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UF researcher Kenneth Krysko removes a Burmese python from the underbrush near a South Florida canal. Krysko led a study published online in *Zootaxa* on Thursday documenting 137 introductions of non-native amphibians and reptiles to the state. Burmese pythons are known to consume birds, alligators and many protected species.

Frogs, snakes invade Florida

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

Floridians are well acquainted with their state's scaliest residents. They have shared property lines with alligators and tree frogs, swept lizards out of their houses and gone to battle with a snake or two.

And like many other Floridians, an increasing number of these critters is not native to the state.

In fact, Florida has now been identified as the area with the largest invasive reptile and amphibian problem in the world, according to a recent study led by a UF researcher.

The results of the two-decade-long study, published in the September edition of the scientific journal *Zootaxa*, indicate that 137 non-native species of reptiles and amphibians have been introduced to Florida since 1863.

For example, today, there are 43 non-native species of lizards in Florida and only 16 native, according to the study.

The environmental impact of these creatures — such as the Burmese python, brown anole lizard and green iguana — can be difficult to quantify, said Rob Robins, a collection manager at the Florida Museum of Natural History familiar with the study.

Exotic species compete with the native populations for food and habitat, and sometimes the foreigners are victorious.

The UF study seeks to give researchers a strong basis from which to examine the extent of such an impact by identifying

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Packaging error leads to recall of birth-control pills

WOMEN COULD BE LEFT WITH INADEQUATE CONTRACEPTION.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Eight oral contraceptives have been voluntarily recalled because of a packaging error.

Alabama-based Qualitest Pharmaceuticals issued the nationwide recall, effective immediately. Products recalled include Cyclofem 7/7/7, Cyclofem 1/35, Emoquette, Gildess FE 1.5/30, Gildess FE 1/20, Orsythia, Previfem and Tri-Previfem, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

The packaging defects pose no immediate health risks but can leave women with inadequate contraception.

As a result of the error, weekly tablet orientations were reversed, and the expiration dates were not visible, according to the FDA.

The recall involves 1.4 million packages that have been distributed since last

year, a spokesman for the company told CNN.

The Alachua County Health Department and the Student Health Care Center are aware of the recall. The health department clinic has never carried pills by Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, according to Elly Devost, the ACHD clinic manager.

The SHCC pharmacy pulled hundreds of packs off its shelves, but it doesn't believe any were packaged incorrectly, said Laura Tipton, the pharmacy manager. The pharmacy records lot numbers and expiration dates for each prescription dispensed.

However, the pharmacy is willing to return any recalled item. Students can come in, and the pharmacy "will give them a different manufactured product," Tipton said.

Qualitest is urging consumers exposed to affected packaging to begin using a non-hormonal form of contraception immediately.

Go to www.qualitestr.com/pdf/OCRecall.pdf for a complete list of the recalled contraceptives.

About 89 ejected from game

MORGAN WATKINS
Alligator Staff Writer

UF student David Baden had what may have been the best seats he'll ever get for a Gators football game.

Unfortunately, he only got to see the first half of the first quarter.

Baden, a 20-year-old mechanical engineering junior, was ejected from his second-row, 30-yard line seats at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday for standing on the bleachers along with seven or eight other students.

Although the law enforcement officer who kicked them out told them an usher had warned them, Baden said he hadn't received any such warning.

"If I would've been told, I would have easily gotten down. I just thought that's what fans do," he said, of standing on bleachers. "It's what I've done every single game of my college career so far, and I've never ever heard that it wasn't allowed."

Baden was one of 23 people ejected from the game for standing on bleachers, said Maj. Brad Barber, public information officer for the University Police Department.

That's the same number of people ejected

for standing on the bleachers at the football game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham on Sept. 10. Six people were ejected for the same offense at the game against Florida Atlantic University on Sept. 3.

There were five arrests and 89 total ejections at the game this weekend.

Eighteen people were ejected for alcohol possession, but only one person was arrested, Barber said. Another fan was arrested for underage possession of alcohol. Twenty-three people were ejected for disorderly conduct, and 14 people were kicked out for intoxication.

"The fans are just more into it, and they're rowdier than they are for a non-SEC game."

Mitchal Welsh
UPD Lieutenant

UPD Lt. Mitchal Welsh was in charge of the booking room at Gate 13 of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday. He said the ejection numbers were higher than the previous two games of the season most likely because it was a sold-out game.

"The fans are just more into it, and they're rowdier than they are for a non-SEC game," Welsh said.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Pearl Jam "20" Free, Exclusive

Listening Party

Tuesday, 9 to 11:30 p.m.
Double Down Live (201 SW Second Ave., formerly Common Grounds)

Come and get an early listen to the soundtrack for Pearl Jam "20," the in-depth documentary directed by Cameron Crowe and released by Columbia Records. Come by Double Down Live to jam out to the exclusive two-disc set and pick up some free Pearl Jam swag. There's no cover charge; 18+ for admission and 21+ for \$2 drink specials.

Memorial Service for UF Professor Gerald Kish

Wednesday, 11 a.m.

North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center

A memorial service will be held for Gerald Kish, who passed away earlier this month. A second service, hosted by the Warrington College of Business Administration, will be held Oct. 2 at Library East.

Minority Business Society General Body Meeting

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Come to the MBS general body meeting for the Capital One presentation on case interviewing. This is a great opportunity to learn about the skills that employers are looking for. There will be refreshments. For more information, follow the organization on Twitter @ufmbs or check out the Facebook group "Minority Business Society."

Peace Corps General

Information Session

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

HUB International Center

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Come find out more about Peace Corps and speak to returned and currently serving volunteers about their experiences.

Women's Student Association General Body Meeting and Recruitment

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CSE Building Room 220

Want to get involved on campus, join a community of women leaders and gain valuable leadership experience? Come to the Women's Student Association's second general body meeting of the year. WSA has also just extended the application deadline to Wednesday for applications for more than 30 leadership positions. Applications can be found online at ufwsa.blogspot.com.

Hispanic Heritage Month Talent Show

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

From solo performers and duets to groups and whole organizations, this year's event includes all talented Gators. Performers will show audiences what they've got in singing, dancing and freestyle categories. HHM staff will have giveaways throughout the show featuring CDs and posters signed by 2010 HHM concert headliner Frankie Negron. This year, there is also a "Fan Favorite" portion

that allows the crowd to have input on contestants' scores. The act with the most donations in each category will automatically get two points added to their final scores. All donations go towards PADRES Contra El Cancer (Parents Against Cancer).

Indian Student Association: Teach Me How to Garba

Wednesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

Reitz Union Colonnade

Event to learn how to do garba, which is a traditional Indian dance.

Got something going on?

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Alachua County's first senior center to open Thursday

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

The county's first senior center will open Thursday to provide medical, social and technological services for baby boomers entering their later years.

The \$5 million, 17,000-square-foot Senior Recreation Center at Northside Park will include a library, a catered kitchen and computer labs with Internet training.

Alachua County and the City of Gainesville each contributed \$1.5 million to pay for the center.

That money came from the Wild Spaces & Public Places funding initiative, which is financed through a half-cent sales tax and began after residents voted to approve the initiative in 2008.

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs gave \$2 million in the form of a state grant.

The joint city and county center, located at 5701 NW 34th St. and a part of Northside Park, will open after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Thursday.

The center will be operated and managed by ElderCare of Alachua County, a grant- and donation-based agency.

"The Senior Recreation Center at Northside Park represents a significant investment in the human capital of Gainesville and Alachua County senior citizens that we can all take pride in," Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe said in a news release.

Mark Sexton, communications coordinator for Alachua County, said the county did not already have a senior center because previous commissions hadn't chosen to take on the project. He said this center came about because there was a funding source in place.

"This wise investment in our community will yield exponential dividends for years to come," Alachua County Commission Chairmain Lee Pinkoson said in a news release.

According to the 2010 Census, about 11 percent of Alachua County residents are 65 years or older.

Sexton said a center like this will increase the quality of seniors' lives. The center will also have Wi-Fi throughout the building, a reception area with a fireplace, an exercise room and a recreation room with pool tables.

Parts of the building are also fortified to withstand Category 3 hurricanes, so it can operate as an emergency shelter. In addition, Sexton said the center is environmentally

friendly. The building has been built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver standards, the third-highest level of certification.

Visitors will not have to walk far because the RTS No. 8 bus route will include a stop at the center's door.

"I think it's just going to be a real jewel in the services crown of Gainesville and Alachua County," Sexton said.



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The Senior Recreation Center at Northside Park is Alachua County's first senior center. The center is located at 5701 NW 34th St.



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DINING

Vegetarian cafe goes completely vegan with new menu

SOPHIE COTE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Book Lover's Cafe will soon be the first restaurant in Gainesville to offer a completely vegan menu to its customers.

Amid the din of clinking coffee cups and worn-out silverware, co-owners Jason Gottfried and Carlo Besozzi sketched out the plans for the transformation of one of Gainesville's oldest vegetarian eateries into a full-service vegan cafe.

Gottfried, 32, of Nashville, Tenn., recognized the interest and need to provide a more complete dining experience to the growing

vegan community in Gainesville.

Through the reinvention of the Book Lover's Cafe menu, he and Besozzi hope to meet that goal. Unlike many other restaurants in Gainesville that offer both vegan and vegetarian options, Book Lover's Cafe will have an entirely vegan menu.

Veganism is the practice of avoiding the consumption or use of any products derived from animals, including foods containing dairy and eggs.

Book Lover's Cafe, located at 505 NW 13th St. in the same building as Books Inc., has been serving vegetarian cuisine to area residents since 1979.

Before moving to Gainesville to assume ownership of Book Lover's Cafe, Gottfried

"I hope that the vegan community will enjoy and support us and help us transform this place into something fantastic."

Jason Gottfried

co-owner of Book Lover's Cafe

served as general manager of The Wild Cow, a vegetarian restaurant in east Nashville, Tenn. Both he and Besozzi practice a vegan lifestyle.

"After leaving Nashville and working here for a year, I was blown away by how many

vegans and vegetarians I met," Gottfried said. "The changes we're hoping to make will help bring the restaurant into this decade and cater to people's desire for fresh food without the need for microwaves."

In recent years, adopting a vegan lifestyle has gained popularity among students and other members of the Gainesville community, particularly creating awareness for animal welfare and human rights reform.

"One of our main goals is to become more community-oriented," Gottfried said. "I hope that the vegan community will enjoy and support us and help us transform this place into something fantastic."

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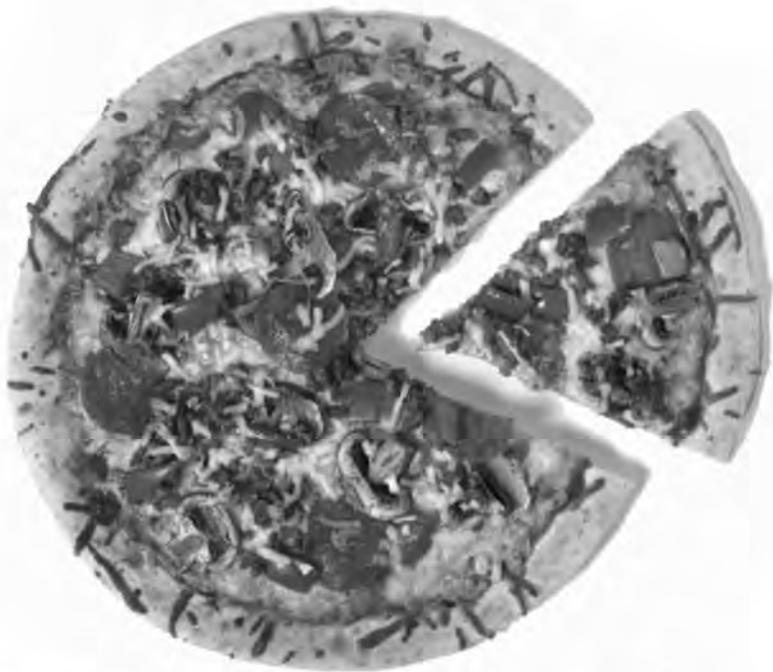
A car drives through the downpour Monday evening on Southwest 12th Street. The weather is expected to be stormy for the rest of the week, according to weather.com.

Invasive species arrived via cargo ships, pet trade

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and verifying each non-native species.
 "The more information you have about non-indigenous reptiles and amphibians, the better idea you have about their range, distribution and potential impact," Robins said.
 Until about 1940, the majority of non-native species arrived in Florida via cargo ships or planes from the West Indies or Cuba. More recently, the study indicates, the pet trade, or importing animals to be sold as pets, has been responsible for about 84 percent of all non-native introductions.
 While owning an exotic reptile or amphibian is OK, Florida law forbids the release of a non-native species into the wild without a permit.
 Robins said this law, however, is fairly unenforceable because a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers must actually witness the release of the animal in order to charge someone with the crime. To date, no one has been prosecuted for releasing a non-indigenous animal.
 One animal importer in particular, Strictly Reptiles Inc. of Hollywood, Fla., was responsible for about 25 percent of the non-native species in Florida.
 Ray Van Nostrand, a co-owner of the business, said Strictly Reptiles imports and distributes reptiles to customers all over the United States, including pet owners, researchers and zoos.
 Van Nostrand questioned whether pet owners' release of exotic animals was really a problem.
 "Researchers don't really know the environmental impact," he said. "Out of all the years I've been doing this, I've never had a call that said, 'There's an exotic frog in my yard, and it's a problem.'"

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Editorial

Toiling Over Tuition

In tough economy, are hikes unjustified?

Is the Gainesville chapter of Students for a Democratic Society really concerned about tuition hikes, or is it just trying to find something to protest?

Last week, SDS organized a protest, marched into Tigert Hall and demanded an end to annual tuition hikes.

No one likes to see tuition rates increase, but in tough economic times, the belts of everyone have to tighten.

With annual tuition hikes, surely UF has the one of the highest tuition rates in the country, right?

Actually, UF is ranked 11th in Forbes' Top 20 Best Value Colleges in the nation. If the college raises tuition at the rate of 15 percent per year, it will not reach the national average until 2019.

Everyone is on a tight budget, and no one likes paying more, but eventually wishes and hopes must succumb to reality.

You do not have a right to be here. You voluntarily chose to come to UF, and to demand that administrators give up their salaries to support your desire to pay less is a little childish.

We ask that you do not waste your upcoming opportunity to present a strong defense of your position when you meet with the university administration.

This is not to say that no one in SDS is really concerned about paying more, but storming into Tigert Hall and screaming demands to speak with President Bernie Machen makes it seem like the members are pining for a return to the 1960s.

It is a lot easier to convince someone on your side of the argument through calm, rational debate rather than screaming and holding picket signs. You have the right to protest or assemble, but there are better strategies.

Also, in the very hall where you were protesting, graduate students were trying to conduct important presentations but were disturbed by your yelling.

Is that really in the best interest of the students?

So for the activists in SDS, this is a call to action. Defend your "right" to pay less for your education. Why are tuition hikes for a school with below-average tuition rates the end of the world?

Should UF not be allowed to determine its own standards for entry and payment?

Students seem to be getting a pretty good deal. It is not like there are not opportunities out there that might ease your financial burden.

The editorial board of the Alligator asks that members of the SDS and other groups on campus who feel angered by the tuition hikes to send letters to the editor defending their position.

As you may notice from the letter by a graduate student a few weeks ago, there is not a collective distaste for these tuition hikes.

The Alligator has endorsed the painful but necessary tuition hikes before — but the editorial board has limits, too. When Machen wanted a one-time 30 percent increase, the Alligator objected and suggested locking in rates from freshman year through graduation.

We would greatly appreciate a response to this issue.

Reader response

Today's question: Would you vote for a woman for president?

Monday's question: Will you finish your undergraduate degree in four years or fewer?

62% YES
38% NO
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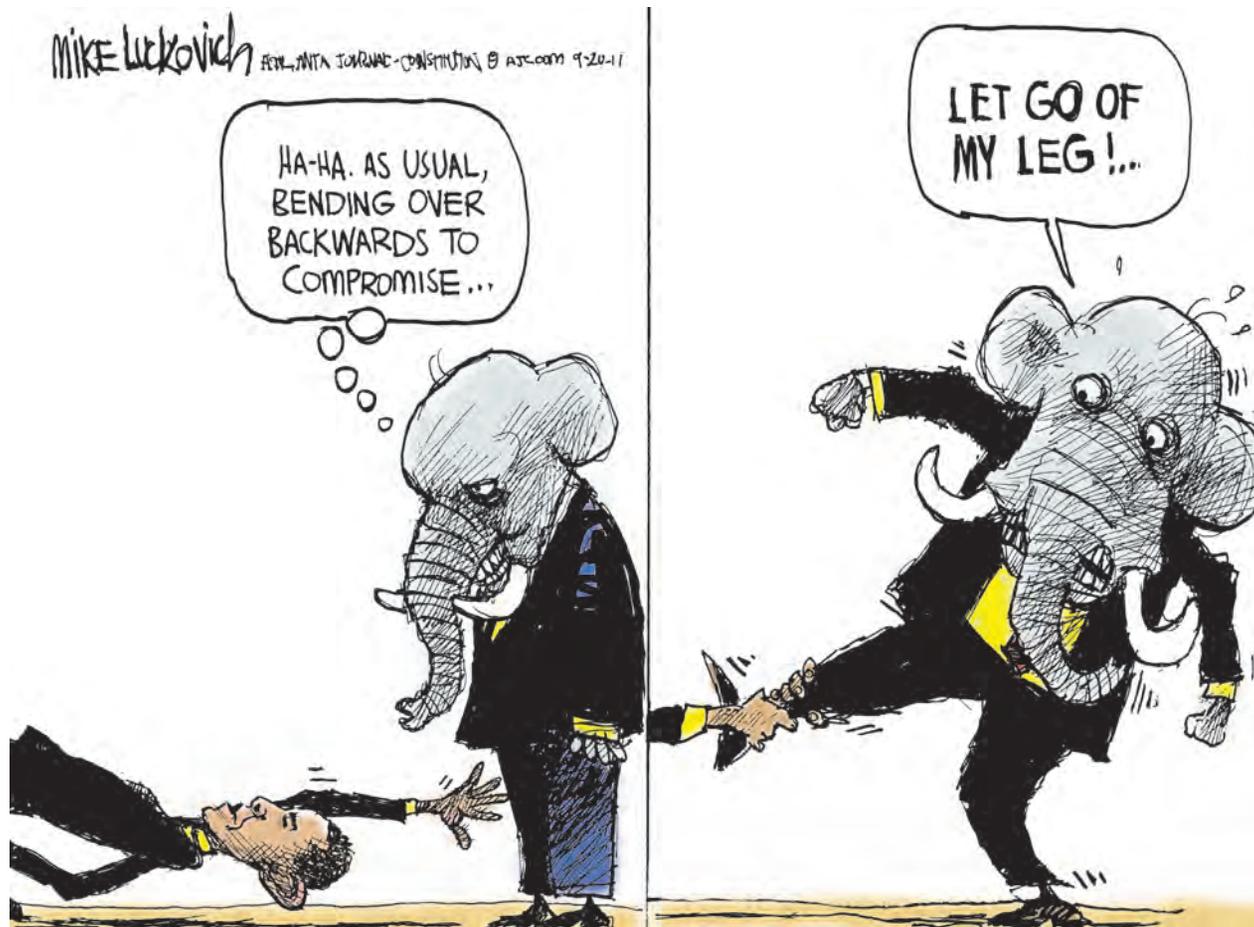
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Column

Politics needs better female role models

I'd like to issue an apology on behalf of all women. Sorry, ladies, but I think a good percentage of you will agree with me anyway.

More specifically, this is on behalf of women who pay attention to politics.

It seems to me that women politicians are still viewed as a joke, especially between the 2008 election season and the current campaign.

And of course they are seen that way.

People are usually given attention if they are different or controversial. Everyone likes attention, right? So the natural response should be to keep doing whatever earned that attention in the first place.

Sarah Palin took that to mean being more rogue, more every-woman and more detached from the news media. She basically became a complete caricature of herself.

Voters like things to be very simple.

Straightforward politics are preferred in this country. People don't want any of those "conditional" mumbo-jumbo arguments where decisions depend on circumstances. Campaign seasons are for declarative statements that appease people in the moment. That angle is perfect for politicians who are trying to earn votes rather than keep the numbers they already have.

In my view, Palin was never a valid candidate.

"But Sami," I hear you asking, "Don't ladies automatically vote for other ladies?"

Not when they think that lady is crazy.

Did you ever ask yourself why Palin was selected to be John McCain's running mate?

Essentially, the only people who would vote for McCain also look exactly like him. The Republican Party ticket needed spice and pizzazz — and controversy. Palin brought attention to their campaign with her gender and her opinions.

I'm definitely not saying she exploited herself to earn votes. The fact that she is a female was enough "controversy" to catch the media's attention. It was after the fact that we got to see the other levels of her personality.

There was a brief panic in America with the beginning of the 2012 presidential race: Who was going to be America's



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sweetheart now that Palin wasn't running?

Thankfully, Michele Bachmann arrived on the scene.

Bachmann is just another example of how important extremes are to this nation.

If someone isn't making a scene, they're not going to earn press. And I think we all know

Bachmann likes a scene.

Women in politics will not be listened to unless they are causing a ruckus — that is a little absurd to me.

Are we not past this yet? Can we just have female politicians, no questions asked? Instead, we are presented only with cartoons.

Is that what we want our children to be exposed to? It's not fair that the only highly visible role models available are basically the worst ones.

So, here's my apology:

Sorry. I'm sorry for the ladies and to the ladies.

I'm sorry that, as far as presidential candidates go, there aren't often good examples to look up to. I wish that the loudest voices weren't the only ones heard.

I'd also like to apologize to anyone who finds this whole thing a little one-sided.

As you can see, I lean a certain way politically. I don't even think that matters in this case, though. Even if I belonged to the Republican Party, I would still feel mildly ashamed of the females "representing" me. This goes beyond whether or not I agree with their politics because that answer is easy: I am just legitimately saddened that two of the most talked-about females in these recent elections are poor role models.

Maybe this is all to inspire the next generation to be better than using gender as a springboard for politics. It shouldn't matter what your gender is if your policies are a little nutty.

Apology accepted?

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Jon Stewart has responsibility as reporter, not just comedian

Recently, a friend of mine, seemingly distraught, complained that Jon Stewart's frequent summer vacations left him repeatedly bereft of meaningful political insight and general news information. I berated him for neglecting the legitimate media.

I explained that Stewart is a comedian, not a news anchor — a wit, not a pundit. However, I realized that perhaps I had blamed the wrong person.

Perhaps my friend was not at fault for relying on Stewart, but rather Stewart was for failing to care for those who had become dependent on him. It seemed that in watching Stewart week after week, my friend and those like him had gone from simply watching him on TV to looking up to him. He had become much more than the host of a late-night talk show.

As students, this phenomenon should shock none of us. After semesters of exposure to a teacher, few among us can say that we have not come to rely on that person's regular presence in our lives — and not just for their knowledge. Since we've become attached to these teachers, a week without their wisdom is noticeable. But should we put such a (perhaps parental) burden on these people, particularly Stewart? At what point do those that we look up to have to look back down at us? Does Stewart have some sort of moral and professional obligation to the people who watch him to provide a service he did not initially set out to provide?

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The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press conducted a poll in 2007 that asked Americans to name the journalist they most admired. Stewart came in fourth, tied with news anchors Brian Williams and Tom Brokaw of NBC, Dan Rather of CBS and Anderson Cooper of CNN. A 2009 poll by Time asked the question, "Now that Walter Cronkite has passed on, who is America's most trusted newscaster?" Stewart, with 44 percent of the vote, beat out Brian Williams (29 percent), Charlie Gibson (19 percent) and Katie Couric (9 percent). Because my college-educated friend and so many Americans rely on Stewart for the news and trust him to provide it, perhaps he has a moral obligation to take up the reign as a consistent provider of reliable news. That is not to say that he needs to cease being a comedian, as the use of his wit is undoubtedly part of his appeal. Rather, he needs to make sure to deliver his act with consistency and accuracy. I recognize that the station that broadcasts "The Daily Show" is Comedy Central, not CNN. I simultaneously recognize, however, that with power and influence come responsibility.

Because Americans look up and listen to Stewart to such a degree, he has increased responsibility that makes the dependent viewer less to blame.

It is important to note that Stewart makes it clear that he

does not deliver accurate, unbiased news. It may be the case that this warning label is insufficient. A disclaimer cannot alleviate Stewart from taking the responsibility for the influence he wields. Since he fills a certain role in the minds of his viewers, he needs to live up to that image.

As Stewart often points out, legitimate news stations — especially Fox News — often report inaccurately. A discussion of general news biases is important but not relevant here. I do not condone the somewhat extreme predispositions of Fox News or MSNBC, but neither leaves room for the same level of cognitive dissonance that "The Daily Show" does; they deliver what is expected of them, consistently.

Yes, my friend needs to subscribe to The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. He and many others need to diversify the sources from which they draw information and craft opinions. Simultaneously, the people who hold the ears and minds of the masses and who help to influence views owe it to them to "look back down" and fulfill expected roles. High school teachers ought to be nurturing, and Stewart ought to deliver credible, consistent reporting. Stewart ought to mix fact and fiction very cautiously to avoid misinforming those who look up to him and take his word as truth. (And, in his absence, Stewart should hire a replacement host.)

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Postal service still necessary despite convenience of Internet

In many ways, I feel like saying, "ha ha" to the United States Postal Service. Take that! Take that for bringing me all those bills in my mail. I say this because the Postal Service can't even pay its own bills.

Personally, I never knew the post office fell under a special umbrella of the U.S. government — "independent agency." So what's that in English? It needs to make a "profit" in order to survive, no different than any other business; and by the end of September, it's going to be hard up for cash.

A recent article published in Gizmodo mentioned the Postal Service and its dilemma. It summarized this as, "Not only are they going under, but they're going under fast — minus the life vest."

According to the article, "The postmaster general, Patrick Donahoe, might get rid of Sat-

urday mail delivery, lay off 120,000 workers and close up to 3,700 post offices — all in an effort to lessen the post office's deficit, which will be \$9.2 billion this fiscal year. Why? Well, labor costs too much and revenue is down."

Congress is having problems balancing its checkbook. We all know that. However, the post office will be last in line for a swanky bailout. The Postal Service is about to default on a payment of \$5.5 billion. Personally, if that were my bar tab, I'd be long gone by now.

Personally, I like the post office, although it may not seem so obvious. I do. My mail always reaches the correct destination, I'm rarely overcharged, and it's adamant about delivering those dreaded bill envelopes. My question here is really about after effects and repercussions. If the post office becomes a

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thing of the past, what will be the "proxy?"

According to The New York

Times, "Mail volume has plummeted with the rise of email, electronic bill-paying and a Web that makes everything from fashion catalogs to news instantly available. The system will handle an estimated 167 billion pieces of mail this fiscal year, down 22 percent from five years ago."

And so the debate goes: The Internet killed pen pals. Pen pals became email junkies, and it all became convenient.

The Postal Service suffered greatly from this "cyber Santa of opportuneness" and the after effect: The whole shebang simply cost us more.

Rather than playing the blame game, I ask: Where is the solution? Unbeknownst to some, the Postal Service is actually a necessity. By how much, I'm not sure.

Think about your grandparents. What if they aren't keyboard savvy? Perhaps they don't have access to a computer, never mind if they know how to use one. How will those people function? And has anybody given thought to our troops overseas? They rely heavily on the Postal Service as a gateway to home.

So yes, I guess we still need the Postal Service, perhaps in a quota that we can afford. The kind of quota that doesn't kill the messenger. Congress needs to empty its handbag and re-evaluate those nickels and dimes.

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What Faith Demands

One UF student sacrificed his life to comfort his friend

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Keri O'Neil is a heavy sleeper; few disturbances get her up and moving. But at 5 a.m. on Feb. 12, lying on the maroon carpet in Room 108 of the Key West Inn, all it took was a slight shake of the foot.

"Do you want to go some place really cool with me?" Grant Lockenbach asked.

"What?"

The room was still dark as eight other UF students slept through the conversation. They had come to LaFayette, Ga., to spend the day exploring caves.

"Come on," he said. "I've been up for more than an hour. There's this really cool place I want to go. Just come with me."

Lockenbach had checked into the hotel at 11:40 the night before, though nobody went to sleep until 3 a.m., when the second half of the group arrived from Gainesville. This morning marked O'Neil and Lockenbach's 20th day as a couple, and she had already grown used to her boyfriend's impulsiveness.

When the two couldn't decide on an appropriate time for their first date, he came to O'Neil's house and asked her to hop in his beat-up green Volvo. He drove to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, and they sat behind the end zone, just talking. It was a weeknight in January, and Lockenbach had to get up at 5 a.m. for ROTC training. He didn't care. They talked for hours.

Lockenbach and O'Neil first met through Fellowship of Christian Athletes as freshmen in September 2008, but they didn't become close until Keri's twin, Michele, started dating one

of Lockenbach's best friends in the summer of 2010. While on a religious fast at the beginning of this year, Lockenbach thought he heard God telling him to date Keri. He wrote her a poem, asking to take her on a date at the end. She needed to think about it.

"No pressure, but I'm 100 percent confident that we're supposed to be dating," he said.

On the morning of Feb. 12, she agreed to sneak out of the hotel. Lockenbach, who stood 6-feet tall, 175 pounds with a strong jaw and buzzed black hair, handed her three pairs of socks. About 15 minutes later, she sat shoeless overlooking LaFayette, a rural Georgia town 101 miles northwest of Atlanta with a population of about 8,000 and a billboard appealing to the Sons of the Confederate Army. Lockenbach didn't care about losing sleep. He wanted to watch the sun rise.

The only problem was neither of them knew which direction to look or when the sun would actually come up. They sat. They talked. They waited. And, two hours later, shivering in the dim, 28-degree morning, they left.

Within 10 minutes, as they drove down the hill, the sun peeked over the horizon. Lockenbach pulled a 10-point turn and gunned his car back up.

"What were we thinking?" he asked, frustrated with his own impatience. "It's not like the sun just wasn't going to rise today."

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Michael Pirie heard screams, but he didn't hear words. Nobody did.

It was 2 p.m., and Pirie stood with eight others at the ledge of a 125-foot pit. The group was

hoping for a fun weekend surveying Pigeon Mountain. But now, standing on that ledge amid the darkness of Ellisons Cave, they were desperate to decipher Lockenbach's voice.

Each member of the group was part of FCA, and Lockenbach was the president. He was the most experienced caver — one of the only experienced cavers, in fact.

A thrill-seeker, Lockenbach started cave diving three years ago. During the 2010-2011 school year alone, he had gone on at least five trips, roommate Aaron McPhail said. Two weeks earlier, Lockenbach led a group to Tumbling Rock Cave in Jackson County, Ala. Before that, on his way back from New York after a New Year's Eve trip, Lockenbach and his friends explored PettyJohns, one of about 60 caves inside Pigeon Mountain.

Lockenbach was a member of the university's ROTC, trained to parachute from planes and rappel out of helicopters. He belonged to a local rock-climbing gym, where he once chatted with his mother on the phone while hanging upside-down. He dropped the phone, and her ears were greeted with a thud.

On this Saturday afternoon, the rest of the students explored a separate part of Ellisons Cave while Lockenbach and Pirie rigged ropes at the Warm Up Pit. In the process, a black High Sierra backpack somehow fell 125 feet below them. The bag held ropes and other climbing gear, so Lockenbach went down to retrieve it.

Now, minutes later, Pirie and the rest of the group listened intently. For whatever reason, Lockenbach's voice was not reaching them clearly. Perhaps his words were muffled from bouncing off the rocks. Or maybe he couldn't compete with the sound of the waterfall.

Snow had fallen in LaFayette three days earlier, and cold water ran through the cave toward the pits. During their exploration, the other eight students had, at times, been waist-deep.

It was fitting that Pirie, a marketing freshman from Oviedo, and Lockenbach, a sociology junior from DeLand, split from the rest of the group. During a three-day weekend retreat in January to Gatlinburg, Tenn., Lockenbach told other upperclassmen that Pirie could one day become the FCA president.

Most members of the group hardly knew Pirie before the trip. He played bass in the 29-member UF drumline, and he spent eight hours a week at practice during the fall. But football season was finished, and he had become more involved with FCA.

In Tennessee, he became "Magic Mike" after surprising people with card illusions ("Tricks are for kids; I do illusions," he once wrote in a document on his computer). As a senior at Lake Highland Preparatory the previous year, Pirie had been president of Project Magic, the Orlando chapter of David Copperfield's organization that performs magic shows in hospitals and low-income communities.

He cut women into thirds and reattached them. He used metamorphosis to switch places with a friend padlocked inside a mail bag. He had mastered the teleportation box. But his specialty was sleight of hand. He was named Mr. Lake Highland Prep after turning one student's card into ash, rubbing it on both sides of his forearm and exposing a message reading, "The Ace of Spades."

Luckily, someone had a deck in Tennessee. "That was crazy," one FCA member said. "He did this one trick where he pulled a card out of nowhere. It was like some David Blaine stuff. For real, dude."

Lockenbach was just as impressed by Magic Mike's commitment to FCA. Pirie played drums

in the worship team during Wednesday night services and was at Bible study every Monday. When Lockenbach and other FCA members finished a three-week religious fast, Pirie showed up at the celebration just to be with them. Lockenbach wolfed down waffle sandwiches with scoops of ice cream in between. Pirie ate uncooked turkey bacon drizzled in chocolate syrup just because someone said, "You won't."

Pirie was 5-foot-9 and 152 pounds, and his brown hair seemed to always stay perfect, combed left to right. He liked wakeboarding, snowboarding and doing flips off swing sets.

He invented dances: Stomp the Rat, Tip the Hat, Kick the Cat. He told friends in FCA he would massage a sleeping girl's bare feet if he lost a bet. He won the bet. He did it anyway.

"They're the same person. Mike is like the freshman version of Grant," said Michele O'Neil, who stood beside Pirie in Ellisons Cave.

The group knew Lockenbach needed help, so three students sprinted down the mountain to call 911. They had brought a cellphone into the cave for emergencies, but it sat at the bottom of the pit.

Pirie and the rest of the students who stayed in the cave heard bits of Lockenbach's screams. He yelled for Pirie. They tried to explain a rescue team was coming, tried to tell him to stay calm for just a little longer. In a half hour, they said, the rescue team will be here. But their voices weren't reaching him, and Lockenbach kept calling for Michael, kept telling him he needed help.

The group needed a liaison, someone who could calm Lockenbach as they waited for the rescue team. A girl volunteered, but Pirie rebuffed her.

"Can you pray for me?" he asked. "Because I have no idea what I'm doing."

He then strapped on a white helmet and descended. He didn't rappel, a woman in the group later remembered. He basically just fell down the pit.

"We're OK," Pirie yelled from somewhere below. "We're just cold."

At the ledge, Keri O'Neil prayed. *God, save them. Comfort them.*

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Pigeon Mountain forms the right half of a V with Lookout Mountain, and the two fuse at the northwestern corner of Georgia. The former occupies about 20,000 acres and reaches an altitude of about 2,300 feet. It lies on the Tennessee-Alabama-Georgia line, a North American spelunking Mecca. Every year, 10,000 cavers come to the mountain.

Nobody knows when people started investigating the intestines of Pigeon Mountain, but historians found ads more than a century old persuading readers to explore PettyJohns Cave. Ellisons is one of the most popular spots among experienced cavers looking for a challenge, most notably because of Fantastic Pit and its 586-foot drop — the deepest caving pit in the continental United States.

The Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area is located off Georgia Highway 193, but even from LaFayette it can be difficult to navigate. There are several entrances, but no reassuring signs. Even after finding the desired entrance, an inexperienced caver can

easily get lost.

When hiking toward PettyJohns, for example, a path can form in the mind's eye only to disappear steps later among the rocks and wrinkled brown leaves that swallow each step. If hikers turn left, they may think they took a wrong turn. They will try to turn back before realizing they don't know how they arrived in the first place. Then comes the actual cave.

For Lockenbach, this was a proper sport, a sport untouched by man-made attraction. There are no real rules, only suggestions. The rocks are the boundaries. Caving is not a sport in the sense of winning and losing. There is no race to the top, no medal for exploring the deepest pits. And the danger, unlike in most traditional sports, is always real.

According to the National Speleological Society, between 1986 and 2008, there were reports worldwide of 394 cavers falling, 162 being stranded or trapped, 169 being hit by falling rocks, 100 getting lost and 49 suffering from hypothermia. Seventy-five cavers died.

But this trip was not about danger or, really, any type of discovery for Lockenbach.

"He doesn't plan trips because he loves caving," said Dustin Gill, one of his roommates. "He plans trips because he wants to get to know people."

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Gill was not supposed to go to LaFayette with Lockenbach and Aaron McPhail, his other roommate.

A paper was due Sunday night, and he hadn't even started. But when a car showed up at 7 p.m. on Friday to pick up McPhail — Lockenbach and others left around noon — Gill decided to go, too.

You could knock out two pages in the hotel room, his friends convinced him. He scrambled to pack a bag, and 10 minutes later, he was riding in Michele O'Neil's blue 2005 Ford Escape.

Like the others in his group, Gill did not realize Lockenbach was in trouble when he first arrived at the Warm Up Pit. He could hear yelling, but the only words he understood were, "Help!" and "I'm stuck!"

McPhail and another man started walking back to the parking lot to call for assistance, but Gill continued to hear Lockenbach's screams and realized the situation was more desperate than anyone originally thought. He bolted down the mountain.

Gill and Lockenbach met in Mrs. Adney's third grade class at Woodward Avenue Elementary School in DeLand. Lockenbach's family had just moved from Atlanta. Both students were in the school's gifted program, and they were in the same classes for three straight years.

They had grown up climbing trees and eating Chinese plums. In Gainesville, Lockenbach would pop his head in Gill's room to bum cookie dough or instigate debates with questions like, "What would Karl Marx think about Walmart?"

Reaching the bottom of Pigeon Mountain, Gill dialed 911 at 2:19 p.m. He tried to remain calm, but he struggled to catch his breath. His voice cracked.

"It's just one guy who is down there and can't get back up," he said, unaware of what Pirie would soon do. "He said he would flash his flashlight if he needed help. I think he dropped his flashlight because all you can see is the light down there. There's water. We can't hear anything he's saying, but he's definitely calling for help."

"We're OK. We're just cold," Pirie continued to tell whoever could hear him.

It was 3:30 p.m. He had been in the pit for half an hour, and he still didn't know when the rescue team would arrive. He told Lockenbach they would soon be safe, and he kept yelling to Keri, letting her know they were hanging on. But the panic in Pirie's voice betrayed him.

"Grant!" he yelled. Pirie repeated the name twice more — Grant! Grant! — his voice growing louder, more desperate each time.

Keri asked Pirie if her boyfriend was OK, knowing the truth before the words escaped her mouth. Pirie did not lie, electing instead to misinterpret the question.

"I'm fine," he told her. "I'm fine."

She asked again. And, again, Pirie answered a different question.

By about 3:45 p.m., Keri lost hope. She stopped asking questions. When the three-man Initial Response Task Force arrived at 3:58 p.m., she left with the two other women who had stayed in the cave. As she walked into the light, Keri cried, sure she would never see her boyfriend again.

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The first members of the rescue team arrived in the gravel parking lot at the base of Pigeon Mountain at 3:11 p.m., about an hour after Gill dialed 911. Unlike with crimes or fires, caving emergencies demand a long response time.

A rescue team isn't sitting together at a police station or a fire department, just waiting to spring into action when needed. Chuck Waters, the regional supervisor of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, was at the mall when he received the call.

In all, the rescue team consisted of 34 members: five from the department of natural resources, six from Walker County Emergency Services and 23 volunteers.

Once members of the team had assembled, they still had to march one mile to the cave, located 850 feet above the parking lot. The Initial Response Task Force started the hike at 3:20 p.m. They reached the Warm Up Pit about 40 minutes later, and Anmar Mirza rappelled to where Lockenbach and Pirie were suspended — about 80 feet down.

Neither man responded to Mirza's calls.

Pirie was below Lockenbach, his head resting on his own right shoulder and his helmet hanging by a string. Pirie's left arm was extended, a thick black rope wrapped around his wrist. That rope was entangled with another.

When the rescue team found him, Lockenbach's mouth and nose were filled with water. His arms were stretched out, his face tilted toward the sky.

Nobody knows exactly what happened to Lockenbach during his descent. Some members of the rescue team think his rope was too short for the 125-foot pit. Others say the rope's length was fine, suggesting he was unable to maneuver once he became trapped in the waterfall.

Water running down the pit came from the nearby snow that had just started melting. Its temperature was in the high 30s or low 40s. Cavers are instructed to wear three layers of clothing in such conditions. Lockenbach was wearing a blue Florida Gators T-shirt, Pirie a black long-sleeved shirt and khaki shorts. When the rescue team found him, Lockenbach had been in the waterfall for more than two hours, Pirie for about half as long.

According to the autopsy report, it is possible that one or both of them experienced cold shock response. With their bodies submerged in water of that temperature, they could have hy-



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Michael Pirie, 18, a marketing freshman from Oviedo and a member of the UF drumline, rappelled into a 125-foot pit on Feb. 12 after hearing his friend call for help.

perventilated for up to three minutes. Both men would have eventually recovered.

Body temperature normally rests at 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit; hypothermia occurs when it dips below 95. In 40-degree water, it can take effect in 10 to 20 minutes, but Lockenbach and Pirie weren't fully submerged, likely delaying the process. Once hypothermia sets in, however, muscles grow weak and blood flows toward the core of the body, away from the extremities, causing loss of coordination.

The heart and the nervous system and other organs stop functioning correctly, and speech is slurred, and confusion sets in. Breathing becomes slow. It becomes shallow. Organs soon fail; it just becomes a matter of which one stops first, which one becomes the culprit.

But well before any organ failed, well before the nearly ice-cold water overwhelmed Pirie and Lockenbach, they likely experienced Suspension Trauma.

As you hang in a harness, blood begins to build up in your legs. If you can move around and shift your weight, the blood will continue to circulate.

But if you stop moving, your circulation slows. Your brain, realizing it is not receiving the proper blood flow, sends your body into shock. Your pulse increases. You breathe faster. You feel sick. You sweat. You shiver. You become anxious. Eventually, you faint.

When the rescue team found the bodies, they also found two lights shining: a headlamp on a nearby ledge and a Mini Maglite 40 feet below.

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"Would God ever ask you to jump off a cliff?"

Jason Mills posed that question to the FCA freshmen Bible study group in his living room one Monday night.

He had been reading "The Shack," a Christian novel. In the book, Mack, the protagonist, takes his daughters on a camping trip. He tells them about a princess who jumped off a cliff to

cure her tribe of a disease. His daughter wondered why the princess had to sacrifice her life. She asked her father if God would force her to do the same. Mack said no. God would never do that.

So, Mills asked, do you agree with Mack? Pirie was the first to answer. As he spoke, Mills thought to himself, "This kid is not confused. He knows what his faith demands of him." Five days later, Pirie rappelled down the Warm Up Pit inside Ellisons Cave.

"I had no idea how literal that question would be in Michael's life," Mills told a group of friends the night after Pirie died.

Pirie would have turned 19 on June 18; Lockenbach was just one week shy of his 21st birthday. But in the weeks following their deaths, a theme emerged at funerals and campus memorial services: They simply were not meant to grow old. Forever, they will be the kids who invented "extreme swinging" on middle school playgrounds. Forever, they will be the ones who planned to drink their first beers with bums to show they cared.

Dustin Gill and Aaron McPhail, who both lived with Lockenbach, said they are recovering as best they can. They live in the same house this year. They rented out Lockenbach's room to a friend. It's just a room. It's not Grant.

"Imagine a staircase with the bottom being despair and the top being accepting reality," Gill said. "I'm doing OK because I'm going up the steps. The steps hurt. Going back to the hotel that night, that hurt. Driving his car back to Gainesville the next morning, that hurt. But as long as I keep moving up the steps and not going back, I'm doing OK."

The week after the trip, Keri O'Neil would not eat unless someone placed food in front of her. The idea of standing up and walking across the room to her kitchen was exhausting. She had good reason. Every night, almost every hour, on the hour, she woke up.

After her boyfriend woke her with a slight shake of the foot in Room 108 of the Key West Inn, Keri O'Neil became a light sleeper.



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Grant Lockenbach, 20, a sociology junior and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, led a group of UF students on a cave exploration trip in LaFayette, Ga.

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 e-mail moritae@yahoo.com \$529/month
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4 Roommates

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6 Furnishings

BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC
 Pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 12-7-11-74-6

BED - FULL SIZE - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC
 Pillow-top mattress & box. New, unused, still in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Call 352-377-9846 12-7-11-74-6

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 Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must sell. Can deliver. Retail \$1600. 352-372-7490 12-7-11-74-6

BED - KING - \$200 PILLOWTOP
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BEDROOM SET. 7pc Cherry, Queen/ king bed, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands, chests avail. Dovetail const. New, in boxes. Can deliver. Retail \$4500, must sell, sacrifice \$850 (352) 372-7490 12-7-74-6

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7 Computers

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12 Autos

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 PRICES SLASHED!!!!
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 ALL VEHICLES \$0 DOWN!
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 352-338-1999 12-7-74-12

92 EAGLE TALON \$999
 89 FORD BRONCO \$999
 94 FORD TAURUS \$999
 96 HONDA ACCORD \$1499
 352-338-1999 12-7-74-12

96 CADILLAC DEVILLE \$1999
 95 NISSAN 200SX \$1999
 98 FORD F250 \$2500
 02 CHEVY BLAZER \$4999
 352-338-1999 12-7-74-12

96 TOYOTA CAMRY \$1999
 98 PONTIAC GRAND AM \$1999
 01 DODGE NEON \$1999
 00 OLDS ALERO \$2500
 352-338-1999 12-7-74-12

SUNRISE AUTO SALES
 CERTIFIED USED VEHICLES
 NO CREDIT CHECK
 MOVE VEHICLES \$500 & UP!
 352-375-9090 12-7-74-12

SUNRISE AUTO SALES
 BACK TO SCHOOL SALE!
 PRICES SLASHED!!!!
 NO CREDIT CHECK!
 352-375-9090 12-7-74-12

03 HONDA CIVIC \$8900
 04 HONDA ACCORD \$8999
 03 MITS ECLIPSE \$7999
 05 TOYOTA CAMRY \$10999
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 4 doors, black, hard top, new 33" Toyo tires, and manual 6 speed. \$18,000, call 352-234-0145. 9-23-11-4-12

13 Wanted

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 ★ Gold ★ Diamonds ★ Gems ★ Class Rings
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 9-22-11-74-13



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14 Help Wanted



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by David L. Hoyt 9-20-11

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Amount	EFUGIR
5. Metallic sound	NCLGA
6. Flattens	NORIS
7. "Lethal _____"	WNPAOE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Determinant	AOFRCT
2. Hard rock	TGIARNE
3. Reorganize	RGEPROU
4. Moyet or Krauss	LOINSA

BONUS CLUE: This comes in two distinct sections, one in one country, one in another.

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How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

1D-Factor 2D-Grantite 3D-Regard 4D-Allison B-Niagara Falls
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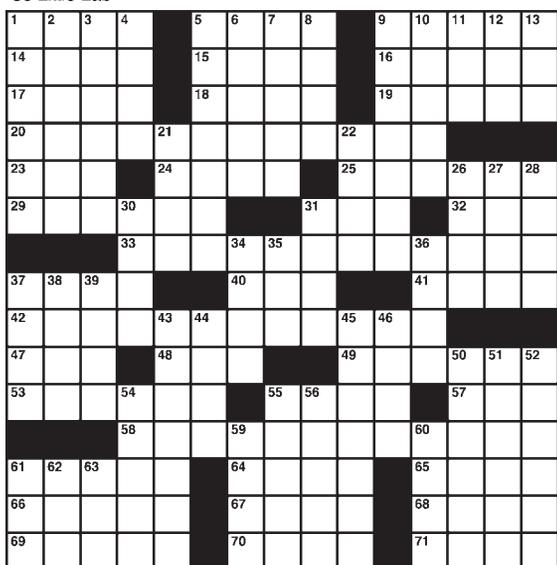
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THE RALLY

Does Florida's offense need to get its receivers involved?

Tom: We're three games into Will Muschamp's first season and finally have our first Southeastern Conference game under our belts, so we're starting to get an idea of Florida's offensive identity. To this point, it's been a heavy dose of running backs, both on handoffs and in the passing game, but the receivers have been a non-factor.

This has to be a concern moving forward with the meat of the Gators' schedule on the horizon, right?

Greg: No, not really. Not at all, in fact.

Chris Rainey, Jeff Demps and Trey Burton are Florida's three best playmakers. They need to get the majority of touches.

Whether you're playing Alabama or Furman, Gainesville High or the New England Patriots, your best players are your best players, and they need to get the ball the most for the offense to be successful.

Elite defenses — the type Florida will face in October — are good enough to take away any team's top threat. While the Gators' offense may be one-dimensional, it's based on more than just one player. If

a defense slides to Rainey on the right, Florida has Demps on the left. And if you commit to taking away both, Burton will pound it up the middle.

Florida's attack is what it is, and asking it to be more than that is a recipe for disaster.

Tom: Here's the thing: Elite defenses — like the Alabama's and LSU's of the world — aren't going to play Florida like FAU, UAB and Tennessee did.

They're not going to play soft coverage downfield and give the Gators the swing passes to Demps, Rainey and Burton. They have the speed to take the flats away and force John Brantley to do some actual throwing.

And those teams most certainly will try to take away the run from Florida. The running backs will still get their touches, but LSU and Alabama are ranked third and fourth in the nation in rushing defense, re-



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spectively.

Florida's receivers are going to need to be more than decoys — which they've been for the better part of three games — if the Gators hope to be successful on

offense.

Greg: The Alabama and LSU rush defenses may be strong, but their ability to stop the pass isn't far behind. Through three games, Alabama ranks fifth nationally. LSU is 19th.

Florida could barely get the aerial attack going against FAU and UAB, so why should they expect to have any success against top-flight opponents?

No matter who UF plays, a carry from Demps or Rainey has the potential to go the distance.

Because the offensive line has played surprisingly well, Florida's best bet is to pound it and hope one of them can take it to the house.

The mere threat of speedy receivers Deonte Thompson or Quinton Dunbar getting up the field is enough to keep the defense honest.

Tom: Yeah, those pass defense numbers aren't too shabby; but last I checked, Florida was all about taking what the defense gives it. That's not going to be the short passing game and running game against those teams since their strengths are stopping the run.

Florida couldn't get the aerial attack going its first three games because the opposing defenses weren't going to let it. Smarter teams will make Florida pass, and the Gators have to establish the passing game for Dunbar and Thompson to be considered threats.

Of Brantley's 47 completions, 17 have been to receivers.

That's not going to cut it moving forward, and it's why the Gators need to do more than just get the ball to their three-headed monster at running back.

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Gators' first-quarter success hinges on designed play calls



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Florida offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said he works to orchestrate the Gators' first few drives of each game. The plan is working thus far, as UF has scored on its first possession in every game this season and holds a 33-0 advantage against opponents in first quarters. Florida outscored opponents 56-48 in the first quarter last year.

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

Florida's offense has thrived from the opening act in each game, in part because the players have received simple instructions: follow the script.

Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis has orchestrated the Gators' initial plays well in advance this year, holding meetings with quarterback John Brantley about 24 hours before kickoffs to go through the team's first two or three drives. Weis tells Brantley the plays he wants to run, in order, and Brantley lets his coach know if he feels uncomfortable with anything on the script.

"It's a really good idea," Brantley said Monday. "It gives you a chance to look at what you're running to get familiar with it. ... It's real important going into a game."

Florida has scored on each of its three opening drives this year, including a nine-play, 80-yard series ending in a touchdown Saturday against Tennessee. In all, the Gators have outscored opponents 33-0 in the first quarter.

Last season, Florida outscored opponents 56-48 in the opening quarter.

UF Football

Roberson passes test: Facing a productive passing attack for the first time in his college career, freshman cornerback Marcus Roberson helped limit Tennessee to 288 passing yards — about 50 yards shy of the Vols' season average.

Coach Will Muschamp said Roberson does a good job of jamming receivers at the line and getting between the ball and its intended target. Once the ball is in the air, Roberson attacks it.

He jumped a slant route in the third quarter Saturday for what looked to be his first career interception, but the play was called back as Roberson was charged with a questionable pass interference.

"He works hard at practice," Muschamp said. "He has good retention — day in, day out — for what we do and how we do it. I've been very pleased with his progress."

While the Gators defensive backs received praise for keeping the Vols' hyped air attack in check, Muschamp said his team

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Bostic, Jenkins quietly leading UF's top-ranked rush defense

► FLORIDA HAS ALLOWED JUST 92 RUSHING YARDS IN THREE GAMES.

MATT WATTS

Alligator Staff Writer

On the Gators' defense, some players are more visible than others.

In addition to his well-publicized dance moves, Dominique Easley turned heads by blasting into the Tennessee backfield more often than not Saturday.

Matt Elam's interception that sealed the victory will be replayed time and again, but he also made headlines for Twitter barbs exchanged with Vols receiver Da'Rick Rogers.

All Jon Bostic and Jelani Jenkins do is show up and make plays.

The unsung heroes of Florida's defense, Bostic led the team with eight tackles against Tennessee, and Jenkins was second with six. Both linebackers also picked up a sack of

quarterback Tyler Bray, and the Gators held the Vols to minus-9 yards rushing — the best effort by Florida's defense since the 2006 Tennessee game (minus-11).

"The (defensive) linemen did a great job of keeping the offensive linemen off of me, and I give all my praise to them," Jenkins said after the win.



Bostic

Quiet and modest in interviews, Jenkins and Bostic come alive on Saturdays.

While Easley, Jaye Howard and the rest of the defensive front play a large role, they also need reliable talent behind them.

Together, the unit has limited opponents to 92 yards rushing through three games, tops in the nation.

Against Tennessee, Bostic said stopping

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RECRUITING

Maye taking different path

KELLY PRICE

Alligator Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — Marcus Maye lights up most fields he steps on — even the barely-lit ones.

On Friday, Maye, a Florida oral commit, and Melbourne Holy Trinity (2-0) dominated St. Petersburg Catholic (0-3), 35-6, on a run-down Northside Christian field more suitable as a dog park than a football field.

Maye, rated the No. 5 safety in the nation by Rivals.com, is used to this kind of low-key playing environment.

"It's definitely like, 'Wow,' but I still gotta play to the best of my ability and do everything I have to do to get the job done," he said of playing in obscure backyard pitches of grass across Florida's tiny Class 3A landscape.

After going up against some of the nation's best talent during the summer

combine season, Maye has received plenty of hate mail regarding his choice to play at Holy Trinity rather than a larger Melbourne public school in a competitive class.

"I decided to go to the Holy Trinity School because it was a college preparatory school, and then football was just, you know, there," he said. "I felt like I needed to get away from certain things and be around the right people to keep focused and maintain that right path. I definitely get (criticism) from all my friends who go to public school. ... They say, 'Oh, you play small ball,' but I just take it and run with it. I feel like I dedicate myself hard enough to where I can be fulfilled and prove everybody wrong."

Come fall 2012, though, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound Maye will have to transition from playing near local swamps to The

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Quotable

"Man — I don't even want to talk about it."

Jelani Jenkins
UF linebacker (on dropped picks)

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Gators linebackers Jon Bostic (52) and Jelani Jenkins (3) helped limit Tennessee to minus-9 yards rushing Saturday — the lowest total for a UF defense since 2006.

Stopping run 'changed the game'

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senior running back Tauren Poole (nine rushes, 18 yards) definitely "changed the game," allowing the defense to key on Bray and the passing attack.

For the seventh straight game in the series, the team that won the rushing battle won the game; and again, that team was Florida.

Despite all the attention on Bray and the Gators' inexperienced secondary leading up to the game, it all came down to basics: run the ball and stop the run.

"All throughout two-a-days and even this summer, even when the coaches first got here in the spring, that was an emphasis we wanted to make," Bostic said.

"We want to stop the run. We want to be one of the most physical defenses in the country."

He said the defense's ranking is unimportant.

What is important is making the opposition one-dimensional.

Jenkins agreed, saying how Florida started the game set the tone.

The Gators scored on their first four possessions, and apart from a 10-yard run from Poole on the Vols' first drive, the defense didn't allow a rush for more than 6 yards the rest of the way.

"That forces them to try to get points and they start forcing the ball in the air a lot more," Jenkins said.

The secondary benefited, recording the team's first two interceptions of the season, including Elam's exclamation point as time was running out in the fourth quarter.

"The front seven played phenomenal, like always," Elam said.

"They played a very good game, stopping the run, forcing the pass, and we handled our business."

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Finley to return against UK

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needs to intercept more passes. Florida dropped at least four potential picks Saturday.

"It's nice to be there, but you got to finish the play," Muschamp said.

"You don't get your name in the paper for dropping one."

Roberson dropped one. So did Matt Elam. Jelani Jenkins dropped two.

Injuries: Junior cornerback Jeremy Brown will be out "a couple more weeks" with a knee injury, Muschamp said. Brown suffered a sprained knee the first week of training camp, and Muschamp initially thought the defensive back would be ready for the season opener.

"The knee has just not responded coming off the injury," Muschamp said Monday. "There is no surgery required — very

frustrated for Jeremy. He is a great young man. I hurt for him."

Tight end Jordan Reed (hamstring) is questionable for Saturday's game against Kentucky. Reed did not dress out against Tennessee, and sophomore Gerald Christian took his place.



Muschamp

Freshman offensive lineman Trip Thurman underwent shoulder surgery Monday morning and will miss the rest of

the season.

Finley back: Linebacker Dee Finley will travel with the team after serving a team-imposed one-game suspension Saturday. Finley was arrested Sept. 12 for driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest.

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Commit attends Vols game

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Swamp.

Maye came to Gainesville for Florida's Southeastern Conference opener against Tennessee, his second gameday experience. He said he's ready to line up among those orange-and-blue jerseys in a few months.

"It's not gonna be easy," he said. "I've made a very big jump from (3)A football to SEC football, but I feel like I work hard and that's why I can make that transition anywhere."

Maye finished with 142 yards and three touchdowns Friday. On the other side of the ball, he recorded eight tackles.

After an explosive 40-yard interception

return, Maye raised his hand and extended his arms, preparing to do the Gator Chomp in the end zone.

In this brief moment of celebration, one of Florida high school football's most unassuming egos was called back to the 2-yard line for dropping the ball before crossing the goal line. A St. Pete Catholic defender recovered the fumble in the end zone for a touchback. So Maye lined up again, this time on defense, just to watch the opposing team take it 80 yards for its lone touchdown of the night. He expressed no reaction.

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11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Daily
Exp. 12/31/11

MIDTOWN
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
18 & Up after 9pm
*See bartender for details



HAPPY HOUR
\$5 Pitchers
45¢ Wings
5pm-9pm
WEDNESDAY
"Ladies" Night*
\$1⁰⁰ Double Wells
starts at 6 p.m. - NO COVER

Gainesville Fisher House
Veteran's Day 5K
11/11/11
Benefitting families of American Heroes
For more information contact
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Register at Active.com

The GROG
Bar & Grill
HOUSE

HOUSE TUESDAYS
\$5 A-U-C-D
Video DJ-JD

WEDNESDAY
"Ladies" Night*
FREE Wells and Drafts
Live DJ

GATOR city
\$2.99 DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

TRIVIA TUESDAYS
Win a \$50 bar tab
NO COVER
Starts at 10pm

WEDNESDAY
"Ladies" Night*
FREE Wells and Drafts
DJ SHEA in XS