR, sign Ramsey

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIE — Chad Pennington's latest shoulder injury is "long-term," but Chad Henne might be available for Thursday night's game against the Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said Monday.

The Dolphins signed veteran Patrick Ramsey on Monday and placed Pennington on injured reserve. On his first play of the season Sunday against the Tennessee Titans, Pennington re-injured his right shoulder, which has already undergone surgery three times.

Third-string quarterback Tyler Thigpen is the most likely starter against the Bears after finishing Sunday's victory over Tennessee when injuries sidelined Miami's top two quarterbacks.

Injury issues weren't limited to quarterback. Pro Bowl left tackle Jake Long hurt his shoulder, and his availability is uncertain. Like Long, AFC sack leader Cameron Wake (hip) and safety Chris Clemons (groin) finished Sunday's game on the bench.

"We have a lot of guys bumped up right now," Sparano said. "We're sorting through it all."

As Sparano spoke, Henne was in the training room being treated for a left knee injury that side-

lined him in the third quarter.

Turnaround time is brief for the Dolphins (5-4), with only a single practice — today — between games. That makes it less likely Henne will be able to recover enough to start, but Sparano was non-committal.

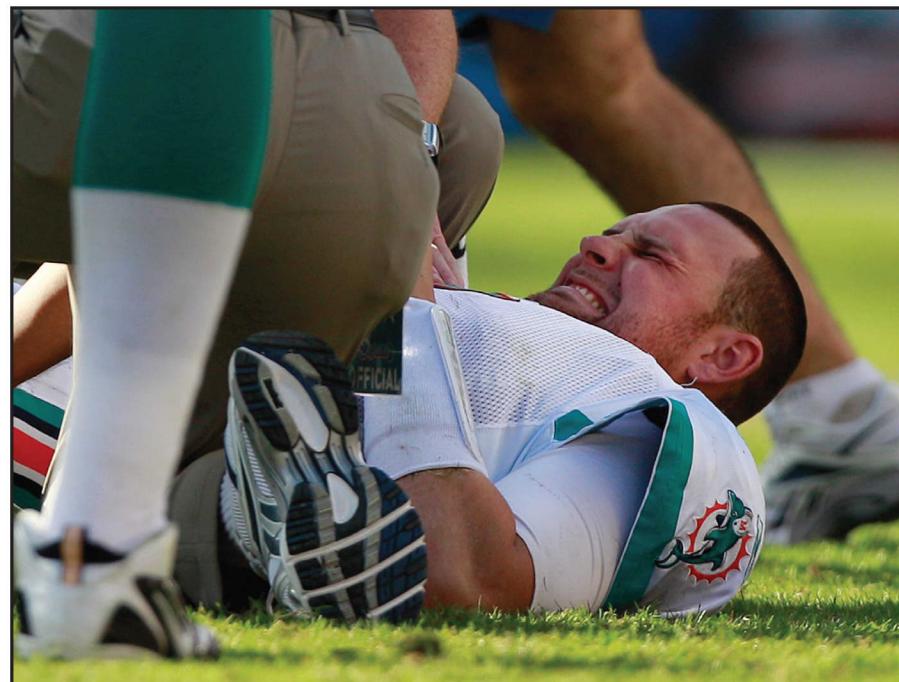
"We'll see. Right now we are day to day," he said. "Tyler will be ready, depending on what Chad Henne does this week."

"We have a lot of guys bumped up right now. We're sorting through it all."

Tony Sparano
Miami coach

Thigpen entered Sunday's game in the fourth quarter and led an 85-yard touchdown drive that sealed the 29-17 win. He went 4 for 6 for 64 yards and a score, a remarkably polished performance considering he has been mostly a spectator at practice this season.

"As a No. 3, that's what it is — you don't get any reps," Thigpen said. "The No. 1 gets about 80 percent, and the 2 gets about 20 percent of the reps. But the 3 has to just sit back there and mentally rep every play."



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Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne injured his left knee against the Titans on Sunday. His status for Thursday's game is in question.

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