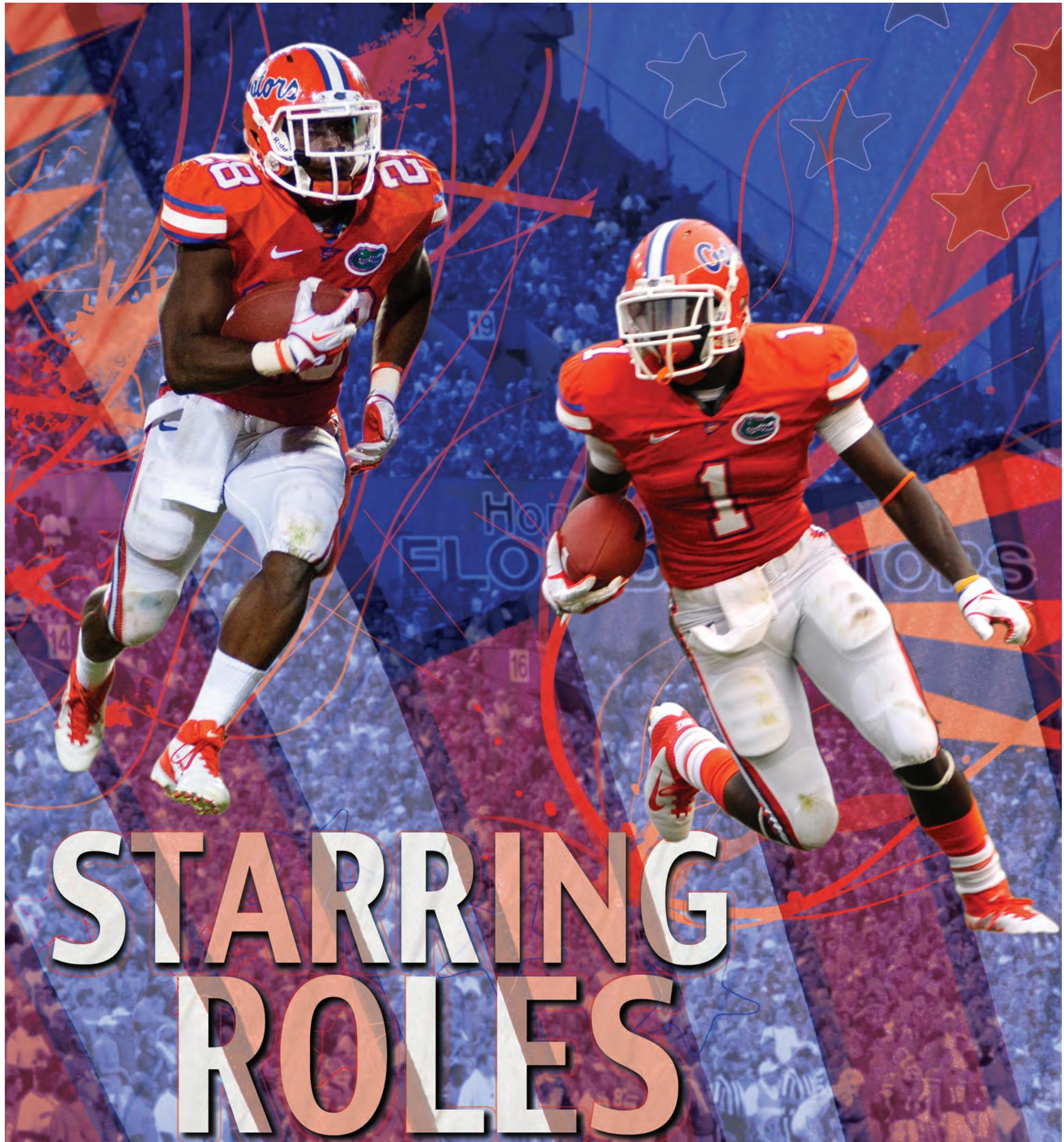


# KICKOFF

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# KICKOFF

Editor Tom Green ■ Assistant Editor Matt Watts ■ Cover Photo Dana Burke and Matt Watts  
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# Chasing History

## Demps, Rainey could rewrite record books

**TOM GREEN**

Alligator Sports Editor

L inebacker Jon Bostic watched from the sidelines in disbelief, and all left tackle Xavier Nixon saw were clumps of dirt kicking up from the field as 88,708 fans erupted in The Swamp.

Chris Rainey spun past a defender in the backfield after it appeared he would be stopped for a loss, and the 5-foot-9, 180-pound running back streaked down the left sideline and into the end zone.

It was the second of Rainey's three touchdowns in Florida's season-opening 41-3 win against Florida Atlantic last week, and one of five scored by Rainey and fellow speedster Jeff Demps on the night as they combined for more than 300 all-purpose yards.

"They're versatile players," Nixon said.

"They just make things happen and it's great to see them together in tandem to get touches. It's just a beautiful thing."

The display set the tone for Florida's offense, and for the two senior running backs, who have a chance to become the first 1,000-yard rushers at Florida since Ciatrick Fason in 2004. Should that happen, Demps and Rainey would also become the first pair of Gators to rush for 1,000 yards in the same season.

### Shifting Gears

The days of the spread-option

are gone, and Rainey couldn't be happier.

Throughout their Florida careers, Demps and Rainey played in Urban Meyer's spread offense, where they took handoffs or pitches and lined up next to the quarterback in the backfield.

Now, the Gators have adapted a pro-style attack under offensive coordinator Charlie Weis, and the team is running what Demps called a tailback-friendly, run-first offense.

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Charlie Weis  
UF offensive coordinator

They line up two yards deeper in the new system, making it easier to read the defense and find holes.

"It's the best thing that ever happened to me," Rainey said. "The whole offense is made for us, so I'm just glad it happened."

Rainey was part of a pro-style offense at Lakeland High, where he ran for 2,478 yards and 32 touchdowns as a senior and helped lead the Dreadnaughts to three consecutive state championships.

"We're in an offense I love, and I can't wait to perform," Rainey said

during fall camp.

He and Demps didn't have to wait long, as the changing of the guard was evident just one game into the season.

Although Weis said Florida kept the offense relatively vanilla for the opener, his philosophy of establishing the run early and often was on display against Florida Atlantic last Saturday.

The twosome ran 23 times for three scores and 184 rushing yards, including 105 from Demps, who reached the century mark for the fifth time in his career.

"Everything starts with the run game," Weis said. "It's obvious we've got a couple of dynamic guys."

But their impact on offense went beyond carrying the ball.

Along with the lofty rushing totals, the two had 88 receiving yards as Rainey led the team with six receptions and 67 yards.

Both also made key contributions on special teams.

Rainey scooped up a blocked punt and brought it back for a touchdown, and Demps returned the opening kickoff to the house only to have it called back due to a holding penalty.

"I tried to forewarn you of what I expected, and what I expected was basically what you saw," Weis said. "They're both exceptional football players."

### Speed Kills



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida running back Jeff Demps rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns in the Gators' 41-3 win against FAU in the season opener last Saturday. It was Demps' fifth-career 100-yard game.

Weis called Demps and Rainey the two fastest players he has ever coached — at any level.

Given what Weis has accomplished and seen in his 32-year coaching career — which includes 16 seasons in the NFL and four Super Bowl rings — when he makes that kind of claim, people tend to listen.

"Everyone who comes in — all my boys from the other level, I say the same thing to them," Weis said. "I say, 'You've never seen anything like this.' I don't know if they can run dead, but I know they can run."

Demps is a world-class sprinter who reportedly turned down a lucrative professional track contract to return to Florida for his senior season.

In March, he ran a 6.55 in the 60-meter dash to break his own school record and claim the NCAA championship, and he has run the 100-meter in under 10 seconds on multiple occasions.

Rainey also ran track when he first arrived in Gainesville, earning All-America honors as a freshman when he helped lead the Gators to a third-place finish in the 4x100 at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Fortunately for the Gators, their speed on the track translates to speed on the turf, where they have routinely shown the ability to break off what coach Will Muschamp calls "explosives," or runs longer than 10 yards and receptions longer than 20.

"They're huge for this team," redshirt senior quarterback John Brantley said. "Two of the fastest — probably the two fastest running backs in the country."

Each claims to be faster than the other, but Demps concedes that he likes to bowl through and outrun defenders while Rainey is the shiftnomore elusive back.

Regardless of who may be faster, both should expect to touch the ball a lot in their final collegiate season.

"They'll both be out there a whole bunch," Weis said recently. "They'll be tired after games. They'll both be tired."

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"It was frustrating," Demps said.

"Coach Meyer would come by me every week and say, 'You gotten carries in you this week?' and I would say, 'Yes coach.' Just being me, I'm a competitor. But deep down, I don't think I was physically ready."

But Demps said there is no lingering pain and he is ready to take on a full load, and a full season. So is Rainey, who said he has matured over the last year and has learned to think before he acts.

Still, Weis said concerns remain about the duo's stamina and the ability to find the right balance of utilizing them enough, but not too much.

Neither has recorded more than 99 carries nor sniffed the 800-yard rushing mark during his career.

But, with a steady rotation in the backfield to keep each other fresh and healthy, Rainey and Demps could eclipse those marks and go down as the first 1,000-yard rushing duo in Florida history.

"I'm a big fan of Demps and Rainey," Weis said. "I'm not used to having two guys that are that fast and that quick. It's a very unusual quality, but the best part about it to me is that they're very close to being the same guy."

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## INJURY REPORT

### OUT

TE A.C. Leonard (knee)

WR Robert Clark (hamstring)

### QUESTIONABLE

CB Jeremy Brown (knee)

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RB Pat Shad (hernia)

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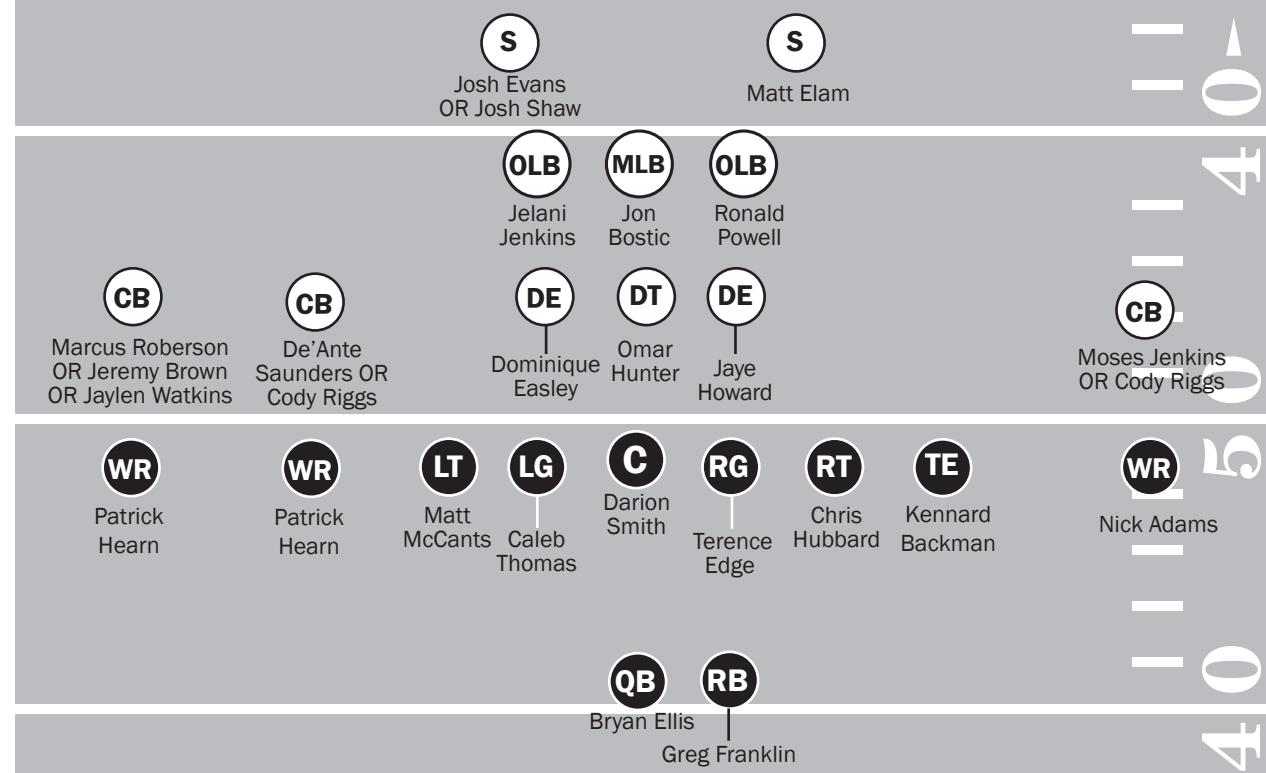


UF running back Chris Rainey (1) said the team's new pro-style offense suits him better than the spread offense of a year ago. Rainey notched three touchdowns in Florida's Week 1 win, including a return of a blocked punt.

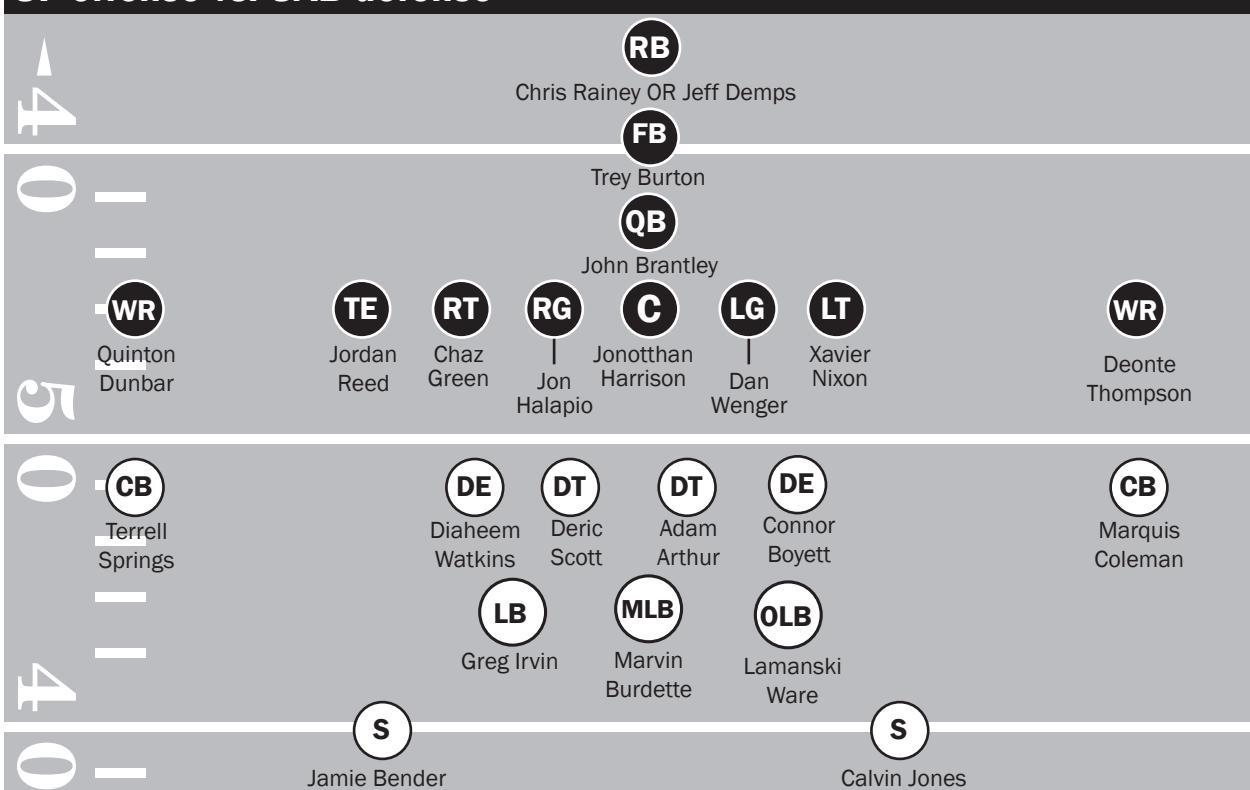
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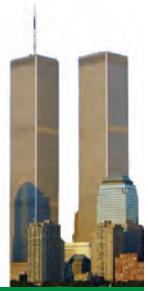
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Emmitt Smith	1987	1,341
Jimmy DuBose	1975	1,307
Fred Taylor	1997	1,292
Errict Rhett	1993	1,289
Ciatrick Fason	2004	1,267
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Earnest Graham	2002	1,085
Neal Anderson	1985	1,034

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## NCAA suspends DL Floyd two games

### Muschamp 'angered, disgusted' by decision

**TOM GREEN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Sophomore defensive lineman Sharrif Floyd was suspended for two games by the NCAA and must repay impermissible benefits received before he can play again for Florida, a deci-

sion that did not go over well with coach Will Muschamp.

The NCAA released a statement Thursday detailing its ruling on Floyd, who was deemed ineligible by Florida prior to the team's season opener against Florida Atlantic last weekend.

"I'm angered, disgusted and



Floyd

extremely disappointed that Sharif will have to miss two games," Muschamp said in an impassioned statement released

Thursday night.  
(For Muschamp's complete reaction, see [alligatorSports.org](#).)

Floyd must sit out Saturday's game against UAB and repay approximately \$2,700 to charity before he can be reinstated.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley also released a statement shortly after the NCAA's

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### DEVELOPMENT

## Christian Campus House to get new center

**MEREDITH RUTLAND**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Members of Christian Campus House became homeless when developers bought the off-campus student organization's lot the day before Christmas Eve.

The company is using the space to build a parking garage.

Since then, the members of Christian Campus House congregate on UF's Plaza of the Americas weekly to play volleyball and hang out with friends.

Christian Campus House sold its land to the north of University Avenue to RLR1 LLC, the Ohio-based executive group building The Stadium Club.

The eight-story apartment complex is on the corner of Fletcher Drive and University Avenue.

The company plans to use the plot to build a six-story parking garage to complement its complex.

With their building sold in December and razed in April, members of the Christian Campus House have been forced to adapt.

Kelly Adams, a psychology junior and president of the organization, said the group has grown by about 15 people in the last semester to its current count of about 35 members.

In addition to the \$700,000 sale of Christian Campus House's lot, the owners of The Stadium Club donated enough money for the organization to build a new center and a plot of land to build on at 1808 NW First Ave.

Construction of the new center is scheduled to be finished by summer 2012, Adams said.

Representatives of the company did not return phone calls for comment by press time.

Campus minister Bob Gailey said he couldn't divulge donation amounts but said

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Elise Giordano / Alligator

The owners of The Stadium Club on University Avenue bought the Christian Campus Club's original lot. With the help of donations, the club is building a new center.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Campus Cleanup Extravaganza

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Information Booth on  
Turlington Plaza  
Teams of eight to 10 will disperse across campus to pick up as much trash as possible.  
At the end there will be a celebration with free food, prizes and awards for winning teams. Teams sign up the day of the event, so students can either come with their team or just show up.

### Techno Contra Dance

Sunday, 3:30 to 7 p.m.  
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom  
The Contra Dancing Club is hosting the first techno contra dance at UF. There will be a disc jockey, black lights and dancing. Contra dancing is easy to learn. There will be an introductory workshop at 3:30 p.m. before the dance at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students.

### Something Wicked This Way Comes: How to Save the University

Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Smathers Library 1A  
In this public talk, professor Cary Nelson from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will outline strategies for faculty and students to unite, and he will respond to the ongoing political assaults on higher education.

### Health Occupations Students of America First General Body Meeting

Monday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Little Hall 121  
The Health Occupations Students of America will be

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having its first meeting of the semester. HOSA is a club for pre-health students. Come to learn about health-based volunteering, national competition, scholarships and leadership opportunities.

### Swap Meet UF

Thursday, 6 p.m.  
Stuzin Hall 267  
Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation  
Seeking an internship, externship or project opportunity with a Gainesville startup/entrepreneurial company? Here's a chance to meet company reps from more than 30 Gainesville startups, including Grooveshark, Axogen, Trendy Entertainment, Register Patient, Fracture and many more. Opportunities are available in areas such as marketing, Web development, public relations, computer engineering, advertising and more. See the full company list, event agenda and RSVP on Facebook by searching "Swap Meet UF—Fall 2011."

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## BRIEF

### UF faculty, staff can be nominated for awards during Homecoming

UF faculty and staff have been honored during Homecoming week since 1958.

This year, the celebration will be held at 5 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

For the distinguished research mentor and distinguished faculty awards, faculty members can be nominated either by current faculty members, faculty alumni or students. For the third category, the distinguished departmental award, faculty can be nominated only by department heads.

There will be multiple winners for each category.

Applications for nomination can be found at [gatorgrowl.org](http://gatorgrowl.org) and are due by Sept. 21.

— BENJAMIN S. BRASCH

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# Experts discuss financial crisis

► THE PANEL PREDICTED A DOUBLE-DIP RECESSION.

AMANDA COHEN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Leading financial-reform expert Phil Angelides warned students, faculty and the general public of a double-dip recession while talking economics Thursday evening in Pugh Hall.

"We will never close our long-term deficit problem — which is what we have — until we put people back to work in this country," said Angelides, chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

The U.S. Federal Government commissioned the group to explore causes for current financial and economic conditions.

Angelides was the first speaker in the Bob Graham Center for Public Service's fall lecture series.

Former Gov. Bob Graham and moderator Dominic Calabro, from Florida TaxWatch, joined Angelides on the panel.

Graham said the key to a possible dip lies in the American people's confidence in the politi-

cal economy.

"This country is going to have to get back to what I learned in economics class here at the University of Florida: a mixed economy," he said.

Audience members asked questions regarding the possibility of another recession and the current state of the housing market.

In response to Calabro's remark that the current state of mind of Americans is a "moral hazard," Graham cited a restructured view of the housing bubble.

"Don't buy into the belief that housing prices will only go up. That formula worked the past decade of exponential growth — but it collapsed," Graham said.

Guests included former gubernatorial candidate Alex Sink and Paul D'Anieri, the dean of the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

After the discussion, Sink said the most fascinating part of the evening was the restatement of the report's findings that the economic crisis was completely avoidable.

"I'm just distressed about Florida," Sink said. "Think of the homes, unemployment, the loss of 24,000 small businesses, and it all got started because of this sub-prime crisis."

## WEATHER

# Cooler temperatures to last through today

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Writer

degrees Thursday morning.

The front will continue to affect Gainesville until Friday afternoon, when a 30 percent chance of rain could turn the temperature back up. Peterson said moisture will be creeping back into the area over the weekend, bringing warmer temperatures.

Temperatures will be close to 90 degrees again by the beginning of next week.

However, Peterson said, Florida is entering the time of year when cold fronts begin to come, so more short-lived cold fronts will be on the way.

Instead of killing time between classes in the Reitz Union like they normally do, friends Sarah Waickowski and Joshua Brewer parked themselves under a tree on the North Lawn on Thursday because Mother Nature hasn't been too unkind lately.

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## LOCAL

# Homeless man calls in fire, saves law office

**EMILY MORROW**

Alligator Writer

Gilbert Schaffnit was in his Chicago hotel room Wednesday night when he got the phone call that his office was on fire.

The historic Fennel-Waldo House, 719 NE First St., built in the early 1900s and now home to the law firms of Schaffnit and Ted C. Curtis, went up in flames around 10 p.m.

A homeless man, whom Schaffnit has yet to meet, was walking by when he saw smoke coming out of the windows.

*"Had that not happened, we wouldn't have a building."*

**Gilbert Schaffnit**  
attorney

He ran to the nearby CVS and called 911.

"Had that not happened, we wouldn't have a building," Schaffnit said.

As it is, the building stands, but the fire has left its mark — the doors are wreathed with charred wood, and the lawn is littered with ash and debris.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire. Damage to the offices is estimated to total about \$100,000.

Schaffnit said about 95 percent of the firms' files were totally intact as they were either stored electronically or in metal filing cabinets.

It took 21 firefighters about three hours to extinguish all the fires in the two-story building's ceilings, walls and floors.

Though the building has been condemned by the fire department, both law firms are still operating. They have temporarily moved into offices in the building next door and have begun the restoration process.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but Schaffnit said preliminary evaluations have suggested it was an electrical fire.



Alex Catalano / Alligator

Kevin Williams, an attorney who works at the law office located in the historic Fennel-Waldo House, looks through charred remains on the floor of the office, located at 719 NE First St., which caught fire Wednesday night.

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# Dierks Bentley concert tickets to go on sale

**MINA RADMAN**

Alligator Writer

Tickets go on sale Monday for country music star Dierks Bentley's concert at the O'Connell Center on Sept. 30.

Student Government Productions is paying the Grammy-nominated Bentley \$125,000 to perform as part of the festivities for the UF vs. Alabama football game on Oct. 1.

"There's going to be this big energy that weekend," said Adam Hewko, co-chairman of SGP. "We're playing Alabama, and they listen to a lot of country music out there."

Tickets will go on sale at noon at the University Box Office on the Reitz Union Colonnade. Student tickets are \$20 for upper-level seats, \$25 for bleacher seats and \$35 for floor seats. General admission tickets are \$40 for upper-level seats, \$45 for bleacher seats and \$56 for floor seats.

"At any other show, \$35 wouldn't get you a lawn seat," Hewko said.

The doors open at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with the opening act, country singer Canaan Smith.



Bentley

# Students help hurricane victims through American Red Cross

**MORGAN WATKINS**

Alligator Staff Writer

UF students Maria Fitzgerald and Molly Jansen were four days into their American Red Cross internships when they were told to pack their bags and head to Maryland.

Hurricane Irene had hit the East Coast hard, and people who were left with flooded houses and ruined family photo albums needed their help. Fitzgerald and Jansen are emergency services interns with the North Central Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross, said Casey Schmelz, emergency services manager for the chapter.

Interns must be ready to be deployed for local and national relief services — a caveat that quickly became reality for the UF seniors.

"I think anybody that can take the time to commit themselves to a community that they aren't a part of [and] that they know nothing of is some[one] very remarkable," Schmelz said.

The women aren't taking any courses this semester but are instead interning full time to fulfill an academic requirement for their health education and behavior majors, Fitzgerald said.

They have been on the road for about two weeks. They've helped people in towns throughout Maryland and New York, including Baltimore and Westchester, N.Y.

Fitzgerald saw the back half of a house washed away by the flooding — a building that had been a home

to nine people before Hurricane Irene struck.

One woman she met seemed to

remain strong despite her tough circumstances — until Fitzgerald handed her stuffed Mickey Mouse

toys, donated to the Red Cross by Disney, to give to her children.

Then she cried.

"The woman had acted like everything was fine, and then to see her crumble. ... It really hits home," Fitzgerald said.

Jansen has dealt with the occasional person who seems mentally unstable — including one man who told her that actor Macaulay Culkin was murdered in his backyard — but said she was impacted by many of the people she met who were trying to stay positive despite their situations.

One woman told her that the flooding was just "God's way of changing the topography of the landscape."

Her uplifting attitude impressed Jansen, who met families whose mobile homes had been destroyed and whose school yearbooks and photo albums had been lost to the flooding.

Jansen had never done relief work before but had always wanted to.

"It's always been in my blood, but I've never really had the opportunity to do it [before]," she said.

Jansen should be returning to Florida in one week, and Fitzgerald is set to return in about two weeks.

That isn't guaranteed, however, because work is constantly arising that requires the help of Red Cross volunteers and interns, Fitzgerald said.

The whirlwind workdays are worth it for Jansen.

"It's kind of a rush," she said. "This was the sweetest internship ever."



Courtesy to the Alligator

UF students Molly Jansen and Maria Fitzgerald, who just started internships with the local Red Cross chapter, were tapped to help with Hurricane Irene efforts. They drove a truck to Middletown, N.Y., to distribute meals to people who are cleaning up after a flood.

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## Editorial

### We are still here Ten years later, the nation perseveres

**T**his great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt uttered these words to the American people during one of the greatest eras of uncertainty in our history.

The fear, terror and pain that we all felt on Sept. 11, 2001, was part of a long list of challenging experiences engrained in the American psyche.

Tyranny has been a constant specter on our doorstep.

Our forefathers fought for the cause of liberty against the largest army in the world.

At another point, the nation was split in half by one of the most vicious injustices in human history. Citizens fought and killed their fellow men, and the country was on the brink of sacrificing many liberties for the sake of preserving national unity.

When President Roosevelt spoke the words above, our growing industrial nation was facing the prospect of becoming a Third World country.

The second time the world went to war, we were provoked by attacks on our own soil, throwing us into a conflict with another great evil.

Through these trying times, the nation prevailed. We are still here.

When the planes hit the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, the nation froze. Again, it was thrust into a moment of great uncertainty and fear.

Was the nation "paralyzed" by a "nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror?"

To some extent, we again faced the threat of creeping tyranny. Not only were our enemies abroad, but also domestic. Our domestic enemies were not necessarily individuals but ideas that sought to sacrifice liberty for security.

Some remnants of this tyranny remains, but we are still here. We are still writing this editorial for you to read, unabridged and uncensored.

It cannot be said that the nation did not undergo sweeping changes.

The government might have, again, gone too far in its attempts to protect its citizens. If you have been to the airport recently, you might share this sentiment.

But we are still here.

After a decade, the attacks still remain vivid in the minds of many Americans, especially those involved or who had loved ones involved.

And although every year we take this time to remember the attacks, it is even more important to remember that we are still here.

Let's resurrect the towers, higher, more powerful and more vibrant than ever.

Let's remind those who attacked us that 10 years later, we are still here.

## Reader response

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## Column

### Intolerance unwelcome as we move forward



**Akansha Mishra**  
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terrorists who vow to end us. It is in the blood of this country to persevere and endure.

As we move away from the 9/11 attacks, we must continue to be vigilant. We must take action against those who harm us.

However, we must be careful not to stereotype all Muslims but identify and isolate those with ill intentions toward us.

In doing so, we should awaken the silent majority of moderate Muslims and encourage them to speak against terrorists who taint the goodness of their community. Harassing and judging Muslims is not the answer, and the intolerance must stop.

While it is disappointing that many of us have allowed our anger to manifest in suspicion, it is also important to understand that many Americans and 9/11 victims have successfully moved forward from the attacks. Heroism, yet again, defines our country, and courage remains unwavering.

The terrorists of 9/11 wanted to destroy our dignity, discredit the founding principles of our society and strip away our stability.

But look around you. Look at the confidence that has ensued from 9/11 and the innovations that have emerged to protect America.

Be watchful of intolerant people and correct them when you can, but always remember that we overcame. The power of unity and balance pushed us through such an awful time in our history. The terrorists will never be successful in dampening the spirit of American determination.

As Gandhi once said, "There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it — always."

*Akansha Mishra is a pre-law junior at UF. Her column appears on Fridays.*

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

## Letter to the Editor

### Meat-Free Mondays applauded

Mercy For Animals commends UF for implementing Meat-Free Mondays in both of its dining halls to help conserve the environment, promote healthy eating and protect farmed animals from needless cruelty.

While it is great that UF is offering a robust vegetarian menu on Mondays, it would be even better if the university's Meat-Free Mondays program was entirely meat-free — if only for one day a week.

Just last month, the Environmental Working Group released The Meat Eater's Guide to Climate Change and Health, encouraging Americans to eat less meat and cheese. Last year, the United Nations declared that a global shift

away from meat-based diets is vital to save the world from the most devastating impacts of climate change. Two years earlier, the Pew Charitable Trusts found that industrial animal agriculture "presents an unacceptable level of risk to public health and damage to the environment, as well as unnecessary harm to the animals we raise for food."

How do our food choices affect climate change? Animal agriculture is an extremely inefficient and resource-intensive way to produce food for the growing human population. It pollutes our environment and consumes huge amounts of water, grain, petroleum, pesticides and drugs.

Cutting back or eliminating consumption of animal products not only helps the environment and lowers the risk of

serious health problems, such as obesity, heart disease, stroke and some types of cancers, but it also helps put an end to the unnecessary suffering of farmed animals.

Since 2003, dozens of colleges, high schools, cities, restaurants, chefs, celebrities, and magazines have adopted Meatless Mondays to reduce animal suffering, combat global warming and promote healthy eating. UF has taken a big step in the right direction by offering vegetarian meals in honor of Meat-Free Mondays. We encourage the university to take it just a step further by going completely meat-free on Mondays.

Eddie Garza

New York Campaign Coordinator, Mercy For Animals

## Guest column

# Towers symbolize rebuilding

I didn't know it would be the last photo I would ever take of the Twin Towers.

On a balmy day in August 2001, I ran around Manhattan taking in the sights as I did once or twice a year while visiting my then-father-in-law. The twin structures were amazing and strong and sent a message that was modern, in contrast to the older sights we associate with New York such as the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.

When I returned home from that trip, I had the photos printed and placed them into a cumulative New-York-themed photo album that held every photo I had taken in my nine years of marriage and trips to the Big Apple.

A few days after I returned home to California, my then-husband told me he didn't want to be married anymore.

I moved out and wasn't sure what to do with those albums that had proved our time together. So I placed them in storage and didn't look at them until I was ready.

I received a call on Sept. 11, 2001, from my father on the East Coast around 5:45 a.m. PST. He was distraught, and I couldn't understand what he was saying at first. He told me to turn on the television, and I saw it all playing out. I couldn't calm him down because I didn't know what to say.

It was more than a year after my divorce was final that I bought a house and started unpacking those photo albums. I opened them and searched for the last set of photos I took in New York.

I knew I would return to New York City again one day, and that opportunity came in 2009 with an invitation to attend the commissioning of the U.S.S. New York LP-21 on Nov. 7, 2009.

I was given access to this event because my Marine nephew had been invited to represent his squadron on the ship. The ship

**Suzette Cook**

Speaking Out

carried in its hull 7.5 tons of steel from the World Trade Center Twin Towers and the message, "Strength forged through sacrifice. Never forget."

I jumped at the chance to gear up with my 30 pounds of cameras and lenses. When the press corps from The New York Times, Associated Press, each branch of the military, and the NYPD raised their cameras, I was proud to squeeze into the pack and raise mine along with them.

Families of New York firefighters and New York Police Department officers lost in the attacks wept all around me. The admiral of the Navy, with Hillary Clinton standing by his side, declared to his crew, "Sailors, go get your ship." And hundreds of sailors ran past me on a red carpet. They headed to the next pier where the U.S.S. New York waited for them to claim her.

It was the most patriotic moment I had ever covered in my career. I welled up and couldn't seem to focus for a few minutes as I ran to catch up with the crew to meet them on the ship.

I stopped during my mad dash just for a second and grabbed a few frames of former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani who played a crucial role in guiding the city through its grieving process. He gave me a thumbs up, and I kept going to finish capturing the story.

The towers have become a symbol of moving forward for me. Years later, I have moved on and am happily remarried. I rebuilt my life, just as the World Trade Center continues to rebuild its life.

*Suzette Cook is a 1990 graduate of UF's College of Journalism and Communications and a current master's student.*

## Guest column

# Public land no good for ads

**Ryan Fenton**

Speaking Out

Gainesville, there is a blight upon you. There is a scourge upon us. I am writing of a crime most injurious and offensive.

Indeed, I am writing today to condemn the practice of illegal advertising.

Perhaps you have seen these abominations along Archer and Old Archer roads (there's an Old Archer?). You shall mark the red and the blue, the furious horizontal, the ignominious flag of a dreadful fleet — a fleet that is "Now Hiring Drivers."

I have singled out a specific pizza delivery company because of the frequency of its offenses. Along this particular road, specifically between 23rd Terrace and 34th Street, there are, at my count, at least four advertisements placed in the median or alongside public roads.

There are other ads, though: buyers of cars, gold and homes. You will find the criminals stuck to telephone poles, too — an awful omen for the justice that will eventually befall them.

Are a few advertisements on the side of the road as serious as I claim? Of course not.

The corporate pizza giant's signs are not that unsightly — though I think they are disgusting.

And four signs (in a short span of road) have a relatively small environmental impact, assuming they are ever collected — most likely by Code Enforcement on taxpayers' dime.

But there is a larger issue underlying my complaints: that of the privatization of public space.

A company's use of public land for advertising must be viewed as theft, and as citizens we must be vigilant.

I suppose it may be tempting to extend my "eyesore" argument to the Crossing Paths exhibit. Suffice it to say, not everyone enjoyed the exhibit.

Regardless, there is an absolutely necessary difference: One act was a public use of public (and private) lands, the other an unauthorized use of public lands for commercial interests.

Crossing Paths was funded in part by the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, a publicly funded group.

Public space is for public use. Had the pizza company in question commissioned the finest artists from across the world to construct the finest work to advertise low prices or open positions, I would still feel the same: Public space is for public use.

I will not dare to compare a roadside or median to Yellowstone or to even a lesser deity such as the Ocala National Forest. But those spaces we hold in common must be protected as such.

When you see a painted advertisement for a luxury apartment complex on 34th Street (you know the developers; at least you will soon), remember my words. Regard these "guerrilla marketers" as they are, insurgents attacking that which is yours and mine.

*Ryan Fenton graduated from UF with a degree in English.*

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# Student group bakes bread for charity

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**MINA RADMAN**

Alligator Writer

On the Plaza of the Americas on Friday mornings, students can donate money to help relieve hunger and enjoy freshly baked pieces of challah bread.

Challah for Hunger, a national organization that began its UF chapter two years ago, sells loaves of bread each week as a fundraiser for the American Jewish World Service, a national organization that provides aid to the genocide relief in Darfur. Last year's recipient was the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank.

Student volunteers bake the bread from scratch each Thursday, which is sold Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Challah bread, commonly

known as egg bread, is a Jewish recipe made primarily of eggs, flour, yeast and sugar. The bread is braided, baked and usually topped with sesame seeds and raisins.

"Jewish families have been making this for 3,000 years," said Brenda Wolnerman, an expert challah baker and the Hillel rabbi's wife.

It takes a full day to prepare and bake the bread. At 11 a.m. on Thursdays, students gather at Hillel to mix the ingredients, which include dry yeast, flour, vegetable oil, eggs and either sugar or honey.

"It's a personal preference between honey and sugar," said Jessica Davis, the Jewish student life coordinator. "But it bakes better with sugar."

Challah for Hunger bakes about three batches of bread each week, which is the equivalent of 40 loaves. After mixing the ingredients this week, Davis and Jennifer Szlaza,

a chemical engineering junior, attempted to smooth out the dough.

"You just need to beat the crap out of it," Szlaza said.

The dough is placed in a bowl and left to rise throughout the afternoon. Students return at 6 p.m. to braid and bake the bread. The toppings are added as the bread is separated and braided. The most popular toppings include cinnamon sugar and chocolate chip.

"We've had people get really angry at us when we've sold out of the chocolate chip," Davis said.

It takes about an hour to bake the bread, which is then cut into pieces and packaged.

The organization accepts donations for each package of bread and usually asks for \$3 to \$4 per piece.

"We've had a real good presence on campus and the group gets larger as the weeks go on," Davis said. For the recipe, visit smittenkitchen.com.

Pending city approval, a parking garage will be built on the lot

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the tax-deductible donation was a generous gift to the organization.

"That's huge," he said. "And the only way it can be explained is there are people out there with good hearts."

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**Bob Gailey**  
campus minister

The owners of The Stadium Club plan to fill its apartment complex with retail space on the first two floors, office space on the third and fourth floors and residential apartments on the fifth through eighth floors.

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# NEVER FORGET

9/11: TEN YEARS LATER



## Where Were You?

"I was in my 10th grade history class, and we were in the middle of a World War I reenactment. People were yelling and battling from across the room. My teacher turned the TV on, and we all got out of our trenches like 'holy shit.' It was just a really bizarre vibe."

Vishal Agarwala, 25  
Gainesville resident



"It was my freshman year at IUPUI. I was supposed to go to chemistry, but I slept in and skipped it. I was woken up, and one plane had already hit the tower. The second plane hit the tower live and immediately school was canceled."

Nathan Trenum  
Indianapolis resident

"I was teaching seventh grade at Westwood Middle, and a colleague came over and said something had happened. We were not sure what, but the principal told us to keep quiet. On my lunch break, I turned on the TV and found out what was going on."

Don Fitzpatrick, 40  
Gainesville resident

"I was in class. There was a lot of phone calls, and I didn't really know what was going on. They put on the news, and since most of my family is from New York I started to get worried."

Miguel Rivera, 19

"I was in Tonga, and we were in a different time zone. It happened a few hours earlier, we found out at around 8 a.m. It went around on the radios, so we went ashore and found a TV in a hotel to watch."

Star Tarrant, 32  
Micanopy resident

"I was working in my lab, and my husband called, telling me a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. My original thought is that it must have been a small plane that went, of course. My lab technician went online and got more information. We didn't really understand what was going on until the second plane hit."

Barbara-Anne Battelle, 66  
St. Augustine resident, UF professor

"I was in seventh grade geography class, and the teachers left the room; none of us knew what was going on. The teacher came back crying because her daughter worked in the Pentagon. She flipped on a news channel and class got canceled, but buses weren't running so we all had to walk home."

Mo Sherman  
UF grad student in English education

"I was living in California and was a graduate student at Berkeley at the time. My phone kept ringing at 6 a.m. Connor, my husband, was still asleep, and his sister told me about the attacks. We were getting married on Oct. 6, and a lot of people didn't come because they were afraid to fly."

Ingrid Kleespies  
UF Russian literature professor

"I was at my family's business watching SportsCenter on TV. It cut to the towers, and I ran out to tell my dad."

Brenda Cannalato, 42  
St. Augustine Resident, UF education

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Josh Bonnain, 23  
Gainesville resident

"I was on my way to 11th grade trigonometry class, we walked in and the news was on and everyone was quiet. This was before they had eliminated the footage of people jumping. I didn't know if it was real or not. We watched the news the rest of the day."

Cristi Mathews

"I was in grad school getting my Ph.D. A friend was visiting from Atlanta. We were watching TV when an announcement came on that a plane had crashed. It took us by surprise. We thought it was an accident, but the continuous coverage showed the second crash. I was in shock for a while."

Dr. Samesha Barnes, 37  
interim associate director of UF's McNair Scholars Program

"I just walked into work. We were having a morning meeting. A lady who came in late said a plane hit the Twin Towers. We turned on the news and everyone watched. I went home and was glued to the TV for the rest of the day."

Brenda Cannalato, 42  
St. Augustine Resident, UF education

"I was at my family's business watching SportsCenter on TV. It cut to the towers, and I ran out to tell my dad."

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### Stars in a Field of Blue

Graduate student Jean Morrow places exactly 2,977 miniature flags on the lawn of the Reitz Union lawn to honor each person who died on 9/11, marking the 10th anniversary of the national tragedy. Morrow's display is part of the 9/11: Never Forget Project at UF.

## CALLED TO SERVE

# Police, firefighters driven to protect after Sept. 11 attacks

**ERIN JESTER**  
Alligator Writer

One was training a new patrol officer at the corner of 13th Street and University Avenue. Another was on her breakfast break. A third was in his first-period English class, watching his teacher scold another student for texting.

The text message told the student to turn on the TV.

Sgt. Greg Armagost and Sgt. Dana Strama of the Gainesville Police Department and firefighter-paramedic Andrew Marsh of the Gainesville Fire Rescue Department were all watching the television as reports of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, began to come in.

Armagost and Strama were both on duty when the first, incorrect reports of the Pentagon being bombed went out on police radio. They returned to the police station, where other officers were already gathering to watch coverage of the World Trade Center burning.

They were all watching when the second airplane hit the building.

It was unbelievable, Strama said.

"You want to sit down in front of the TV and watch it like everyone else was, but you have work to do," she said.

GPD officers buried their emotions and went immediately into action to secure potential targets — water tow-

ers, City Hall and Gainesville Regional Utilities.

It wasn't until they got home late that night, emotionally drained and physically exhausted, that officers began to think about the magnitude of what was lost that day.

"At that point, we realized how

many police officers and firefighters had lost their lives," Armagost said. "[It was] sad, more than anything," he said. "I wouldn't say angry or upset, just sad."

Strama and Armagost said their patriotism was strengthened and their world views were changed after the terrorist attacks, having seen there are

people who take pleasure in hurting Americans.

The Sept. 11 attacks also strengthened their resolve to keep Gainesville safe and sharpened their senses toward suspicious activity.

Ten years later, Armagost said, they are still vigilant about protecting their residents and resources.

Andrew Marsh was 15 years old and a student at Buchholz High School in 2001. He briefly considered joining the military after the terrorist attacks.

"I was mad," he said.

But he thought he would be better suited to firefighting, the career he wanted to pursue since he was 3 years old.

Marsh said he has already come to terms with the idea that another attack could happen at any time.

He doesn't think any one of the firefighters who died on Sept. 11 would have any regrets about his or her work.

"You risk a lot to save a lot," he said. "We're in the business of saving lives."

Marsh said he has all the respect he can give for those firefighters and police officers for making the ultimate sacrifice to save others in the face of evil.

"That's the greatest sacrifice you could give to someone else, is your life for theirs," he said. "That's courage in every sense of the word."



Firefighters from B shift at Station 1,427 S Main St., pose with "Quint," their backup aerial fire truck. Firefighters said they have the utmost respect for law enforcement officers who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Erin Jester / Alligator

## MEMORIAL EVENTS

**▪ Stories of 9/11 victims to be read aloud**  
Where: Reitz Union Amphitheater  
When: Until 8 p.m., today

**▪ National Day of Service & Remembrance Program**  
Where: VA Medical Center Auditorium, 1601 SW Archer Road  
When: 1 p.m., Today

**▪ About 3,000 flags to be displayed in "9/11: Never Forget Project"**  
Where: Reitz Union North Lawn  
When: Until Sept. 14. Vigil at 7 p.m., Sept. 11

**▪ 9/11 commemoration with moment of silence to be held at football game**  
Where: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium  
When: 6:54 p.m., Sept. 10

**▪ "Memorial," presented by Gainesville Festival Choir and Orchestra and choirs of the First Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**  
Where: First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, 300 SW Second Ave.  
When: 4 p.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Gathering for Peace, Understanding and Hope: Arts to Hearts**  
Where: Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave.  
When: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Several clergy from various faiths to bless a new home**  
Where: 2234 SE 30th Drive  
When: 3 p.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Film screening of "United 93"**  
Where: Hippodrome Cinema, 25 SE Second Place  
When: 2:15 p.m., Sept. 11  
Suggested donation \$10. Includes one small popcorn.

**▪ Flag raising to honor American troops and their families**  
Where: Gainesville Health and Fitness, 4820 Newberry Road  
When: 8:45 a.m., Sept. 11  
Representatives from all branches will be on hand to raise flag. A 9/11 memorial stone will be uncovered to remember the victims and a memorial pear tree. Ends with a processional motorcycle ride by the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education.

**▪ Temple Shir Shalom 9/11 memorial service in conjunction with the opening of its religious school**  
Where: 3855 NW Eighth Ave.  
When: 9 a.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Action Network to host a memorial prayer service**  
Where: Passage Family Church at 2020 NE 15th St.  
When: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Northwest Baptist Church to host a Patriot Day worship to remember the victims of 9/11**  
Where: 5514 NW 23rd Ave.  
When: 10:45 a.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Oak Park Baptist Church service to include a slideshow and prayer remembering the victims**  
Where: 4610 SW Archer Road  
When: 10:45 a.m., Sept. 11

**▪ North Central Baptist to hold a prayer of peace for the nation**  
Where: 8001 NW 23rd Avenue  
When: 9:30 a.m., Sept. 11

**▪ UF speakers, music performers to hold 9/11 tribute**  
Where: University Auditorium and Century Tower  
When: 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Sept. 11

**▪ Free admission for emergency workers at women's soccer game**  
Where: James G. Pressly Stadium, at the soccer game versus the Florida Gulf Coast University Eagles  
When: 6 p.m., Sept. 11  
To RSVP, email ncoliver33@ufl.edu with the names of those planning to attend.

**▪ Bob Graham Center to host panel on nation's safety**  
Where: Pugh Hall; live stream also available online at bobgraham-center.ufl.edu.  
When: 6 p.m., Sept. 11

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# Impact of 9/11 spans generations

**MORGAN WATKINS**  
Alligator Staff Writer

one-on-one discussions.

Aida Hozic, an associate professor of political science, said current undergraduate students are still facing problems that have developed since 9/11.

"[They're] just saddled with the legacy of these 10 years, and [they] know they're saddled with it," she said.

While students in 2002 were motivated to serve their country after 9/11, today's undergraduates aren't as driven toward the stars and stripes.

"For [this] generation now, there is nothing but the debts accumulated from that period — both economic and political," she said.

Mitchell said the political and economic insecurity of recent years has inspired many students he knows to make a difference through their work.

"I think among students here at UF, there's a great sense of, 'What can I do to give back?'" he said. "It's [about] looking out for everyone and not just yourself."

Kyle Mitchell was in fourth grade when the planes hit. Like Mitchell, now a 19-year-old political science major, most students at UF and colleges nationwide were young when the 9/11 attacks happened.

"Our whole lives have been defined by what happened after that time," Mitchell said.

While he thinks most undergraduate students were too young to initially understand the full meaning of Sept. 11, Mitchell said many students were affected to a greater extent by events that occurred afterward, like the Iraq War.

But current students may not have been as impacted by 9/11 as the people who were pursuing undergraduate degrees in 2001, said Ido Oren, an associate professor of political science.

The students Oren worked with during the immediate post-9/11 period showed more patriotic views in class and

## REFLECTING

# Student, New York native recalls 9/11 without bitterness

**MELINDA CARSTENSEN**

Alligator Staff Writer

Once each year around 8:45 a.m., Thomas Panevino watches the clock and waits.

It does not matter where he is or what he is doing.

He could be at his apartment in Gainesville, where he's a student studying English at UF. Or he could be in Boca Raton, Fla., a place he's called home since 2004.

All that matters is the moment when the small hand moves from 45 to 46.

This is when he presses the phone to his ear and talks with his mother.

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Ten years ago, at 8:46 a.m. on a Tuesday in September — when members of the terrorist group al Qaida flew a hijacked passenger airplane into one of the Twin Towers — Panevino was in his seventh-grade Spanish class in New York City, less than a mile from the World Trade Center.

It was the second day of school, and Panevino, now 21, remembers exactly how the morning unfolded. He and his classmates pressed their faces to the window, watching the fire kindle from the first tower. He remembers his middle school principal coming over the intercom, trying to pacify teachers and students by saying there had been an electrical accident.

Panevino remembers his father, who was getting breakfast at Pick A Bagel near the school, being one of the first parents from his class to pick him up after the airplane crashed.

He remembers the roaring sound of the airplane flying low to the ground and the engine revving just before slamming into the tower.

He remembers the smoke, the ash, the shower of burning white paper falling like confetti from the sky.

He remembers feeling numb.

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When 8:46 a.m. rolls around each year on 9/11, Panevino calls his mother, an interior designer who used to get coffee at the World Trade Center each morning with a friend.

From the morning of Sept. 11 to the morning of Sept. 12, 2001, Panevino and his father, who worked as a graphic designer for L'Oréal, didn't hear from her.

When recounting that day, Panevino is objective.

He's told the story before, but the words come out slow, as if he's crawling through the memories.

Panevino denounces the media's "pre-packaged" 9/11 story and the recycled iconic photos of the Twin Towers — the ones with the still-standing towers and the single airplane crashed into the first tower, the smoke just beginning to billow.

To him, all of the news stations tell the same story: "Planes hit, buildings come down, people are sad," he says.

"Half the things we saw — those things probably couldn't be seen on TV."

Panevino saw two people jump hand in hand from the first tower as ash mounted around his feet. He walked by the unusually silent doorman at his family's apartment, which was across the street from the World Trade Center, and picked up his poodle, Eddie.

His father left a note for his wife. "I have Thomas. We're OK."

That day, Panevino lost everything. Gone was his 30th-floor apartment in Battery Park City, which he found burned and gutted a few months after the attacks, along with his family's black Jeep.

Some of his friends never came home. Their

families later left New York.

Today, he and his family have the Jeep's crinkled license plate and the note to his mother kept away in a cardboard box, and he keeps in touch with his friends from New York.

Panevino remembers fleeing the disaster. His father shielded him from ash as they crammed into a 10-person bathroom with 40 other people at a park at the tip of the Manhattan — a park where he used to play as a child.

He remembers sticking his hand into Eddie's carrier to make sure the 6-pound dog could still breathe among all the ash and smoke. He felt the warm lick of Eddie's tongue, and relief washed over him.

The only child among adults, he remembers being hoisted onto a flimsy raft made for about eight people with about 30 people. He remembers the engine almost died, and the tail end of the boat dragged beneath the surface of the Hudson River just before reaching Jersey City.

When he and his father boarded a bus to go stay with a friend, Panevino made the same call hundreds of times.

The next day, the phone lines opened. His mother finally picked up.

She had fled to her sister's apartment in uptown Manhattan.

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Panevino's words don't drip with bitterness.

"The people who attacked ... I could very easily hate them," he says. "They blew up my home and all that."

Over the past 10 years, he says, some U.S. media outlets have perpetuated a negative image of the Middle East, and as a result, a new type of racism has surfaced.

"These are just a few people who wanted to do bad," he says. "[The media] want to make masses of people representative of a small group of crazy people — that's the only good thing of being there, really, is I didn't get that filtered view."

He met Jai Mirchandani, one of his friends from New York, when they were both about 6 months old. Their mothers walked them around in strollers in Battery Park City.

Mirchandani, who today studies international business at George Washington University, says Panevino holding a particular race accountable for the attacks would be "undermining what his principles stand for."

Although Panevino doesn't consider himself religious, he was always curious to learn more about Mirchandani's Indian culture.

*"Half the things we saw — those things probably couldn't be seen on TV."*

**Thomas Panevino**  
UF student

"When my parents would have the [traditional Hindu] Diwali festival, Thomas would be there trying to understand the significance of the holiday itself — trying to understand what that means," Mirchandani says.

After 9/11, Mirchandani's mother warned him not to walk around the city alone. At that point, it wasn't uncommon for people who looked Middle Eastern to get jumped there.

"It struck me very quickly," Mirchandani says. "As a child, you don't experience a lot of racism — especially in New York."

Panevino says he's looked at everyday life differently over the past 10 years.

"After that day, there's, like, nothing to worry about. This class, this test — it means nothing. The people who were in that tower, they would wish for my problems. Life is good."

Sarah Deatherage, one of Panevino's friends at UF, says he has the ability to turn trivial problems upside down and make them funny.

"Essentially, he's just the happiest person I know," says Deatherage, a third-year psychology major. "I think he definitely sees beauty in the world in another way that other people don't."

"He tells me he thinks about [9/11] every

day," Detherage says. "And it's kind of sad because down here in Florida we don't think about it every day, and it's not part of our lives. And we forget — and he doesn't."

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Growing up in Battery Park City, Panevino remembers the World Trade Center being the center of everything.

"I have home videos of me learning to walk in the World Trade Center," he says. "I could still walk through there with my eyes closed."

Panevino accepts the new New York, replete with police officers searching for bombs and the hordes of tourists that now visit Ground Zero.

But he doesn't want to move back.

"That time of my life is done," he says. "It's a whole lifestyle that I understand but I don't want to be a part of anymore."

After graduation in Spring 2012, he plans to attend graduate school for international communication and eventually work for a technology company.

His career aspirations and his life experiences, he says, are directly related.

"Those connections are what keep us human, and keep us real, and keep us away from a life that they want to take away," he says.

He's eager to visit and see how the rebuilding process of the World Trade Center — the "Freedom Tower" — is coming along.

"Another five, 10 years, it's going to be how it was that Tuesday morning," he says.

As for the 10-year anniversary of the attacks, he's looking forward to getting through the checkpoint.

"I'm gonna call my mom," he says. "It's always a hard day. I want to be at Ground Zero. You want to return and be as close to that spot as you can, but you can't."

"It's something I've thought a lot about after, but now it's something I accept," Panevino says. "It's not something that's so far into me now. Death was that day. Once you learn to accept that, you can start living."



Ashley Crane / Alligator

UF English senior Thomas Panevino, 21, who lived one block from the World Trade Center at the time of the 9/11 attacks, sits among the flags of the 9/11: Never Forget Project on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

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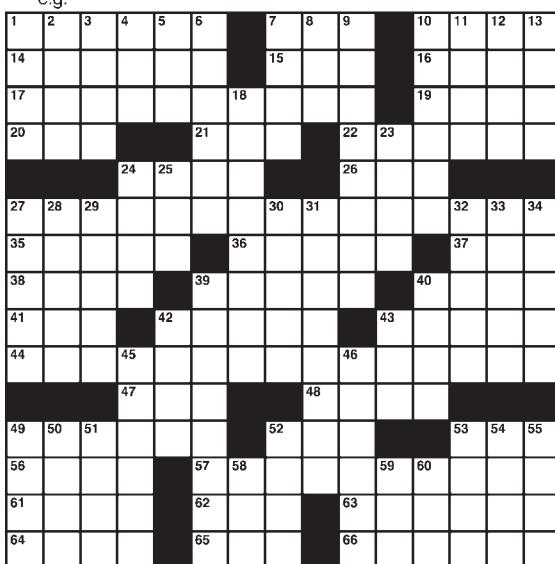
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1 Gung-ho response  
7 Delay  
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15 Farm female  
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17 Village with very little gardening equipment?  
19 The NCAA's Runnin' Rebels  
20 Lab, for one  
21 Reject  
22 Sends  
24 Jacket label letters  
26 Get off the shoulder, say  
27 Entrance purchases for a conditioning program?  
35 Actor Milo  
36 Pool game call  
37 Tiny beef  
38 Fly on a line  
39 Gives credit where credit is due  
40 On the safer side  
41 Rational ending?  
42 "It art?" Kipling  
43 1955 UN joiner  
44 What Ruth forgot to bring to pool night?  
47 Morgan Freeman won its 2011 Life Achievement Award: Abbr.  
48 Morning talker  
49 Fly over the equator?  
52 Pleased cry  
53 Droid, e.g.  
56 Slip through the cracks?  
57 Like calls between drudges?  
61 Run well  
62 Unsound  
63 Like Napoleon  
64 Relaxing locales  
65 The Hartford logo  
66 Failures (and in another way, a hint to 17-, 27-, 44- and 57-Across)

**DOWN**  
1 Tune carrier  
2 One-track  
3 Couturier Cassini  
4 Med. research agency  
5 Bar opening?  
6 Pistons' place  
7 Last non-priest to be named pope  
8 "Isn't that cute?"  
9 It involves mapping  
10 Gripe  
11 Reunion attendee  
12 Stir up  
13 Off-rd. rides  
18 Worker with light metal  
23 Bonkers  
24 Slush Puppie maker  
25 Radical '70s group  
27 acid: vitamin B9  
28 Amigo on the road  
29 Crowd starter?  
30 "Socrate" composer  
31 Nice compliment  
32 Zhou \_\_  
33 Happy Meals toy, e.g.  
34 Writer of short letters  
39 Honey  
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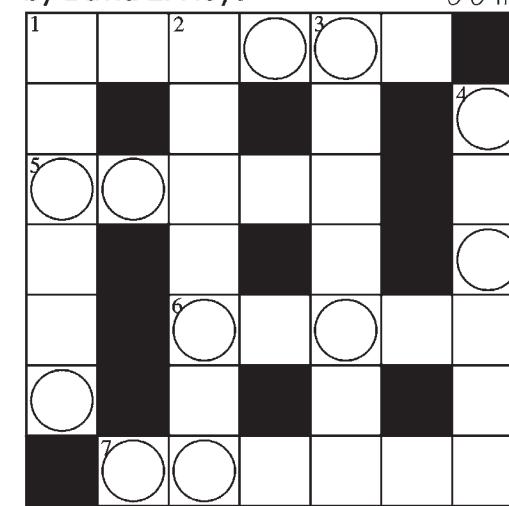
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# Sports

## Gators must win turnover battle

MATT WATTS

Alligator Staff Writer

Above all else, one thing stands out from last Saturday's win against Florida Atlantic.

Not the 468 yards of total offense. Not Chris Rainey's electric evening. Not the stifling defense which allowed a mere 137 yards. Not even Jelani Jenkins' thunderous hit on FAU receiver Willie Floyd.

Turnovers.

John Brantley threw an interception in the first half, and later, a second on a poor throw into triple coverage in the end zone. Freshman backup Jeff Driskel tossed up another on his first pass attempt.

"When you have a minus-3 turnover ratio for the game, usually you're going to lose," offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said Tuesday. "That's one of our points of emphasis, not just with John Brantley, but with the whole offense."

Weis also pointed to three other near giveaways, including the snap from center Jonothan Harrison that sailed over Brantley's



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Florida linebacker Jelani Jenkins (3) dropped a near interception against FAU on Saturday, and the Gators posted a minus-3 turnover margin despite handily beating the Owls 41-3.

head and brought back painful memories from a season ago.

Coach Will Muschamp has repeatedly harped on the importance of turnover margin, and admitted that the Gators' minus-3 mark simply will not get it done.

"We can talk about all the other stats you want to talk about, those are the two critical ones: big-play ratio and turnovers," he said Monday. "It's a huge concern of taking care of the ball offensively."

Not only will the Gators need

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Charlie Weis  
offensive coordinator

to better protect the rock against UAB on Saturday night at 7, they'll also need to make some things happen on defense. The Blazers return a potent spread-offense attack that went for more than 500 yards in five different games a year ago.

UF's defense limited Alfred Morris to 16 yards on 14 carries last week, but Florida couldn't force a giveaway. Jenkins dropped an easy interception that likely would have resulted in a pick-six — the Gators' best opportunity for a turnover.

"Even though we held them to limited rushing yards and limited passing yards, [turnovers are] one thing we stress every game," Bostic said. "We need at least three turnovers a game."

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## Jaeckel making most of senior season at UF

### Florida plays Texas in Palo Alto, Calif.

BRYAN HOLT

Alligator Writer

Kristy Jaeckel knows there's no time for wasted chances.

As a senior who has lost in the NCAA Regional Semifinal to end the first three seasons of her college volleyball career, she can summarize the new feeling within her in one word.

"Maybe there's more urgency to get things done," she said.

That urgency was a large part of this past summer, which saw all of Florida's volleyball team stay in Gainesville and work on what

it felt was the biggest reason for last year's disappointing finish.



Jaeckel

"We were really focused on our defense as a unit," Jaeckel said. "We were trying to clean things up and design and designate who's taking what."

Although no one will confuse the 6-foot-2 outside hitter for a defensive specialist, teammates insist Jaeckel has put a new emphasis on defense this season. They hope that continues when the No. 7 Gators face

their stiffest competition of the young season at 11 p.m. against No. 10 Texas in the Nike Big Four Classic in Palo Alto, Calif.

"She's been working really hard on defense," fellow senior Kelly Murphy said. "She's in the back making defensive plays and increasing her range and touching a lot of balls."

Through seven games, Jaeckel trails only Murphy and redshirt freshman libero Taylor Unroe in digs with 41. But defense is not the primary reason why Jaeckel is a two-time All-Southeastern Conference selection and a designated leader on a team that lost its biggest vocal presence to graduation.

The senior leads her team in kills with 63

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## Picks Column



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Who knew college football's story arc would take such a mundane turn?

Don't get us wrong; we still love the game. We love watching "College GameDay" while recovering from hangovers. We love bro'ing out, playing cornhole and heckling fans from other schools during afternoon tailgates. We love seeing Utah State upset the defending national champs in week one. (Wait, what?)

But what's with those sitcom-writing hacks hijacking our sport's storyline? We're tired of this will-they, won't-they drama unfolding with Texas A&M. Seriously, other Big 12 teams, can you just step aside and let this happen?

But rest assured, fans. We here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column are only focused on what you love most: games on the field. That's why we let a pair of writers debate the game between Missouri (of the Big 12 or the SEC or the Big Ten, depending on when you read this) and Arizona State (from the Pac-12 or 14 or 16 or 32). Let's get it on.

Mizzou (+7.5) will keep hope alive tonight because ...

Friday nights belong to teams with clear eyes and full hearts, and the Tigers fit the bill.

Quarterback James Franklin is the black Matt Saracen of the Midwest, minus the whole sleeping with the coach's daughter thing. He is a creative sophomore who likes to scramble. He is being asked to replace the golden boy sooner than expected. The whole town doubts he can be a leader.

Before tonight's game, with pressure mounting, Gary Pinkel will channel his inner Eric Taylor and deliver a poetic, chilling speech as wistful indie music plays in the background: "Don't you ever forget this: you should feel real proud. This is all yours for the taking. It depends on how much you want it."

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Gators forward Erik Murphy was reinstated on Thursday after being indefinitely suspended in April. See Story, Page 24.

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UF's soccer, men's and women's cross country and women's golf teams are all in action this weekend. The Gators soccer team plays FSU tonight at 7 p.m. Check the website this weekend for daily updates.

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## PICKS, from page 14

End scene. Texas — err, Missouri forever.

**— TYLER JETT**

**Arizona State (-7.5) will spoil Tyler's script because ...**

As much as Tyler wishes his boys from Missouri could get the job done, Arizona State is clearly more fit for the Friday night atmosphere. Quarterback Brock Osweiler turned down a basketball scholarship from Gonzaga to play for ASU, and everybody knows it's all about two-sport stars in the high school game. Plus they've got a guy named Jamal Miles at receiver, and he's sure to evoke memories of pre-injury James "Boobie" Miles. Just put him in, and watch him spin. If that's not enough, middle linebacker Vontaze Burfict is everything great about Permian stars Brian Chavez and Ivory Christian in one All-American package. The Sun Devils know what it means to be perfect, and that's why they're a lock to come away with the win.

**— GREG LUCA**

Now, on to the picks!

In first place with a 5-3 record is Cody "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer" Jones, who shocked the journalism community by attending the UAA luncheon last Friday, a move equal to abandoning his rebel allies for a meal with Darth Vader and the Stormtroopers. Hopefully he earned some quality brownie points to go with the free pizza.

Also in first is alligatorSports staff writer Greg "Groucho Marx pied me in the face" Luca, whose fifth-grade class was

forced to dress like historical figures from the 1940s for a presentation. Greg, 10 years old and dressed as Albert Einstein, was then told to explain the decade to people AT AN OLD FOLKS HOME, thus disproving the myth that students from elitist northeast school systems are smarter than the rest of us.

Sharing the top spot is *InsidetheGators.com*'s Kyle "We intercept history in the 5-6-1" Maistri, who watched with pride as fellow Palm Beach Central alumnus Brad Peacock blew the game in Stephen Strasburg's return from Tommy John surgery. Other famous Palm Beach Central students include the assassin of "solo assassin" Lee Harvey Oswald, some guy who heckled Abraham Lincoln during the Emancipation Proclamation and every member of the 2008 New York Giants.

Rounding out the unlikely four-way tie is alligatorSports assistant editor Matt "I can scream louder than you" Watts, who spends his days admiring the golden locks of Jaguars (backup?) quarterback Blaine Gabbert in between sending the rookie signal-caller Marlboro-scented fan mail and suggestive cell phone pictures.

In fifth at 4-4 is alligatorSports editor Tom "I wrote a feature on that guy!" Green, who probably would have asked Gators fullback Hunter Joyer for his autograph on Saturday if Will Muschamp allowed freshmen to speak to the media.

Tied for fifth is the Associated Press' Mark "Am I ridiculously good looking or what?" Long, whose Twitter profile features an old black-and-white photo of him gazing off into the distance. After Florida's win last week, Mark celebrated by eugooalizing the nightmarish 2010 season and participating

in a gasoline fight with his handsome, well-dressed friends.

In one half of dead-ass last place with a piss-poor record of 3-5 is the Florida Times-Union's Mike "I'm going to jump in Charlie Weis' lap one day" DiRocco, who each week nudges closer and closer to the offensive coordinator during interviews. Careful, Mike; there's no turning back once you enter that black hole. Just ask Jimmy Clausen's career.

And in the other half of dead-ass last place with an equally piss-poor record is alligatorSports staff writer Tyler "Leave my insecurities out of this" Jett, whose eyes began to water at a local bar last weekend when he was reminded of an insult in last year's column. We'll give you a hint: it involves mothers (not the bar), a phone number and a certain other staff writer.

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MIZZ (+7.5) @ ASU	MIZZ	ASU	ASU
BAMA @ PSU (+10)	BAMA	BAMA	BAMA
USCa @ UGA (+3)	USCa	USCa	USCa
MSU @ AUB (+6.5)	MSU	MSU	MSU
CINC (+6) @ TENN	TENN	TENN	TENN
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ND @ MICH (+3.5)	MICH	MICH	ND

TG	ML	MD	TJ
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# Freshmen pushing Jaeckel in last year VOLLEYBALL

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and is the only Gator ranked in the top 10 of the SEC.

"She's been really good at stepping up and making big kills when we need them," Murphy said.

*"Whether you believe it or not, your senior year you do have a little bit of a different mindset. It's your last year. You know that going into every match."*

Kristy Jaeckel  
UF volleyball player

While the clutch nature Murphy describes fell through when Jaeckel committed the second-to-last error in a loss Monday to Iowa State — one that ended in consecutive miscues for the Gators — it does go along with the mentality the senior from Littleton, Colo., is bringing to her last year in Gainesville.

*"Whether you believe it or not, your senior year you do have a little bit of a different mindset," Jaeckel said.*

*"It's your last year. You know that going into every match."*

While they do have a five-deep leadership core, the Gators have started underclassmen at least once this year, and three freshmen have seen playing time in every game.

That kind of youth puts extra pressure on Jaeckel and others to work hard in order to lead by example.

*"Really, trying to make plays instead of just talking about it," she said. "It's easier for them to take on their roles when they see the culture that way."*



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Gators senior outside hitter Kristy Jaeckel said she tries to lead with her play, rather than her words.

# Quinn wants more turnover chances

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three turnovers a game. That's our goal every game."

UAB quarterback Bryan Ellis threw for nearly 3,000 yards with 25 touchdowns and only 12 interceptions last season — plenty of firepower to test an inexperienced UF secondary filled with underclassmen.

Florida will have to make UAB one-dimensional. Dynamic Blazers running back Pat Shed is questionable for Saturday's game, meaning the Gators should stop the run without bringing added help from the secondary, which will allow the young guys at the back end to focus on coverage.

Creating a ball-hawking unit has been a heavy emphasis in practice, and because it didn't manifest itself against FAU, defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said it's been a major sticking point again this week.

*"We could've had more attempts on the ball, what we call rips and strips," he said.*

*"In a good game, where you're getting a lot of attempts at the ball, I would like to see that number drastically increase."*

In 2010, Florida held a plus-14 turnover margin in its eight wins. In five losses, the number was minus-12.

*"It's such a huge stat ... and it's something that Will and I strongly believe in," Quinn said. "As a defense, we really want to see more of it."*

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# Gators forward Murphy reinstated after indefinite suspension

## He was arrested in April on felony burglary charges

**GREG LUCA**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Junior forward Erik Murphy has been reinstated after he was suspended indefinitely in April, Florida announced Thursday.

Murphy and sophomore teammate Cody Larson were suspended from team activities following their April 10 arrest on felony burglary charges.



Murphy

The charges were later reduced to misdemeanor trespassing, and Murphy accepted deferred prosecution in July. He was required to undergo 50 hours of community service, avoid consumption of alcohol or other controlled substances for a year, and repay \$440 in restitution and court costs.

"Erik Murphy has served his punishment," coach Billy

Donovan said.

"We're all disappointed with what transpired, but there's no question Erik has learned a great deal through the whole process and understands what a great opportunity and privilege it is to play college basketball."

Murphy is expected to be a key contributor for the Gators in 2011, as he steps up to fill the void left by departed frontcourt starters Chandler Parsons, Alex Tyus and Vernon Macklin. Murphy averaged 4.3 points and 2.3 rebounds playing nearly 11 minutes per game last season.

Contact Greg Luca at [gluca@alligator.org](mailto:gluca@alligator.org).

# Floyd forced to repay \$2,700 to charity before reinstatement

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ruling and said Floyd brought the issue to the school's attention in February and the Gators subsequently informed the NCAA.

Florida was forthcoming with the NCAA, according to Foley, but the organization still deemed there were violations.

According to the NCAA, Floyd accepted \$2,500 in cash over several months from an individual not associated with the University of Florida, and he used that money for living expenses, travel and other costs. Along with the money received from that individual, who is unnamed in the NCAA's statement, Floyd received impermissible benefits related to unofficial visits to several institutions prior to enrolling at UF. The NCAA made it clear that Florida was not one of the involved schools.

"Sharrif grew up in an environment where he didn't have the things most of us take for granted — food, shelter and clothing," Foley said in his statement. "In the absence of parents, there were kind people, in no way affiliated with the University of Florida, who were not boosters or sports agents, that

helped him along the way to provide those things that he would otherwise not have had."

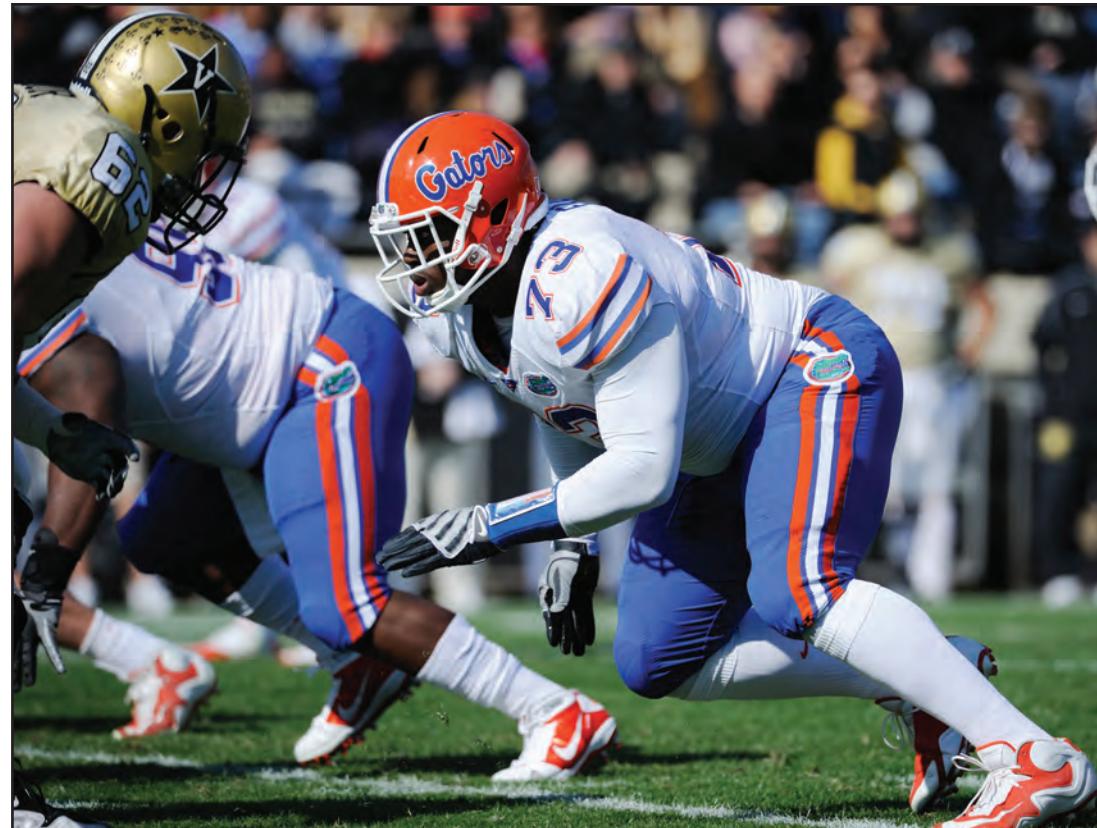
The NCAA took Floyd's situation and personal hardships into consideration and reduced his penalty from what would normally be a four-game suspension to two games.

"We examine each situation carefully and consider all elements related to a student-athlete's individual circumstances and the violation," said Kevin Lennon, vice president of academic and membership affairs. "This gives us the flexibility to tailor the conditions of reinstatement that take into account all details and are in the best interest of the involved student-athlete."

If Floyd repays the \$2,700 in the next week, he will be eligible to return for Florida's Southeastern Conference opener at home against Tennessee on Sept. 17.

Floyd, who played in all 13 games as a freshman, was expected to start along the line for the Gators this season. Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said prior to the season opener that Floyd would play end in the team's base defense, and tackle when the team used a nickel package.

Contact Tom Green at [tgreen@alligator.org](mailto:tgreen@alligator.org).



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Sophomore defensive lineman Sharrif Floyd (73), who played in all 13 games as a freshman, was suspended for two games Thursday by the NCAA for receiving impermissible benefits.

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