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LB Finley arrested on felony charge

► HE RESISTED ARREST WITH VIOLENCE, UPD SAID.

TYLER JETT
 Alligator Staff Writer

Florida sophomore linebacker Dee Finley was arrested Monday afternoon on charges of driving with a suspended license and resisting a University Police officer with violence. The latter is a third-degree felony.

Officer William Sasser pulled Finley over at 1:49 p.m. after Finley drove his scooter around a barricade on Stadium Road. Sasser asked for his license and registration, but Finley told the officer



Finley

he was late and did not want to give him the information, according to the arrest report.

When Sasser told Finley he could not leave,

Finley started his scooter and tried to take off, but Sasser grabbed his left wrist. Finley then snatched his hand away and "squared" to Sasser while still straddling his scooter, according to the report.

Sasser proceeded to pull out his department-issued Taser and told Finley to put his hands behind his back. Finley obliged.

"Coach [Will] Muschamp is aware of the incident and will handle the matter," a UF spokesman said through text message Monday night.

Finley's license is suspended in Alabama and Florida for multiple offenses and a failure to appear in court, according to the report. He

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ON CAMPUS

O'Connor discusses civics education

AMANDA COHEN
 Alligator Contributing Writer

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor may be retired, but she made it known that even though she's no longer writing opinions, she's still got them.

During her two speeches at UF on Monday, O'Connor addressed the American public's ignorance regarding judiciary and civics education.

O'Connor said two-thirds of Americans can't name the three branches of government and less than half of Americans can name a Supreme Court justice.

"We need to educate, starting with young people. Those are our future voters."

Sandra Day O'Connor
 retired Supreme Court justice

O'Connor's first speech took place at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts and discussed judiciary reform, and her second speech, which discussed civic education, took place at University Auditorium.

"I think the biggest challenge we face today in our judicial government is the lack of understanding of the public of the role of courts in our country," O'Connor said at the Phillips Center.

For her first appearance, O'Connor spoke in front of a full house at the Phillips Center, where she discussed judiciary reform.

O'Connor's second appearance took place at University Auditorium, where she spoke in front of another full room of about 860 people. Her second appearance, during which she discussed civics education, originally was supposed to be held in the Pugh Hall auditorium. However, due to overcrowding, organizers had to move the event to the auditorium, said Ann Henderson, director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

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Rachel Crosby / Alligator

Sandra Day O'Connor talks to a crowd of students and Gainesville residents about civic service and voting. In 2010, only 8 percent of Florida residents under 30 years old voted.

Marching band headed to 2012 Olympics Official invite received Friday

MINA RADMAN
 Alligator Writer

The Pride of the Sunshine may be hitting the streets of dreary London next year.

The Fightin' Gator Marching Band has been invited to play at the 2012 Olympics.

John M. Watkins Jr., director of the marching band, received the invitation by phone

Friday from the organizing committee for the London Olympic Games.

In April, the marching band received a letter asking if it would be interested in performing at the Olympics.

The band answered yes and submitted a portfolio that included the band's history, biographies, videotapes and CDs.

"It is a huge honor to be picked to represent

the United States at the Olympics in London," said Watkins, who has worked with the band for six years.

It is unknown which, if any, other universities have been chosen. No details have been planned for the trip.

"I think everybody's really excited," Watkins said, "but it's very preliminary at this point."

This isn't the Gator marching band's first international invitation.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dierks Bentley Tickets On Sale

Now

Tickets for the Sept. 30 concert are on sale today 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. Non-student tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday on ticketmaster.com. Non-student tickets are \$40 for upper-level seats, \$45 for bleacher seats and \$56 for floor seats.

Alpha Phi Omega Coed Service Fraternity Fall Rush

Today through Sunday
Want to give back to the community while making lifelong friends? Come rush Alpha Phi Omega, the coed service fraternity on campus. For more information, check out the Facebook event "Alpha Phi Omega Rush Fall '11."

Humorous Speech Contest

Today, 5:45 p.m.
Entomology Building, 970 Natural Area Drive Room 1031
The public is invited to attend the Humorous Speech Contest with the Talking Gators Toastmasters Club. Free and open to everyone. Toastmasters provides a positive atmosphere for members to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, go to www.toastmasters.org or call 352-870-2267.

Gators for a Sustainable Campus Meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Computer Science and Engineering building, E221
Students interested in sustainability and looking to get involved can attend GSC's first meeting of the fall. We will be discussing campus sustainability issues. Vegan snacks will be provided. Contact Dania

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New Year, New You

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Students are invited for an introductory Zumba class. The event will feature a smoothie bar and an engaging discussion about the Jewish approach to the New Year and Resolutions. Bring sneakers and comfy clothes.

Impact Autism @ UF General Meeting

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
HPNP Building, Room G301
Come to the first general meeting of the year and learn how to get involved this fall. Don't forget to bring \$15 for dues to get T-shirts. Check out the Facebook group "Impact Autism @ UF" for more information.

Swap Meet UF

Thursday, 6 p.m.
Stuzin Hall 267
Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Seeking an internship, externship or project opportunity with a Gainesville start-up/entrepreneurial company? Here's a chance to meet company reps from more than 30 Gainesville start-ups, 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."

UF Distinguished Professor

Lecture Series:
Arlan Rosenbloom,
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The UF Hough Hall Graduate School of Business presents "Insights and Conundrums about Growth Hormone Action Pathways." Refreshments will be served. RSVP by Sept. 13 to mccrayi@ufl.edu.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to jflechas@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of the Alligator, columnist David Masten's name was misspelled.

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Emmitt Smith to hold on-campus book signing

ALEXANDRA RIVERA
Alligator Contributing Writer

Former professional football player and UF alumnus Emmitt Smith is returning to Gainesville Saturday for a signing of his new book "Game On: Find Your Purpose — Pursue Your Dream."

The signing will take place at the UF Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smith, who retired from the sport in 2005, played for UF for three seasons between 1987 and 1989. During that time, he broke 58 school records and was a first-team All-SEC selection all three years.

After his time with the Gators, Smith played in the NFL for 15 seasons — 13 of those with the Dallas Cowboys. During his NFL career, Smith won three Super Bowl championships and was named to eight Pro Bowl teams.

In his book, Smith discusses the importance of perseverance, courage and faith while overcoming obstacles.

Pre-pharmacy freshman and Smith fan Alex Valdes plans to pick up a

copy of the book and bring it to the signing.

"Emmitt Smith is the epitome of The Gator Nation philosophy," Valdes said.

A Dallas Cowboys fan, accounting junior Ashley Quintal has been following Smith and the Cowboys since she was a little girl.

"As I was growing up, Emmitt Smith and the Cowboys were a staple part of Sundays in my household," she said. "I will always remember my father walking around the house wearing his Smith gear as we cheered on the Cowboys."



Smith

To get books signed by Smith, fans must pick up tickets at the UF Bookstore before the event, according to a press release. Tickets will be given to customers who purchase the book from the UF Bookstore and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 352-392-0194.

Health care center charges new fee

► STUDENTS WILL NOW PAY \$15 TO HAVE LABORATORY WORK DONE ON CAMPUS.

KELSEY DEAN
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Student Health Care Center recently introduced a new fee to take effect this semester.

The facility now charges a \$15 handling fee for all tests processed by the center's laboratory.

Handling was previously done for free. The new charge allows all students to have their lab work completed on campus, regardless of their insurance provider.

"Before the fee, a student might have to travel from location to location depending on what their insurance would cover," health center spokeswoman Catherine Seeman said.

"It's about convenience and comfort," she said. "By charging, we can continue to provide continuity of care."

While the costs of the actual tests vary, students will now pay what their insurance policy dictates, in addition to the \$15.

Although most infirmary charges are related to insurance, the new cost comes directly from the Student Health Care Center.

The staff time used for handling and processing lab materials will be compensated using the money collected by the new charge.

Because the fee affects UF students directly, the change is causing debate among students.

"The fee wouldn't affect whether or not I get immediate health attention. It's not unreasonable," freshman Zachary Glatzer said.

"I would rather go to an off-campus health center where my insurance covers everything."

Michael Pipitone
UF senior

However, senior Michael Pipitone, 21, disagrees.

"I used to go to the infirmary a lot, mostly out of convenience, because I knew it was covered," he said. "Now, I don't have a problem with getting into my car and finding a cheaper health center. I would rather go to an off-campus health center where my insurance covers everything."

Additional information regarding the new costs can be found on the UF Student Health Care Center website or by email at insurance@shcc.ufl.edu.

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GAMEDAY

Ejections for standing on bleachers increased Saturday

MORGAN WATKINS

Alligator Staff Writer

Twenty-three people were ejected from Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday for standing on the bleachers during the football game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

That's 17 more than the six ejections at the Florida Atlantic University game a week earlier, said Lt. Mitchal Welsh of the University Police.

UF junior Eric Crihfield had seen only the first few plays of the UF-UAB game when he and four other people were kicked out.

An Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputy told them an usher had previously warned them about standing on the bleachers and they were now being ejected for continuing to do so.

Crihfield said an usher never approached them, and they asked to speak with the employee who had supposedly spoken to them.

The deputy refused to allow them to speak with the usher but said he had seen the employee walking up and down the aisles, telling people to step off the bleachers, said Crihfield, who was sitting near the aisle at the

game.

"We were completely baffled," he said.

Welsh said people are asked

not to stand on bleachers for safety reasons.

The increase in ejections at the UAB game may have been be-

cause officials handle the bleacher issue on a complaint basis, Welsh said, and there were more complaints on Saturday.

Ushers may not always be available to warn people not to stand on bleachers, like when they check tickets at the beginning of a game. Officers will usually handle the issue themselves in those cases.

People who are ejected from the game are first taken to the booking room set up in the stadium, which Welsh runs, where they provide their basic information. UF students may be provided with paperwork if they need to attend a hearing with the Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution department of the Dean of Students Office.

Students are not required to attend conduct hearings and are not barred from attending other football games if they are ejected for standing on the bleachers, UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said.

People don't always receive face-to-face warnings, but announcements are made during football games telling people not to stand on the bleachers, Welsh said.

"I find it hard to believe that somebody would not know that you're not allowed to stand on the bleachers at this point," he said.



Gina Chitko / Alligator

A student standing on the bleachers protests a call at the game against UAB on Saturday. Twenty-three people were ejected from Ben Hill Griffin Stadium for standing on bleachers.

UCF bans alcohol at greek events; similar move unlikely at UF

Move comes after student death

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Writer

The University of Central Florida's Greek Council has placed an indefinite ban on alcohol at all events registered through Fraternity and Sorority Life.

The decision follows the death of a UCF student on Aug. 25.

Although the cause of UCF freshman Ann Hefferin's death is still unknown, a 911 call released by UCF police confirms that Hefferin, 18, had been drinking before she died.

UCF spokesman Grant Heston said an unauthorized party at Sigma Chi fraternity house on UCF's campus served alcohol, which goes against university policy.

UCF Interfraternity Council president Adam Brock said, "This was just to re-evaluate the way we are hosting our social events and ensure all of us are following national and university policies."

Brock wrote in an email that UCF's Greek Council, which presides over all 45 fraternities and sororities at the university, voted on the ban Sept. 2. Events approved before Sept. 2 will not be affected by the ban.

The ban will be lifted when the Greek community forms a plan for hosting events that is consistent with national and university rules, he said.

Jack Causseaux, associate director of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs at UF, said to his knowledge there has never been such a widespread ban at UF.

Under the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs' event guidelines, no alcohol may be served at any recruitment, intake or new-member events. If alcohol is to be served at an event on campus or in a chapter house, the event must be approved by the office at least 10 business days in advance.



Causseaux

Wristbands are distributed to attendees who are over 21, and additional guidelines dictate how much alcohol can be brought to the event.

Some chapter houses are dry because national guidelines dictate it. This is true for most of the sorority houses and a few fraternity houses at UF, Causseaux said.

Of course, sometimes sororities and fraternities break the rules, "just like with any other

student. They're not exempt from what normal college students do," Causseaux said.

For the 64 fraternities and sororities at UF, there is a Greek Conduct Committee that holds hearings for violations and recommends sanctions to the dean of students, if necessary.

It is possible for a fraternity or sorority, as well as any other student organization, to be suspended for violating rules about alcohol.

Rajiv Asnani, president of UF's Interfraternity Council, said he couldn't comment on UCF's broad ban on drinking because the university's Greek community is different from UF's.

He said IFC is quick to handle violations, but at least since he can remember the council has never considered suspending or banning all fraternities for a single incident.

"I don't see it happening in my term as president," Asnani said.

Students pledge acts of kindness to honor Sept. 11 victims

► SOME PROMISED PRAYERS.

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

Despite the 90-plus degree heat, the unrelenting sun and the hectic rush of traffic on Monday, students stopped for a moment on Turlington Plaza to record and commit to good deeds honoring the victims of 9/11.

Ten years and one day after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, members of the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center held the 9/11 Good Deed Marathon to encourage students to

perform a random act of kindness in memory of the attacks.

Members held a moment of silence at 12:54 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff wrote their deeds on a slip of paper, attached the picture to a victim of the attacks and pinned them to illustrations of the World Trade Center towers on a board.

One person promised to help her roommate cope with a family death, and another decided to listen to students more.

"I'm going to call my brother in Afghanistan tonight," read another slip.

Others promised prayers.

Rabbi Berl Goldman, executive director of Lubavitch-Chabad, said

the student group has been honoring the victims of Sept. 11 this way since 2005. He described it as countering the random act of violence with random acts of kindness.

"I just remember that day very vividly."

Jared Winn
UF student

"We're doing the opposite," he said.

Goldman and members of Lubavitch-Chabad stood at their table from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year, they collected about 800 good deeds, or "mitzvahs." This year, the students' goal was to reach more than 1,000. The at-

tendance tally came out to 1,035.

Goldman said people of all religions and backgrounds stopped by the table.

Some students stopped by of their own accord, and group members encouraged people walking on Turlington Plaza to stop by.

Participants received a sticker advertising the event after they had pinned their deeds to the board.

One student stopped at the table to read the names of the Sept. 11 victims, which were printed into the red stripes on an American flag displayed on the table.

International studies junior Jared Winn stopped by when he was walking through Turlington Plaza.

He wanted to do something to commemorate the victims.

"I just remember that day very vividly," he said. Winn remembered watching the second plane fly into the southern tower live on television.

He was 11 at the time.

He said he realized it was serious when the plane hit, and his mom started crying.

Winn's uncle worked in the Pentagon, but had not gone in to work that day.

After a little difficulty getting his pin to stick in the board, Winn added his slip of paper to the others.

He will call his mom to honor the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

Institute selects director

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

The newly created Engineering Innovation Institute at UF has selected its inaugural director.

Erik Sander is the new director of the institute, which is dedicated to building entrepreneurial culture and developing innovation skills in the next generation of engineers.

"We're a nexus of engineering entrepreneurship in the college that focuses on faculty, staff and students," Sander said.

Sander graduated from UF in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

He also worked 10 years in the aerospace industry and at companies including General Electric and Lockheed Martin. He returned to UF in 1995 and later became the director of industry programs in the College of Engineering.

Through the institute, students can take courses on engineering innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, ethics and communication, Sander said.

Freshmen can take an introduction module on engineering leadership and innovation, but the majority of the courses offered through the institute are available only to seniors and graduate students.

Sander said he hopes the institute will start offering courses to juniors and sophomores in the future.

The institute will host its first event, the Innovation Summit, on Friday. The event will include leaders who impact engineering from academia, industry and the government.

Notable speakers and panelists attending include Chris Malachowsky, co-founder of NVIDIA, and Thomas Peterson, assistant director of the National Science Foundation.



Ashley Crane / Alligator

First in Line

Health science occupational therapy senior Lauren McKenna arrived at the Reitz Union with a sleeping bag at 4 a.m. to wait in line for Dierks Bentley tickets.

With dorms full, resident assistants forced to take roommates

About 60 students placed in overflow housing

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

When Samuel Mirtil turned in his UF housing contract at Preview, he expected to spend the next 10 months sharing a room with someone he barely knew and a bathroom with eight other guys.

Instead, the chemistry freshman was told that there was no more on-campus housing available and he would be put on a waiting list for the spring semester, but he would have to look off campus.

Mirtil is not alone in his housing frustration. This year, UF received 14,466 applications for on-campus housing. There are currently 7,744 students living on campus.

The disparity between these numbers has caused the

UF housing department to turn to some unconventional measures.

About 100 resident assistants were given temporary roommates, and 64 students have been placed in overflow housing off campus — situations that have yet to be fully resolved five weeks into the semester.

Each year, UF Housing offers more room contracts than there are rooms available to ensure that residence halls are as full as possible.

"We typically open every fall semester with an average occupancy of 102 to 103 percent," said Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs.

Usually, she said, students without rooms are placed in temporary late-applicant triples or in overflow housing. Overflow spaces include apartments or other rooms

not traditionally used for housing.

This year, the overflow housing arrangements may last through the spring semester as the housing department struggles to first find open rooms for the resident assistants' roommates.

"We're working to move these students into a different permanent housing arrangement," Blansett said. "They're our first priority to take any available space."

As resident assistants typically have their rooms to themselves, Blansett said the housing department asked for volunteers who would be willing to share a room.

The other students have been placed in Oakbrook Walk, an apartment complex on Southwest 13th Street, south of Archer Road.

Mirtil said he was shocked when he heard he would not be able to live on campus.

"I feel like I'm missing out on the freshman experience," he said.

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Editorial

Trigger Happy “Don’t abuse the Taser, bro!”

Most people in the UF community are surely familiar with the phrase “Don’t Tase me, bro!”

If you aren’t, the phrase dates back to 2007 when police shot a student protester with a Taser gun during a speech on UF’s campus by Sen. John Kerry.

Whether this student warranted this engagement is a debate for another time.

However, the use of a Taser by police in the following scenario out of Marin County, Calif. was not only wrong but also bizarre.

On June 30, 2009, Peter McFarland’s wife called 911 after he fell and hurt himself. But when the paramedics arrived, 66-year-old McFarland refused to go to the hospital and declined medical assistance.

The events that followed landed Marin County in court over a lawsuit filed by McFarland.

According to the suit, officers arrived at the home “without consent and without a warrant.” However, police are often automatically dispatched during medical emergencies.

After McFarland made a comment about wanting to kill himself — a joke about how embarrassed he was for falling, according to McFarland’s attorneys — the police became adamant about taking McFarland to the hospital.

McFarland then told the deputies to leave. This caused one of the officers to pull out his Taser, demanding McFarland come with him to the hospital.

When McFarland rose from his sofa, the deputy proceeded to shock him several times.

Obviously, a red flag pops up for every law enforcement officer when one begins talking or even joking about suicide. It is probably part of police protocol to ask the person to come in for medical or psychological assistance.

However, elderly people tend to be very proud and become quite embarrassed by things like falling or losing particular motor functions. Anyone with grandparents can attest to this.

In this scenario, the deputy should have used common sense and judged the situation on a more individual basis.

If McFarland did not want to go to the hospital, it should have been his choice. What business is it of Marin County officials whether McFarland gets treated for any injuries sustained from his fall?

Not only is this a problem, given the fact that McFarland was in his 60s and had just fallen, but why also did the deputy feel it was necessary to shock him with a Taser?

The issue in this case is not only police brutality but also the line at which the state stops trying to protect us from ourselves.

McFarland clearly was not hurting anyone and probably was not seriously injured from his fall. When the deputies arrived on the scene and were told to leave, they should have left.

The story does not mention if his wife was worried over her husband’s joking remarks about suicide.

Luckily, McFarland won a \$1.9 million settlement with the county to make up for it.

Reader response

Today’s question: Did you remember to fill out your FAFSA form for Bright Futures?

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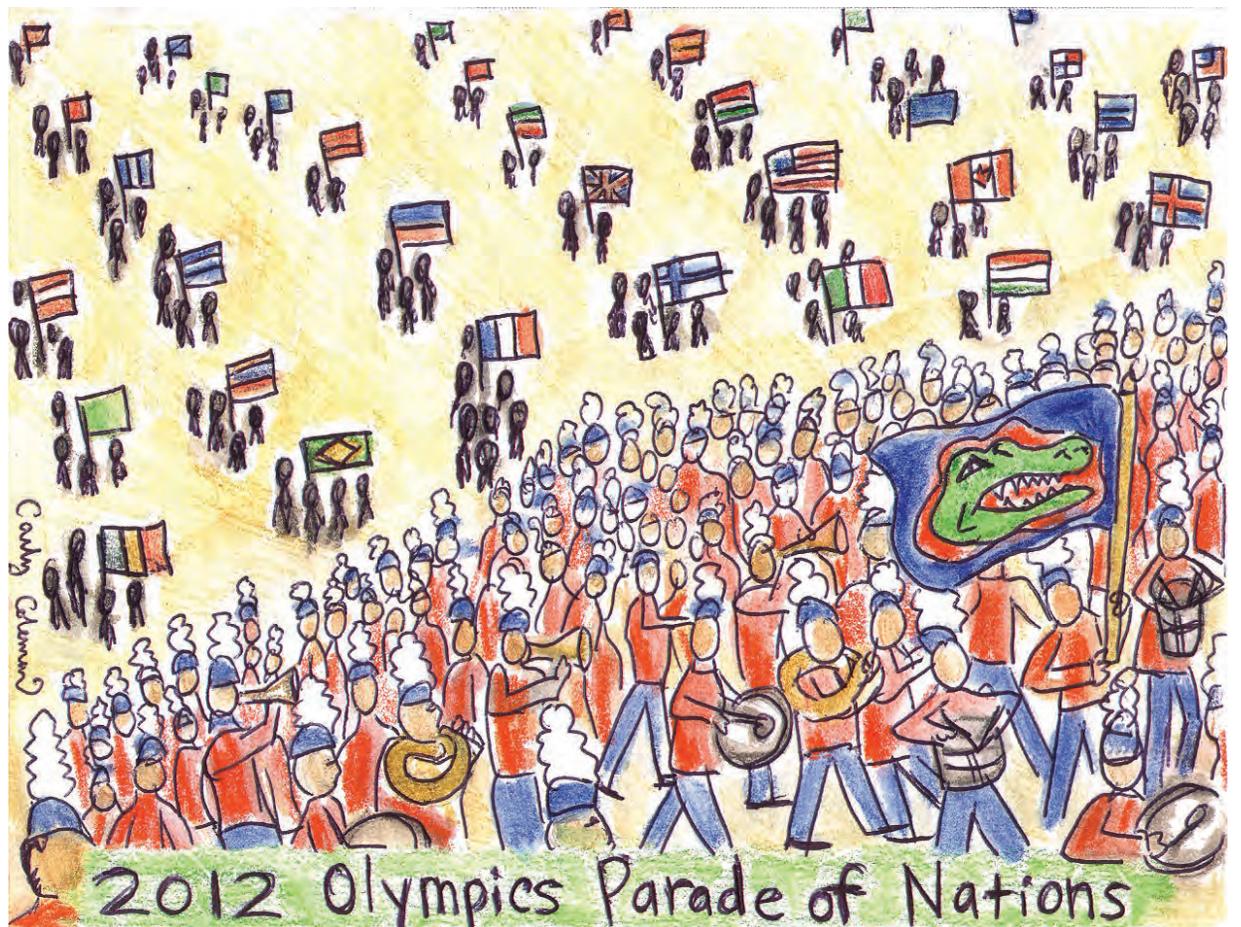
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Column

Responsible drivers make the best friends

I’ve learned a few things in my 20 years.

My friends know that I have the mentality of an old lady. Give me a pair of slippers and a season of “Parks and Recreation” over going clubbing any night of the week.

So, I’d just like to give you this pearl of wisdom: When it comes to friends, you can never have too many.

I’m not talking about your number of Facebook friends or how many followers you have on Twitter (but feel free to add me on both of those sites). You just never know when you’ll need someone to joke around with or someone to whom you can vent out your frustrations.

Let’s see if we can be BFFs, readers. Here is a quiz about common pedestrian challenges we all face on campus. It’s just a quick, super painless quiz. Here we go!

Question 1: On the UF campus, where do you feel bikes belong?

Answer: In the bike lane

How many times have I been casually, or briskly, walking to class when all of a sudden a biker rushes by me on the sidewalk? It doesn’t matter if they toot their little bike horn or yell something. There are specific lanes made especially for bikes. Can you please, please, please use them?

Question 2: When is an appropriate time to text?

Answer: Not in your car

If you are driving a car, a phone better not be in your hand. This is a predominantly pedestrian campus, in case you haven’t noticed. That means when students are walking around, they expect the people in cars to act responsibly. Your license means that you have been trusted to drive safely. Be alert, and pay attention to your surroundings. You can’t do that if you’re too busy exercising your thumbs.

Question 3: Do you own the sidewalk?

Answer: No.

Walking with friends can be great. Try not to walk three-wide; if it is a busy sidewalk or if you see other people walking toward you, it’s time to condense into a single-file line. No one died and made you ruler of the



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walkway, so suck up your pride and scoot over. Sometimes, people don’t move in time. If that happens, and elbows get bumped, do apologize.

Question 4: Can you share the road?

Answer: Yes.

Pedestrians might have to trust drivers an awful lot, but

drivers have to be able to trust us, too. Don’t dart willy-nilly into traffic; that’s how accidents are caused. At the same time, don’t charge at a busy crosswalk. You can clearly see if there’s a lot of people, so there’s no need to bum rush them with your car.

Question 5: Are people on scooters a lot cooler than the rest of us?

Answer: Nope, they are not.

Scooters are pretty cute and zippy, don’t get me wrong. But just because you can pull out really noisily in front of me on the road doesn’t mean you should. There are a lot of different modes of transportation around these parts, so just be wary of all of them.

There. That wasn’t so bad, right? How did you score?

These are just a few of my pet peeves when I’m out and about on campus. The best friendships are born out of similar tastes. I enjoy yelling about things that make me happy and things that make me mad. It’s pretty fun and rewarding to find people who will yell with you.

In all seriousness, pedestrian safety is something that needs to be addressed on this campus. With so many people constantly around, it’s important that we all do our best to be aware of one another.

Take an extra second to look before you cross the street. Smile and say sorry if you run into someone. Try giving the right-of-way instead of just taking it.

We could all use a lesson in transportation courtesy.

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

Guest column

Financial worries should not deter students from studying abroad

If paying for tuition, fees, rent, textbooks, food and personal expenses wasn't enough, I'd like to add another task to the typical college student's challenges: studying abroad.

It's not the most popular bullet on a financially challenged student's things-to-do list, but it is a truly enriching opportunity that should be experienced.

This past summer, I studied in New Zealand with Dr. Mark Hostetler. Unfortunately, the options at UF are very limited when it comes to engineering programs abroad.

Regardless, I was determined to experience life outside of the United States and decided on a program that interested me. It didn't matter whether it contributed to my degree or not.

The program, "New Zealand Biodiversity and Conservation," was completely unrelated to my mechanical engineering major.

The six-week period I spent on the other side of the planet was one of the most memorable times of my life.

The beautiful mountains, forests, plains, farms and beaches of New Zealand's south island were my classrooms, and nature hikes were a primary component of the learning

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experience.

Nothing here at UF has ever compared to the learning experience I had abroad.

This subject of study, which I had only a vague idea about when I applied, turned out to be an extremely important and interesting subject that had never even manifested itself as a conscious thought in my mind prior to this experience.

The combination of this new way of learning about such an alien topic of study and soaking up this new culture and lifestyle was an invaluable adventure.

Honestly, it helped open my eyes to the whole world.

I realized there is more to life than just being born, growing old and dying in the United States.

It made me hungry for more.

I now want to intern abroad, and I want to get my master's degree abroad.

I may want to call a new country my home in the future.

The bubble of the American lifestyle I'd been raised in my entire life had been popped, and an incredibly vast number of options and opportunities were revealed.

Now the hard part: money.

I know firsthand how terrifying the thought of gathering up thousands of dollars over a long period of time can be.

It's especially terrifying knowing you're just going to spend it all in as little as six weeks.

I was prepared to use the money I had saved from working and possibly to take out my first loan(s) to ensure I would not miss out on this opportunity.

But, as it turned out, I was extremely fortunate in this department.

I was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, giving me enough to cover all of the tuition and housing fees for my program.

It was an enormous burden lifted off my shoulders.

It is also not impossible for you.

Hunting down scholarships and grants to come up with the money to study abroad is completely worthwhile.

I hope my fellow Gators will be inspired to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities we have at UF to study abroad and that the Gilman scholarship will come to the aid of many other Gators as well.

Matt Caesar is a mechanical engineering senior at UF.

Letter to the Editor

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for celebrating culture

Every year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans who trace their ancestors from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Hispanic Heritage Week began under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and was expanded under President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to encompass a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988.

Sept. 15 is chosen as the start date because of its significance as the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

The Hispanic population is the largest racial minority in the U.S., comprising roughly 50.5 million (about 16.3 percent of the total U.S. population).

U.S. Census Bureau data projects that the Hispanic population, as of July 1, 2050, will be 132.8 million, or 30 percent of the total U.S. population.

According to the census data, it was a 43 percent increase from April 1, 2000, to April 1, 2010, making Hispanics the fastest growing minority group in the U.S.

The Chamber of Hispanic Affairs in Gainesville cordially invites you to our most notable program, known as the annual Downtown Latino Festival, which

takes place at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza downtown every September during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The family friendly celebration attracts vendors and community members from all over north Florida.

The purpose of the festival is to celebrate the positive contributions and achievements of the Latino community. It is a chance for Gainesville to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Chamber of Hispanic Affairs.

We also strive to connect the Hispanic population and the greater community to resources such as health awareness, disease testing, non-profits and community resources.

Attendance at the festival has usually been between 600 and 2,000 people every year.

The event consists of food vendors, informational booths, cultural performances and live music.

The festival is free and open to the public.

We cordially invite the entire community to enjoy this community celebration.

For more info on the Hispanic-Latino U.S. population visit http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/pdf/cb11ff-18_hispanic.pdf

If you would like more information on the festival please email chamberofhispanicaffairs@gmail.com.

David J. Ruiz

Director, 10th-Annual Downtown Latino Festival

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Job creation crucial to recovery

America's national anthem ends with the phrase: "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." Does the land of the free also have to be the land of the unemployed?

Over the past few years, our nation has been struggling to recover from a recession marked by high unemployment.

In 2009, President Obama responded to this situation by issuing a gigantic stimulus package worth \$787 billion.

While it may have averted a deeper recession, it did not correct our trajectory.

Last week's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics confirms that our country is in crisis with our unemployment rate stuck at 9.1 percent.

More importantly, American citizens and families are in crisis.

In 2009, President Obama promised a reduction to an 8 percent unemployment rate. Clearly, we are on the wrong path.

President Obama now suggests municipal construction projects as a solution.

At best, this will create temporary jobs but will not fix the issue in the long term.

President Obama, we call upon you to give American entrepreneurs (that is, those who create jobs) and businesses the tools they need to create jobs.

First, fund and sponsor relevant research in such a way that the resultant intellectual property is released into the public domain, particularly focusing on new, rapidly growing areas such as re-

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generative medicine, cloud technology and healthcare.

Second,

identify and publicly praise entrepreneurs and companies that start new businesses and create substantial numbers of jobs.

Third, make it easier for businesses, small and large, to continually take the risks demanded by a rapidly changing marketplace to create and sustain jobs for tomorrow.

Fourth, make capital available to small businesses. Currently, it is virtually impossible for small or new businesses to obtain capital.

Fifth, leverage social networks and evolving technologies to encourage and empower entrepreneurship.

On the wall of Harvard University's Busch-Reisinger's Museum, there is a German saying, "Du kannst, denn du sollst"—"If you can, you must."

President Obama, if you can assist American citizens to create meaningful, lasting jobs, you must.

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Local man charged with double homicide

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Alligator Staff Writer

A High Springs man accused of fatally shooting his wife and son was transferred to the Alachua County Jail on Monday.

Russell Dewayne Hogg, 58, is charged with two counts of premeditated capital murder.

The motive behind the murders is uncertain but may have involved an ongoing family dispute concerning a black pickup truck found at the scene, said Sgt. Todd Kelly, Alachua County Sheriff's Office public information officer.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call at 12:59 p.m. Sunday and responded along with the High Springs Police Department to 240 SW Poe Springs Road in High Springs, where two gunshot victims were found in the front yard, according to an ASO news release.

Officers said 48-year-old

Trenda Owens Hogg and 22-year-old Anthony Wayne Hogg, a construction worker, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Russell Dewayne Hogg was identified as a suspect due to witness accounts, Kelly said. According to an Alachua County Jail arrest report, an AK-47 was used in the shootings.



Hogg

Depu- ties from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office found and

detained Hogg on Highway 441 on the same day, according to a news release.

"It's a shocker to have ... a double homicide in a small community like High Springs, but at least there's some comfort in the people knowing the person responsible was quickly apprehended," Kelly said.

2,000 risk losing Bright Futures funds FAFSA forms are missing

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Alligator Writer

About 2,000 UF students risk losing their Bright Futures scholarships if they do not fill out a federal financial aid form.

According to a statewide rule implemented this summer, students must fill out a complete, error-free Free Application for Federal Student Aid form to receive their Bright Futures scholarships. UF officials sent emails and postcards to students over the summer to warn them about the change.

After the first tuition deadlines passed, officials determined that about 2,000 students still have not submitted an error-free form, said Rick Wilder, the interim director for the UF Office of Student Financial Affairs.

"Some students may not give the forms and forgo their scholarship," Wilder said.

Wilder said Bright Futures scholarships were awarded to 26,292 students last year, which is roughly 74 percent of undergraduate, in-state students. The program paid out \$77,498,667 through the scholarships, which are awarded to students based on their high school

academic records.

Recipients of the Florida Academic Scholars award, which is the highest scholarship offered, have their scholarships automatically renewed each year if they enroll in at least 12 academic credit hours per semester and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Biochemistry junior Scott Hefley said he didn't understand the new requirement.

"It makes no sense to fill out a form for federal need-based aid in order to receive a merit-based scholarship that has nothing to do with federal aid whatsoever," Hefley said.

Florida legislators voted to have students fill out the form to gather background information about those receiving the scholarships, according to Alligator archives.

Financial records do not affect the amount of money students receive.

A spokesperson from the Florida Department of Education was not available at press time.

There is no deadline to complete the form, Wilder said. Those students who have not completed it will receive their scholarship as long as the form is received within

the academic year.

If students submit their forms in January, they will be paid retroactively and receive their full scholarships.

Bright Futures scholarships, which are about \$3,030 per year for the Florida Academic Scholars award, are usually divided between the fall and spring semesters.

"If students are still interested in getting their Bright Futures, the best thing to do is get their form in," Wilder said.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid form can be found online at fasfa.ed.gov.

Fast Facts

Number of Bright Futures scholarship recipients last year at UF: 26,292, or about 74 percent of the UF in-state undergraduate population

Value of a single Florida Academic Scholars award, the highest scholarship offered: about \$3,030 per year

Amount paid out to UF students last year: \$77,498,667

Number of students who did not fill out FAFSA forms this semester: about 2,000

Band will need to fundraise for the trip



Gina Chitko / Alligator

The organizing committee for the London Olympic Games has invited the UF Fightin' Gator Marching Band to play at the 2012 Olympics.

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Two years ago, Watkins said, the band was invited to perform at a music festival in Venezuela. However, due to safety concerns, the group didn't pursue the opportunity.

The UF Fightin' Gator Marching Band has 330 members and rehearses six to eight hours a week.

Jason Kossis, a computer engineering junior, said traveling with the band to away football games is like traveling with a second family.

Kossis, a trumpet player who has been in the band for two years, said it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in the Olympics.

The entire band has been invited to go to London, but the cost of the trip may stop some members from attending, Watkins said.

"I don't think the university could subsidize everyone," Watkins said. "People would have to pay, and that would have an impact."

A written invitation is expected by late September. When that arrives, the band will begin looking to UF and corporate donors to help fund the trip.

Andreas Gregory Christofakis, a political science major, has been in band for three years and said the prospect of performing in London is exciting.

"I think it's very exciting and a rare opportunity for the Gator band to perform on an international stage," he said.

O'Connor was part of panel on education system

JUSTICE, from page 1

The UF Levin College of Law sponsored the first appearance for the inaugural Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series, and the Graham Center and Accent Speakers' Bureau sponsored the second appearance.

Pointing out that young people spend more than 40 hours a week in front of TV and computer screens, O'Connor said she mixed civics education with gaming to attract young people on her innovative website icivics.org.

"We need to educate, starting with young people," O'Connor said. "Those are our future voters."

Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince, who was also on the panel at the Phillips Center, said the biggest problem is people not thinking for themselves and instead being told what to think by the media and talk shows.

"Americans take [talk shows] as gospel," Quince said.

Martha Barnett, moderator and former American Bar Association president, said education on the judicial system is the responsibility of the American public.

At University Auditorium, O'Connor said the United States education system is "unacceptable" and said that Americans should make civics education a requirement to re-engage citizens.

"We are complacent in this country about our rights and the responsibility we have," O'Connor said.

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Wise not concerned with UF's close losses

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Staff Writer

A little more than one week ago, Florida's volleyball team could do no wrong.

The Gators cruised through their first six matches in a minimum total of 18 sets, winning each frame by an average of 9.17 points. While the joyride was great for fans and statistics, it served as little more than a warm-up for the team.



Wise

Only half of Florida's opening six matches were against teams that had a winning record in 2010, and Florida State is the only team to enter the O'Connell Center ranked in the AVCA Top 25.

That all changed last week when the Gators went up against three consecutive teams ranked in the top 12.

"It's who we played," UF coach Mary Wise said.

"The quality of the competition and how good those teams are."

The Gators immediately

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Florida preparing for 'nameless, faceless' Vols

► MUSCHAMP CHANGING GATORS' APPROACH TO RIVALRY GAMES.

TYLER JETT
Alligator Staff Writer

When it comes to rivalry games, Will Muschamp is more subdued than his predecessor.

Urban Meyer was famous for trying to rev his players up the week before playing Tennessee, Georgia or Florida State. There were motivational posters. There were videos of past meetings. And, while coaching at Utah, there were decals of BYU's logo on urinal cakes.

No more. Almost every player available to the media Monday said this week's game is just like the other two — the ones in which Florida beat FAU and UAB by a combined score of 80-3.

"I don't like to treat any game different from one another," Muschamp said. "It's the next one and therefore it's the most important. It's a great rivalry. It's in the (Southeastern Conference) East, and it's a game we need to play well in and win. It's a very important game; we don't need to tell our players that."

Muschamp has told his team to approach each Saturday as if it is facing "nameless, faceless" opponents. Most players echoed that sentiment Monday, and junior Larentee McCray went as far as to call Tennessee "the orange-and-white team."

Trey Burton was the only player who admitted Saturday's game will be more important than the first two.

"It's a conference game," he said. "Our goal is to get to Atlanta, and if we don't win this game, we don't go to Atlanta."

Slive hopeful about A&M: SEC Commissioner Mike Slive talked conference expansion during a speaking engagement in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday night.

"We remain optimistic that Texas A&M will be a member of the SEC and have started to look at schedules for 2012-13 involving 13 teams," he said.

The presidents of SEC universities voted unanimously to accept A&M's bid to join the conference Sept. 5, but the move was put on hold as at least one Big 12 university did not waive its right to sue A&M and the SEC. Reports have since surfaced that as many as six of the Big 12's nine remaining schools have re-



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Florida coach Will Muschamp said he doesn't treat any game different from the next. But fullback Trey Burton said the UT game could mean the difference later on.

fused to waive their rights to sue.

Slive, however, reiterated that the SEC will welcome A&M as soon as it can legally leave the Big 12. He was mum on future expansion.

"When Texas A&M joins our conference, we don't have immediate plans for a 14th member," he said. "We aren't thinking in terms of numbers. We think about the strength of the SEC and the attractiveness of Texas A&M as an institution."

Talkin', talkin': Muschamp was told during Saturday's win against UAB that his players were getting too chatty in between snaps.

"At halftime I walked in and told them you do the talking with your helmet and shut up and play the game," he said. "That's really all

it is. Guys that want to run their mouth all the time generally aren't playing very good."

Injuries: Cornerback Jeremy Brown (knee) is questionable. Brown suffered the injury during the first week of training camp, and Muschamp initially thought his cornerback would return before the season opener.

"The injury is much more severe than we first thought," he said Monday.

Muschamp was hopeful that tight end A.C. Leonard would be available to practice Monday for the first time since suffering a torn meniscus Aug. 6. Jeff Demps (Muschamp's description: "bang" on the shoulder) and Jordan Reed ("twinge" somewhere) are probable.

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Gators hope Floyd's return helps bolster sagging pass rush

Sophomore missed first two games with suspension

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A 295-pound void in the Gators' front seven will be filled this weekend.

After serving a two-game suspension handed down by the NCAA for receiving impermissible benefits while still in high school, defensive lineman Sharrif Floyd will make

his season debut when Florida opens Southeastern Conference play against Tennessee on Saturday.

With the Gators struggling at times with the pass rush this season, Floyd's return to the lineup couldn't come soon enough.

"[Floyd] has a great pass-rush ability," linebacker Jelani Jenkins said.

"With him on the field it makes everybody's job easier.

Definitely when the quarterback is backing up to pass, especially a good quarterback like Tennessee has, it makes it a lot easier."

Floyd watched from the sidelines as Florida's defense posted just two sacks against Florida Atlantic in the season opener and then failed to record one against UAB last weekend.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore couldn't help on the field, but linebacker Larentee McCray said Floyd was like another

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The tough opening slate for the Gators soccer team is readying it for Southeastern Conference play.
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Kentucky Kickoff Time Determined

The matchup between Florida and Kentucky set for Sept. 24 in Lexington, Ky., will be a 7 p.m. kickoff. The game will be shown on either ESPN or ESPN2.

The Mailbag

We're taking questions for this week's mailbag column. Got something you want to know about the Vols or this week's game? Ask us: @alligatorSports

THE RALLY

Rainey: Let him shoulder the load or distribute the wealth?

GREG: Even as Chris Rainey darts over, around and past would-be tacklers, some people take away more concern than optimism.

Rainey's 317 yards from scrimmage this year are more than double the total of anyone else on the team, but Gators fans seem more wowed by the volume of his touches than by what he's done with them.

Rainey is clearly on top of his game with a 7.3 yards per carry average. That number tops even the 7.2 mark he put up last year, which would've tied for third in the nation if he'd met the minimum number of attempts to qualify.

I'm fine with Rainey touching the ball as many as 25 times per game, and I don't see why it'd be any other way.

MATT: You can't be serious.

While there's little doubt Rainey is the most dynamic playmaker on the roster, the thought of him touching the ball 25 times a game is downright ludicrous. In his entire career at Florida, Rainey has never carried the rock more than 89 times in an entire season. He's also never had more than 99 touches from scrimmage, but you advocate a season in which he would accumulate more than 300.

Starting this Saturday, you'll see exactly why your plan is flawed, Greg.

In the Southeastern Conference, the linebackers and safeties are the real deal. They have the speed to close on Rainey off the edge. And, most importantly, they have the strength and power to pound his

tiny frame so far down into the dirt that he'll be begging to see the sideline.

We saw this last season when Jeff Demps toted it 26 times against Tennessee in the SEC opener — he was never the same.

Why tempt fate when there are so many other options?

GREG: You tempt fate because the whole idea is to get your best playmakers the ball as many times as you can.

A healthy Chris Rainey is worth about as much as an injured one if you're going to keep him standing on the sidelines anyway.

Most skilled fantasy football players — a group I can assume you don't fall into based on the ragtag crew of flunkies you put together in our draft — know about the alleged "Curse of 370," which claims that any back who reaches that number of touches in a season typically slows down in subsequent years.

This shouldn't be a concern for Rainey, who hasn't even recorded 370 touches over the course of his entire career and has the luxury of ending a play out of bounds or in the end zone more often than a lot of other backs.

The anxiety isn't over wearing him down — it's about injuries. But Rainey



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takes an injury risk every day in practice, and every morning he gets out of bed.

You won't get anywhere playing scared, and the Gators shouldn't play scared with

Rainey.

MATT: Lolz. Really, Greg? Really? My fantasy prowess aside (my team, by the way, put up the exact same 110 points yours did in Week 1), your argument is senseless and baseless.

Rainey is electric, there's no denying that, but he is best used sparingly. The Gators have multiple playmaking options, especially in the run game, and the strength of their offense is the defense not knowing who will get the ball. With Rainey injured and out because you gave him more touches in two games than he's had in any two his entire career, the Gators chances of winning diminish significantly.

What's wrong with Demps all of a sudden? Is he chopped liver just because Rainey displayed a couple of spin moves? What about Mike Gillislee, who was explosive in his first taste of extended action? Trey Burton is another option, as is the humongous and talented Hunter Joyer.

Basically, what you're describing is very similar to how you're justifying it — fantasy.

GREG: There's nothing wrong with Demps. He's a fine player and, by all accounts, a Rainey clone with fewer moves. He can still get a few carries per game, as can Burton in the wildcat.

But, if Rainey keeps up his insane average, Florida needs to keep giving him the ball. Sure, the Gators have other options. But if Rainey is good for 7 yards per play, why use them?

And if that average goes down or Rainey gets hurt, UF has the perfect backup. Demps isn't a reason to give Rainey fewer carries, he's an insurance policy that lets them work Rainey even harder.

The idea of players like Gillislee and Joyer stealing carries from Florida's best player is silly to me. If UF finds itself in a spot where it needs to make plays and put up points, the ball needs to be in Rainey's hands.

The guys playing behind him are there for a reason, to back him up. Little more.

MATT: I'm glad this edition of The Rally is coming to close, so we can save the readers some time reading more nonsense from "The Worst Writer in Alligator History."

You've contradicted yourself so much in this column it's not even funny. Rainey is a one-note back — albeit a damn good one — but he is not a featured back and should not be used as such.

That's the bottom line.

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*Muschamp: 'We need to get pressure with four guys rushing'***FOOTBALL**, from page 13

coach on the sideline, breaking down the opposing team and giving tips to the Gators' front seven.

But with his return to the field imminent, any on-field boost Floyd can now give his team in the pass rush will be much needed against a Tennessee squad that ranks ninth in the nation in passing offense, and McCray said he expects pass-rushing to be a major emphasis in practice this week.

"We need to get pressure with four guys rushing," coach Will Muschamp said. "That's the best pass defense in the America. We need to rush four guys and do a better job at that."

While the entire front seven needs to improve its pass-rushing efforts, Muschamp specifically said that sophomore Buck linebacker Ronald Powell must be one of those players to do a better job of getting to the quarterback and affecting him, whether it's a sack, a hurry or a hit.

But the Gators hope Floyd, who is widely considered one of the best pass-rushers on the team, can also have an impact against Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray, who has completed 78.5 percent of his passes this season.

Floyd signed with Florida out of high school as the top-rated defensive tackle recruit in the nation, according to Rivals.com, but is expected to play both tackle and defensive end in the Gators' revamped defense.

Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said before the season that Floyd will play end — a position he has yet to field — in the Gators' base defense, and shift to tackle in the team's nickel package.

"Sharrif brings size, speed, athleticism — he just brings a lot to [the defensive end] position that you can't normally get from a guy my size or somebody of my stature," said the 6-foot-2, 246-pound McCray. "He's a big guy, he's fast, quick, powerful."

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Florida defensive lineman Sharrif Floyd (73) is slated to return against Tennessee this Saturday after missing the first two games. He was suspended by the NCAA for taking impermissible benefits during the recruitment process.

UF SOCCER

Tough opening slate readying Gators for SEC

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Though the Gators are less than a month into their season, UF coach Becky Burleigh feels like the team has already been through a round of the playoffs.

With three ranked opponents

played so far and two more road games pegged for this weekend, No. 9 Florida (5-2) has tried to test itself against potential NCAA Tournament teams during its non-conference slate.

But the Gators' 1-2 record against quality opponents — including a 3-2 loss to No. 5 Florida

State last Friday — indicates the squad is lucky the postseason is still months away.

"We're going to see this team again," Burleigh said after the FSU game. "We're going to see teams of this caliber again, and to play teams like this at this point of the season is exactly what we need."

The Gators' starting 11 looked shell-shocked at times by the intensity of the Seminoles' attack, which was led by the ever-dangerous Tiffany McCarty. The forward scored the game-winner and added another goal and an assist.

"I honestly just don't think we were ready for that," junior midfielder Erika Tymrak said. "They are a top team; now we know how they play. I wish we played them again. I hope we play them again."

The result was achingly similar to Florida's first loss of the season to No. 6 UCLA in which the Bruins capitalized on a failed clearance and a missed through ball by UF en route to a 2-0 win.

For assistant coach Alan Kirkup, the only thing holding UF back when it plays teams of a similar class is the number of mental mistakes, which he said

the Gators need to cut back on.

"You try and test yourself all the time," he said. "We're disappointed we lost two games. The UCLA game (we had) a couple of naive defensive errors; there was a couple more on Friday night."

With No. 19 Tennessee as the only other ranked Southeastern Conference team, Florida looks once again to have a favorable table when league play starts on Sept. 23 — a contrast to FSU's draw in the Atlantic Coast Conference, where eight teams are currently ranked.

The Gators have won the last five SEC regular-season titles and haven't lost more than twice to conference opponents in a single season since 2002, meaning UF's toughest tests in preparation for the postseason have likely already happened.

"We're right in the mix, and we're right where we need to be," Kirkup said. "We continue to grow as a team, and these two games coming up this next weekend will just help us in that regard."

"This team will be a lot better in November and December than we are right now."

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Florida coach Becky Burleigh said the Gators' tough non-conference schedule has toughened the team for later in the season.

Seventh arrest under Muschamp

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was cited on March 16 for driving without a valid license, and a second pre-trial arraignment on that case is set for next Monday.

In Alachua County, Finley has received four charges for driving with a suspended license in less than three years. He received a citation for unknowingly operating a vehicle while his driver's license was suspended on Dec. 17, 2009, and on June 21, 2010.

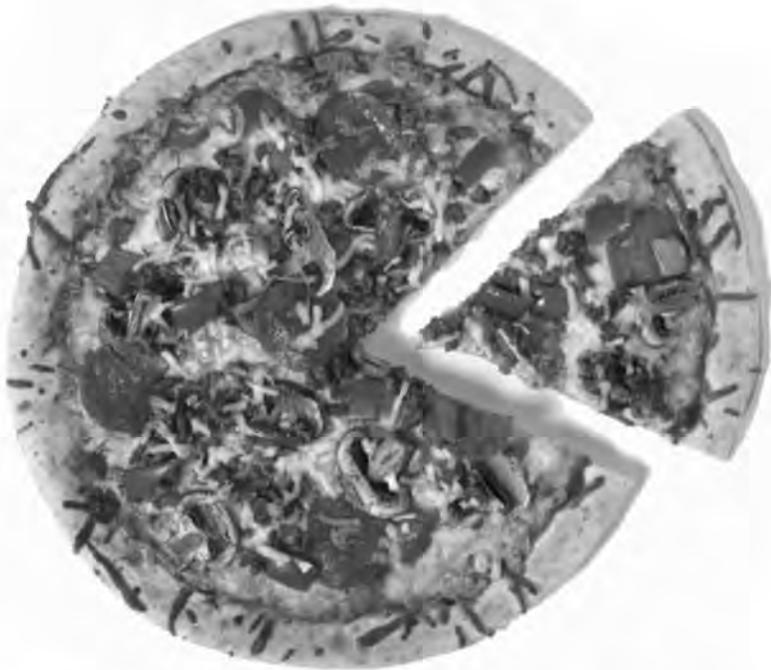
Finley is the sixth player arrested and seventh overall arrest since Muschamp took over in December.

Sasser was one of five UPD officers involved in the shooting of UF doctoral student Kofi Adu-Brempong in March 2010.

He was also reprimanded in February 2010 for handcuffing a student to a stop sign.

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noticed the escalated level of opposition.

After a smooth start to 2011, Florida quickly fell behind 0-2 to Iowa State on Labor Day before rallying to lose in an error-filled fifth set.

At the Nike Big Four Classic in Palo Alto, Calif., during the

weekend, No. 7 Florida went five sets against both No. 8 Texas and No. 2 Stanford, splitting with a win and a loss, respectively.

"Physically, the great thing is we're young and we're in terrific shape," Wise said. "So (playing three five-set games) shouldn't be a problem."

In fact, Wise sees nothing but positives coming out of a rig-

orous week in which her team went up against three of the best squads in the nation.

Florida out-hit its opponents by an average of .231 to .184, and it also saw a resurgence from red-shirt freshman libero Taylor Unroe, who recorded 42 digs in Palo Alto after a rough outing against Iowa State.

"If the Texas and Stanford matches were any indication, that's where we made the biggest jump from the Iowa State match was in our backcourt play," Wise said.

"It's not at a huge gap for us to compete against the very best teams in the country."

Mary Wise

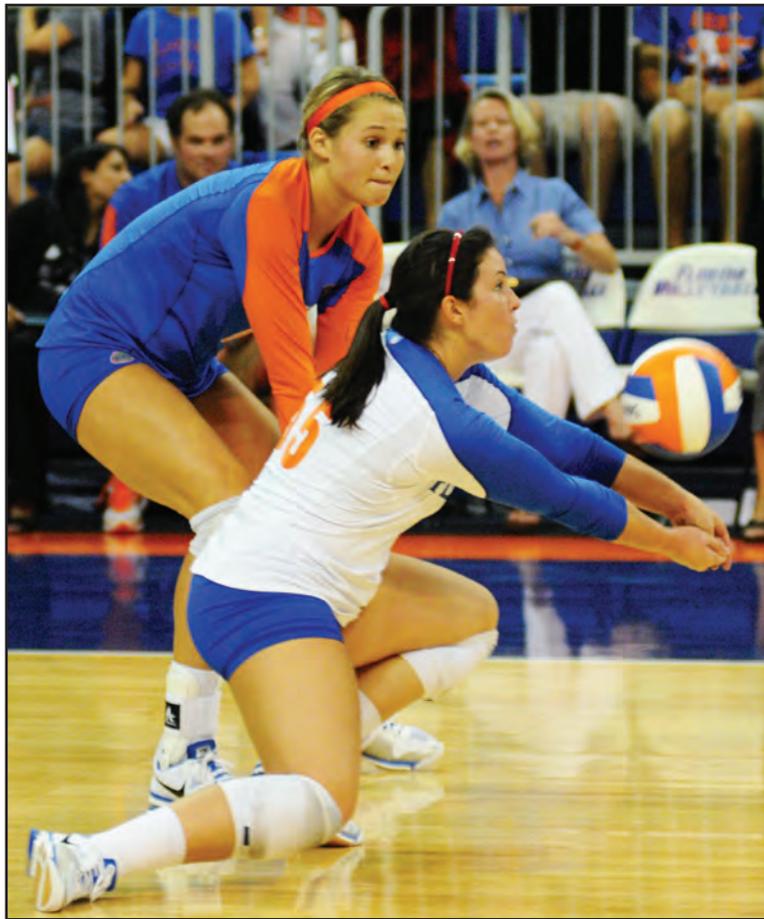
UF volleyball coach

"There's still balls that are falling to the floor that shouldn't be, but it was a whole different mindset."

The veteran coach added she might have considered the week a success even if Florida had lost some of the matches in straight sets.

She said facing the teams the Gators faced gives them an immediate advantage as they prepare to begin Southeastern Conference play, which starts on Friday with a trip to Starkville, Miss., to take on Mississippi State.

"It's not at a huge gap for us to compete against the very best teams in the country, and I think that the players are highly encouraged," she said. "Disappointed in losing, but encouraged in what lies ahead."



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Redshirt freshman libero Taylor Unroe (right) recorded 42 digs during the weekend at the Nike Big Four Classic in Palo Alto, Calif.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Hedberg goes low, Florida in second

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Alligator Writer

Forget about any freshman jitters.

In her second collegiate round, Camilla Hedberg shot a team-best 5-under 67 to help Florida remain in second at Yeamans Hall Club in Hanahan, S.C. on Monday.

Hedberg tallied seven birdies — five on her front nine — and only two bogeys. She is tied for third on the Cougar Classic leaderboard, three shots behind Tennessee's Erica Popson.

"Camilla was just a blast to watch. She hit the ball great and hit it close," said coach Jan Dowling. "Not only did she make a bunch of birdie putts, but she made a lot of par putts. Great putting, very impressive."

The Gators finished 4 under par for the second consecutive day for a two-round score of 568 (284-284, -8). Florida is only one shot behind leader North Carolina, last year's tournament winner.

LSU sits in third at 5 under par, and North Carolina State remains in fourth at one-over.

Seven of the schools sitting in the top 10 are Southeastern Conference teams.

Junior Mia Piccio and senior Evan Jensen finished the day at

even par. Each shot a 1-under 71 in the opening round.

Jensen also made five birdies Monday.

Senior Andrea Watts had a rough day as she finished the day 10 over with five bogeys and three double bogeys. Despite her shaky play so far, Dowling said she believes Watts is capable of playing better today.

Dowling also said she has enjoyed the Gators' consistent play and how they have avoided "any major mistakes" on the course. However, she still sees room for improvement.

"We were a little bit sloppy with our scoring clubs [Monday]. We had some free putts that were disappointing," Dowling said. "We're looking to get a little bit sharper with our scoring clubs."

Asked about her team's chances of contending, and possibly winning the tournament, Dowling said she was confident and excited for the challenge.

"It's going to be fun [today], being in contention in our first event [of the year]. It's what we're trying to do every week," she said. "We're just looking for more of the same tomorrow. Let's see if we can catch UNC and make a run at the championship."

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