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Great Pumpkin still on its way

National shortage skips area

MINA RADMAN
 Alligator Writer

Halloween is right around the corner, but fewer jack-o'-lanterns may be showing their faces this year.

In late August, Hurricane Irene damaged fields in the Northeast, and the destruction has some people worried there will be a pumpkin shortage, according to the Associated Press.

Farmers in the region export their pumpkins to businesses across the United States, including Florida.

Pumpkins are difficult to grow in Florida but not impossible, said Douglas Gergela, a UF research coordinator who has studied pumpkin growth in Florida.

Gergela said it takes 70 to 100 days to grow pumpkins in Florida, and it takes 90 to 120 days to grow pumpkins in the North-

east.

Gergela said the cooler temperatures in the Northeast increase the yield and size of the pumpkins, making them better for the Halloween season.

Despite fears of a pumpkin shortage, three local pumpkin patches do not expect to have a problem this October.

Darlene McElwee, owner of Magnolia Farms in Live Oak, said business had been normal until media outlets started reporting a shortage.

"We've been wildly busy, and all of the sudden the phones stopped," McElwee said.

McElwee receives her pumpkins from a farmer in Missouri. She said the farm did experience a loss in pumpkins, but its owners still have plenty to sell.

Both the First United Methodist Church of Alachua and Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville receive their pumpkins from New Mexico. They are expecting bigger pumpkins than usual.

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Darlene McElwee
 owner of Magnolia Farms in Live Oak

"We haven't heard anything different," said Susan Horne, the missions director assistant at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave.

She said the church expects to receive the usual number of pumpkins for its annual pumpkin patch. The first shipment of pumpkins will arrive Sept. 30.

Pat Harrell, the secretary at the First United Methodist Church of Alachua, 14805 NW 14th St., said the church receives about 200 pumpkins each year.

Last year, Anca Vlasan, a 19-year-old English sophomore, decorated a Gator-themed pumpkin with her roommates for Halloween.

She is not worried about finding a pumpkin this year.

"We just get a small pumpkin, nothing too big," Vlasan said.

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AP Photo

In this Oct. 20, 2010, photo, Logan Diebold picks out a pumpkin at the Great Pumpkin Farm in Clarence, N.Y. Facing a pumpkin shortage in the wake of Hurricane Irene, farmers nurse their surviving pumpkin plants toward a late harvest or try to buy pumpkins from other regions to cover orders.

UF repays \$192K for misused grants

THE MONEY CAME FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES FOR HEALTH.

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Writer

UF has repaid about \$192,000 to the National Institutes for Health following two 2010 audits that found grant money awarded to the College of Health and Human Performance had been used inappropriately.

The total repayment of \$192,148 was for inappropriate food charges, unsupported research participant stipend payments, suspected falsified payroll hours, home

Internet charges and courier services, according to a report by UF's Office of Audit and Compliance Review.

Paperwork involved in the repayment process was finalized this week, and the payment was sent to NIH on Wednesday, UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said.

NIH awarded \$502,088 to the College of Health and Human Performance's Addictive and Health Behaviors Research Institute in 2008 for the "Selective Prevention Program for High School Seniors" research project headed by Chudley Werch.

Steve Dorman, dean of the College of Health and

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Faculty hears options for benefits changes

JOEY FLECHAS
 Alligator Staff Writer

UF continues to seek a way to implement a 3 percent raise for faculty to offset new state requirements that has state employees contributing to their retirement.

UF officials presented options for restructuring benefits at Thursday's UF Faculty Senate meeting.

Vice president for human resources Paula Fussell presented two new options to attendees, saying they were tailored to feedback given by faculty since the issue was raised earlier this year.

Under one option, all faculty contributing 3 percent of their salary toward retirement will receive a 3 percent salary increase, and UF would eliminate the payout of unused sick-leave upon leaving the university. The vacation accrual rate for 12-month faculty would remain the same, at 4.5 weeks per year, but payment upon leaving for the university for unused vacation hours would drop to 200 hours, and the maximum annual accrual for vacation hours would

decrease to 352.

With the second option, faculty contributing 3 percent toward retirement could choose between taking the 3 percent raise with the aforementioned benefit changes or forgoing the raise and accepting no changes to sick or vacation leave payouts and no maximum

accrual for vacation hours. Under either option, faculty who retire by June 30, 2016, would maintain the current leave structure.

Faculty Senate chairman Scott Nygren said the options were introduced to incite discussion and are not set in stone.

"Neither one has been fixed on yet," he said.

He said a final proposal for the change should be ready by early November in order for it to make it to the Board of Trustees meeting in December. Any change approved then would take effect in January.



Fussell

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Drugs surpass car accidents as a leading cause of death

County consistent with national trend

GEORGIA WARREN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Motor vehicle accident fatalities are taking a backseat to drug-related deaths in Alachua County.

Thirty-seven drug-related deaths were recorded in the county in 2009. Twenty-nine motor vehicle accident fatalities were recorded that same year. This data, provided by the Florida Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Florida Department of Health, reflects a national trend.

The Los Angeles Times reported Saturday that drugs claimed at least 37,485 lives in 2009, surpassing motor vehicles as a cause of death nationwide. Alachua County was no exception.

Gainesville Police Department spokeswoman Cpl. Angelina Valuri said the police department is working to reduce drug-related fatalities.

"The Gainesville Police Department is not pleased with the current statistics regarding drug-related deaths," Valuri said. "The department continues to enforce the current drug laws, and by doing so we hope to prevent any unnecessary deaths that are related to narcotics."

She said the police department has teamed up with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office to form the Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force.

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell said that the sheriff's office is focusing on prescription-medication abuse.

"We have and will continue to participate in pill take-back programs to assist people in ridding their homes of unwanted or unnecessary medication to prevent the diversion or theft of prescription meds," Darnell said in an email.

GPD and ASO arrested five people Wednesday in a narcotics bust in the Porter's Oaks neighborhood. "The Gainesville Police Department received numerous complaints from the residents within the Porter's Oaks community," Valuri said.



Darnell

Darnell also urged the community to help law enforcement fight drug abuse.

FHP Capt. Coby Fincher attributes Alachua County's declining motor vehicle death

count to road safety educational programs and public service announcements.

"Education plays a big part in it," Fincher said. "It's about getting out and reaching young people early on."

FHP aims its enforcement initiatives at specific areas with higher crash rates.

"If we look statistically at an area and see these crashes are occurring, we'll target those roadways with enforcement initiatives," Fincher said. "Enforcement ties in to education."

Provisional data for 2010 proves Alachua County consistent in motor vehicle fatalities and drug-abuse death trends. Thirty-two drug deaths and 26 motor vehicle-related deaths were recorded.

"Although sometimes it seems like an impossible goal, we do strive to have no illegal narcotic activity within the city of Gainesville," Valuri said.



Emily Doyle / Alligator

Clouds hover above Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on a gloomy day Thursday.

\$33,000 spent to feed students, employees

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Human Performance, first alerted NIH that there was some suspicious activity at the institute that required investigation.

"We decided to look a little closer at some unusual expenses," he wrote in an email Thursday. "Our suspicions were confirmed."

"This was our college trying to be proactive and do the right thing," he wrote. "We identified a problem and we took action."

A Feb. 24, 2010, memo from Brian Mikell, chief audit executive at UF's Office of Audit and Compliance Review, to Thomas Hartshorne, supervisory auditor for the Division of Program Integrity at NIH, stated NIH first contacted the Office of Audit and Compliance Review in August 2008 regarding allegations of inappropriate use of NIH grant funds at the Addictive and Health Behaviors Research Institute in Jacksonville. NIH formally requested a review by OACR in September 2009. NIH alleged Werch's student interns had been "falsifying work records and charging fictitious labor hours to the grant," and Werch used grant money to provide gas and grocery cards and food to students and employees, according to audit documents.

An internal review by OACR revealed there was no merit to the first claim, but that Werch did indeed use about \$33,000 of grant money to feed students

and employees over the course of the study. OACR determined the College of Health and Human Performance, the Addictive and Health Behaviors Research Institute and UF's Division of Sponsored Research must pay back \$33,604 to NIH.

An Aug. 13, 2010, memo from Mikell to Steve Dorman, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance, stated that during the first audit, OACR found more questionable activity at the institute and performed a subsequent follow-up investigation. Auditors found the institute improperly destroyed parental consent forms and receipts for stipend payments to research participants before they were scheduled to be destroyed. There were also discrepancies with employee payroll records.

"We identified a problem and we took action."

Steve Dorman
college dean

To prevent these types of issues in the future, Dorman wrote in an email that all overtime requests must now be approved by the dean. He has asked the finance and accounting department to notify the office when an employee requests petty cash.

UPD turned over the audit and investigation to the State Attorney in Jacksonville, Sikes said. They have decided not to prosecute.

WEATHER

Temperatures, humidity normal for this time of year

DANA BURKE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Seasons change, but the weather in Gainesville remains the same — at least for the next four weeks.

Although today marks the beginning of fall, weather in The Swamp will remain warm and humid throughout the next few weeks, said Matt Zibura, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville.

Next week, high temperatures will reach the upper 80s, and low temperatures will be in the 70s, Zibura said.

For this time of year, the average high is 87 degrees, and the average low is 68 degrees.

Tropical Storm Ophelia is currently in the Atlantic Ocean but has nothing to do with the current weather, nor is it expected to, said Dennis Feltgen, meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The official end of the

Atlantic hurricane season is Nov. 30.

Ophelia is not expected to become a hurricane, and should be running into a lot of wind in the next 48 hours and remaining offshore, Feltgen said.

What is impacting the current weather situation is a band of showers.

With a 60 percent chance of rain, showers and thunderstorms are expected to continue through out the weekend, mainly in the afternoon and evenings. There is a cold front trying to make its way into the Southeast that may reach Central Florida, but it will take a couple of days, Feltgen said.

Even so, temperatures will remain with highs in the mid to upper 80s, he said.

"This is very typical of September and early October, with high heat and humidity," he said. "In Florida we still have a good four to five weeks of what we would call summer weather."

Area patches will open for business the first week of October

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"I'm sure we'll be able to find a cheap one this year, too."

Aerospace engineering sophomore Paula Pluchino, 19, says she will purchase a pumpkin this year but will downgrade to a smaller one if the prices are a lot higher.

"It's a good idea to continue buying what pumpkins there are to support the farmers," Pluchino said.

The pumpkin patches at the Trinity United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church open Oct. 1. The pumpkin patch at Magnolia Farms will open Oct. 8, and coupons are available at fun4gatorkids.com to receive a \$2 discount off admission.

"Let's have a nice fall season here," McElwee said. "We don't have much to be happy about as is. Let's continue to do business and not be fearful."

Social justice workshop, panel registration opens

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF Center for Leadership and Service is looking for students to register for the third Gator Global Initiative by Sept. 30.

Gator Global Initiative is a conference on Oct. 7 and 8. It is designed to educate students about social issues and social justice, said Mary Kay Carodine, assistant vice president for student affairs. In 2009, when the conference began, about 40 people participated. That number jumped to about 80 in 2010. This year, Carodine said she expects between 140 and 150 people to participate.

During the conference, participants will take part in workshops and panels. They will also hear from

speakers and experts in the fields of human rights, global health, poverty alleviation, social entrepreneurship and education. It is modeled after President Bill Clinton's Global Initiative University.



Clinton

The conference costs \$20, which includes three meals, a T-shirt and a workbook, Carodine said.

Sociology sophomore Emily Nyren, 19, is ready to attend the conference.

"Once I learned about GGI, I was fully on board to commit my weekend to learning more about social injustice and the ways that I can make a difference," Nyren said.

Library adds art to bookshelves

Artists compete, design books for annual exhibit

MINA RADMAN
Alligator Writer

A new collection at Library East has books that aren't only meant to be read — they are meant to be interpreted. One is a handmade pop-up book meant to symbolize the maker's experience as a mother. Another exemplifies the struggle of being bilingual.

Some of them contain words, but unlike ordinary books, they were designed with letterpress and ink paintings, and they were made with handmade paper and boxes.

The books belong to artists from across the United States and have been brought to UF as part of the ARTBOUND 2011 exhibition.

ARTBOUND 2011 is the second annual student artists' book competition, exhibition and collection, according to Ellen Knudson, an associate in book arts at the Smathers Libraries.

"The competition was designed by myself as a

way to promote and build the artists' book collection at UF," Knudson wrote in an email, "and as a way for students in Florida and across the nation to have a first experience with getting their books into a special collection library."

In May, students began submitting entries for the competition on the Smathers Libraries website.

No UF students entered the competition this year, Knudson said.

However, UF students in typography, graphic design and printmaking classes have used the 2010 books as inspiration for class projects.

Also, a UF graphic design graduate student did get her book into the exhibit in 2010.

A guest juror, fine arts photographer and UF alumna, Bea Nettles, chose the 15 winning entries.

People are invited to attend the exhibit, which is located on the second floor of Library East.

The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday until Nov. 4, Knudson said.

The exhibit is also available to view online in the exhibits section of ufdc.ufl.edu.

The books will become part of the permanent collection in the Special and Area Studies Collection Library in Library East.

"This is one of the only collections I know that features extremely high-quality work by students on the verge in their profession," Knudson said.

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More information is available for an applicant's mandatory reading at the time an application is picked up. Applicants should allow themselves 10 to 15 minutes of reading time when picking up an application. The application must be returned to the same office before **4:00pm October 6**. **This is an absolute deadline**. All returned applications will be copied and available to be read at *The Alligator* building prior to the selection meeting. Interviews and selections by the Board of Directors will be held at *The Alligator* offices in a meeting open to the public, **Friday, November 18** beginning at **2:00pm**. Applicants must be present to be considered. Applicants must be currently enrolled, degree-seeking college or university students. Board of Directors applicants cannot be current or recent past employees or trainees of Campus Communications, Inc.

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Editorial

Needless to say, there has been a lot of controversy on the Alligator's opinion pages this week.

Our editorial board and columnists discussed everything from unions to female politicians to tuition hikes to crazy animal rights activists to the death penalty.

We hoped you enjoyed the debate and discussion.

So, without further ado, it's time to move into this week's love-us-or-hate-us-but-hopefully-we-got-you-thinking edition of ...

Darts and Laurels

In relation to yesterday's editorial, we hand out a way-to-kick-him-while-he's-down **DART** to the **Supreme Court**. At the last minute, the Supreme Court put Troy Davis' execution on hold to review the case, keeping him waiting to die for an extra four hours only to say "never mind." Talk about cruel and unusual punishment.

Up next, we're giving a it's-about-damn-time-we-stopped-being-backward **LAUREL** to the **United States government** for ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." That wasn't that hard, was it?

The ridiculousness of this next story led us to throw a way-to-be-fiscally-responsible-in-tough-economic-times **DART** to **UF** for having to repay more than \$192,000 in misused and mismanaged grant money to the National Institutes of Health. Good luck spinning this in your favor.

Love them or hate them, their influence on alternative music is undeniable. We want to give a thanks-for-three-decades-of-innovation **LAUREL** to **REM**, who recently announced they were calling it quits after 31 years. Let the "end-of-the-world-as-we-know-it" jokes continue.

We stay in the entertainment world for our last stamp of disapproval this week. The recipient of our stop-recycling-crap-and-be-original **DART** goes to **Hollywood** for ABC's remake of "Charlie's Angels." It was a show in the 1970s, two mediocre movie spinoffs in the 2000s, and now, this show tries to restart the franchise again. Stop it, Hollywood.

Finally, we will be giving a thanks-for-your-cooperation-and-response **LAUREL** to the **Gainesville chapter of Students for a Democratic Society**. Your response to our editorial was very well stated and made some valid arguments. We appreciate you taking the time to sit down and write out a response.

There is a point of clarification, though, that the editorial board wishes to briefly discuss.

The editorial board did not say that SDS does not have the right to be here. The SDS seemed to imply that we were being discriminatory against its group, comparing that statement to something from the civil rights era.

What we were trying to say was that no one has a right to a college education, in the legal sense. Of course everyone who is accepted and pays tuition has the right to attend UF. It would be ludicrous to imply otherwise.

We wanted to make sure the intentions of that statement were clear to avoid confusion.

Have a fun and safe weekend, and be sure to check back next week.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you planning on buying a pumpkin for Halloween this year?

Thursday's question: Do you have financial aid to help pay your tuition fees?
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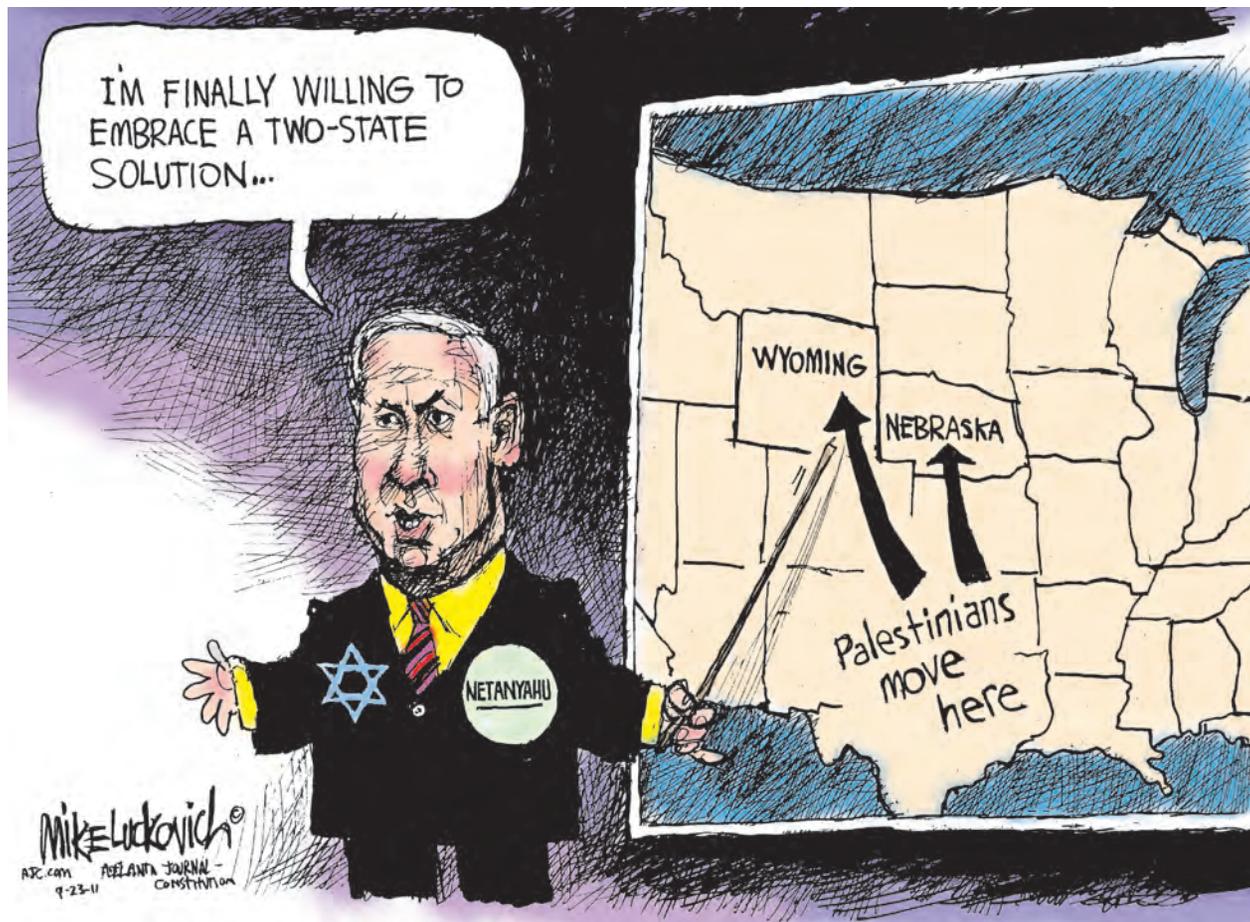
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Column

Americans are increasingly narrow-minded

A couple of days ago my friend and I found a humorous screen shot of a conversation between two friends. The first friend exclaimed, "Osama is dead!" and the second friend mistakenly took "Osama" for "Obama" and replied that she could not believe that the president was dead.

When the first friend corrected her, he added that Osama used his wives as shields to protect himself from danger. The second friend responded: "like the first lady?"

While my friend and I had a good laugh after reading the comical conversation, I could not help but wonder how some people can be so ignorant of world affairs, particularly the ones that demand national attention.

Don't get me wrong, the mistake that the second friend made was funny, but it is still unacceptable in a broader context.

The sad truth is that our generation has been so lost in the distractions of today's society that people sometimes forget that there is a world beyond the one around us.

As technological innovations advance, America becomes increasingly progressive. Most of us enjoy the luxury of owning our own laptop or smartphone. We have cars that can take us anywhere we want. We have social networking sites that allow us to escape our own lives and spend hours learning about the life of someone else.

In the midst of all this innovation, we become trapped in an ever-expanding bubble. Our vision of the outside world becomes blurred, and we become less and less world aware. When I use the word "we," I certainly do not mean every American citizen. Many of us who are a part of this societal change manage to become active in truly grasping the world.

Undoubtedly, students have a direct obligation to pass their classes and graduate from school. In many cases, this means sticking to the margins of one's major and doing what it takes to succeed in the lifestyle that the major demands.

Consequently, students are not being exposed to a broader scope of knowledge. Some of the most pivotal global issues and national conflicts are being taken for



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granted, resulting in a wide array of narrow-minded individuals.

In today's society, a narrow-minded person does not necessarily equate to an unsuccessful person. This speaks volumes about the types of people that our country is breeding.

Some may argue that it is unfair to criticize those who are not up to date on the most recent Middle Eastern conflict or the shifting geopolitical landscape of our country.

After all, these people may be the millionaires creating our laptops and TVs, or they may be the overworked students who are just trying to make ends meet.

Perhaps, in some way, such people deserve admiration. But in a broader context, is isolating ourselves to a specific lifestyle our only responsibility?

American citizens must become world aware to some extent or else risk the chance of our country falling into the hands of unenlightened individuals. Perhaps the biggest issue is that the tradition of America's fierce intellectualism is at risk.

In this era of globalization, Americans cannot live in isolation. Even though we are still a major player on the international stage, our lead role is shrinking. To avoid being replaced by another country, we must have a solid understanding of national and international issues. Collective competency of such issues will allow us to choose the strongest leaders to direct America in the right direction.

It is only when we are well informed that we gain the ability to make the right judgments, distinguish right from wrong, fight for justice, protect our interests and, best of all, create a successful society and a peaceful world.

I urge you to replace the time you normally spend on Facebook and read a few news articles.

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Guest column

Death penalty not the answer; killing innocents is unjust

The state of Georgia killed Troy Davis Wednesday at 11:08 pm.

Davis, for those that don't know, might very well have been innocent.

Twenty years ago, Davis was convicted of the murder of a Savannah police officer. Despite seven witnesses for the prosecution recanting their statements and allegations of coerced testimony, his conviction was upheld.

Although his lawyers scrambled for a last-minute stay, the Supreme Court refused to intervene. After spending 20 years in prison, he was strapped into the chair he would die in, and he sat there for hours as the drama unfolded.

Poison was pumped into his veins while a group of strangers surrounded him. Guilty or innocent, no person could wish for a death like that; no person should wish another to die like that.

But many people seem to have no qualms about demanding that another person die. The death penalty is still legal in 34 states. Since 2006, 265 people have been executed. Were all of these men guilty? Were they all given a fair trial and convicted properly?

The Innocence Project, an advocacy group that works to exonerate wrongly-convicted death-row inmates, says no. Their arguments have been convincing enough to exonerate 17 inmates who spent time on death row with post-conviction DNA evidence alone. It is almost guaranteed that of the 265 individuals who have been executed in the last five

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years, at least a handful more were innocent.

New DNA evidence has cast doubt on a range of traditional investigative methods. We know now that eye witnesses are untrustworthy. Often they can't remember events well enough to accurately point out a suspect. Other times, their own motives undermine the truth of their testimony.

One of the nine witnesses who identified Davis as the killer has been pointed out by some as the one who actually committed the murder. Only he and one other witness remain committed to their statements that named Davis as the killer.

Police sometimes intimidate witnesses into saying what the prosecution wants. In fact, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, is something most witnesses just can't provide: Eyewitness misidentification is partially responsible for 75 percent of overturned convictions.

Even worse, suspects often feel forced to give false confessions by aggressive police interrogation. A host of other dubious practices, from so-called expert testimony to shoddy forensic science, contribute to the hundreds of wrongful convictions in this country.

So what? Mistakes happen. Maybe mistakes are just an ineradicable part of any system. After all, no institution is perfect, and we can't expect perfect results.

True enough, but that doesn't justify execution. In a prac-

tical sense, execution is expensive. States spend more money keeping prisoners on death row than imprisoning them for life. From 1976 to 2000, Florida executed 44 prisoners at an average cost of about \$24 million an execution.

Executions also fail to deter criminals. Homicide rates in states without the death penalty are actually lower than those in states with capital punishment.

Proponents of the death penalty must ask themselves this question: Is the state-sanctioned murder of innocent people OK? Are these innocents the lambs we must sacrifice on the altar of justice?

Clearly, killing an innocent man is not just.

At its heart, the death penalty isn't about compensation. It's not even about "eliminating dangers to society." It's only about revenge.

And revenge can only end in tragedy.

We should also question what the death penalty says about society. Do we really believe that the state, as long as it follows the proper procedure, is right to take a life?

Few, I think, would be comfortable with the implications of that reasoning.

Who but the state decides the proper procedure?

Who but the state sits in judgment above the accused?

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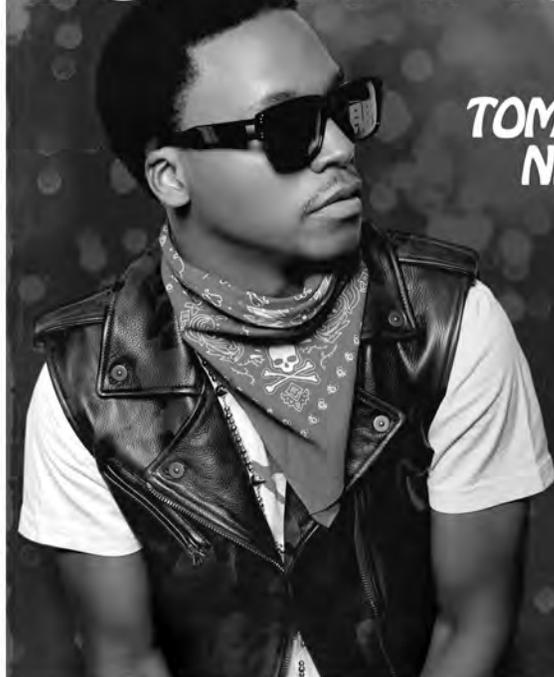
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| 15 Silly | 8 Silliness | 39 More than zero | 53 Hunted |
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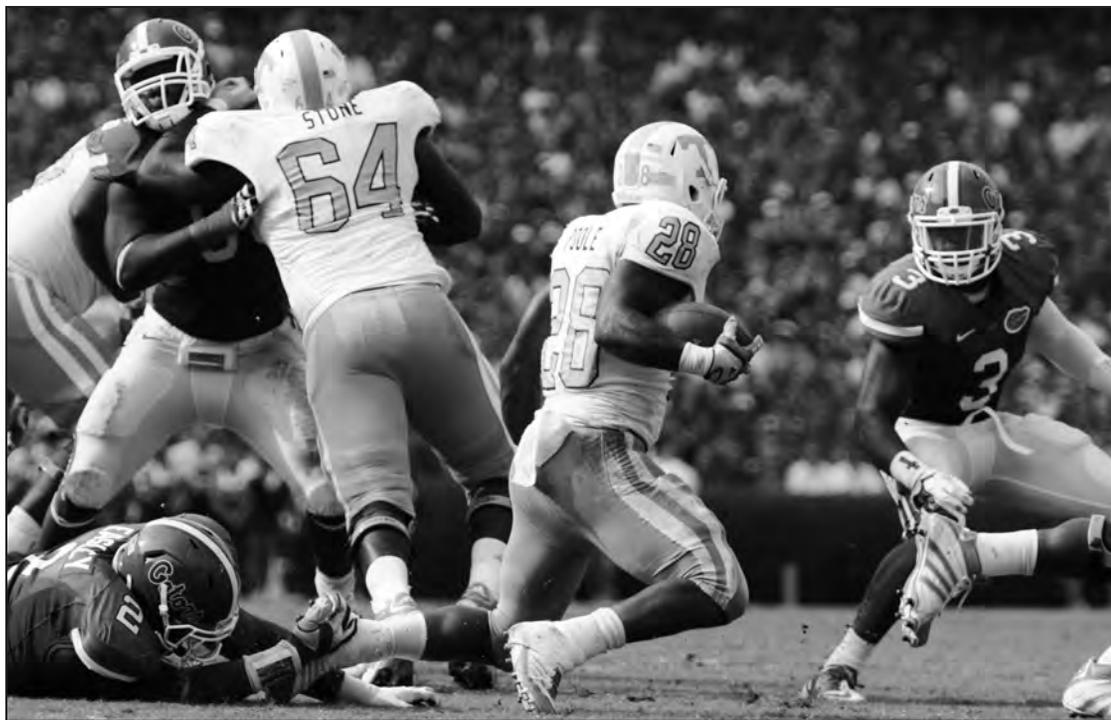
Gators' top-ranked defense tough test for 'Cats

► UF LEADS NATION IN RUSHING DEFENSE.

TYLER JETT
Alligator Staff Writer

Josh Clemons has been asked to run through some narrow holes this season. Those lanes are only going to close up more come Saturday.

When the Wildcats' running back takes the field against the No. 15 Gators (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) at 7 p.m. in Lexington, Ky., Clemons will be going into the teeth of the nation's best rushing de-



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The Gators have allowed just 92 yards on the ground through three games, holding Tennessee to minus-9 yards rushing last Saturday in a 33-23 win. Kentucky is 10th in the SEC in rushing.

fense. Florida has allowed just 92 yards on the ground through three games, including minus-9 against Tennessee last week.

For its part, Kentucky (2-1, 0-0 SEC) has been one of the country's worst rushing teams, in part because of a banged-up

offensive line.

Right tackle Billy Joe Murphy has missed the last two weeks with a knee injury and is doubtful for Saturday. Center Matt Smith was out for the first two games with an ankle injury. Right guard Larry Warford is

questionable after suffering an ankle injury toward the end of Kentucky's loss to Louisville last week.

Working with a patchwork line, the Wildcats have managed 119.3 rushing yards per game,

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END OF GREGULATION

Proof is in the numbers: Brantley untested

For all the pressure and scrutiny John Brantley was under in 2010, Florida's senior quarterback might have the easiest job in football right now.

He is working under maybe the best quarterbacks coach in the game in offensive coordinator Charlie Weis. He is surrounded by playmakers and can put up 200-yard games without making any real throws.

Saturday against Tennessee, Brantley threw for 213 yards.

But Brantley's total yards at the catch — that is, the distance his receivers were from the line of scrimmage when they caught the ball — was only 15 yards. Fifteen!

That number is slightly skewed, because four of his 14 completions were screens behind the line of scrimmage, resulting in negative yards at the catch.

Disregarding those, the yards-at-the-catch average for his other 10 completions was just 2.9. Think about that for a second.

Brantley threw the ball an average of fewer than three yards downfield on his completions. Somewhere in the 8- to 9-foot range.

Literally every quarterback who has ever had the smallest margin of success playing high school or college football could do what



Greg Luca
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Brantley did on Saturday.

He completed one throw farther than 5 yards: an 11-yard curl to Deonte Thompson.

It may sound like I'm hating on Brant-

ley here, but the truth is, I'm not. Every quarterback in the world derives a portion of their total yardage from yards after the catch, and rightfully so. There's a measure of talent that goes into finding receivers who have room to make plays and hitting them in stride so they can turn it upfield and eat up that extra yardage.

But the yards-after-catch total Brantley's playmakers put up Saturday is absurd. Rainey and Co. combined for 198 yards after the catch, an average of more than 14 per completion.

It would be incorrect to say Brantley's at fault for making all these short tosses, because there's no reason not to.

But some day, probably soon, a team is going to press up on the line and defend the short patterns. And this is where the prob-

lems could start.

Brantley attempted eight passes against Tennessee to receivers who were more than 5 yards downfield. He completed just one of them.

This could be a product of how the Volunteers defended the Gators. They clearly weren't taking away the short stuff.

Or it could be because Florida's leading wide receiver, Deonte Thompson, has just seven catches for 93 yards, and maybe the players at that position are just bad. Brantley, Weis and everyone else with a voice has predictably expressed confidence in the receivers and the offense's ability to go vertical if need be.

For the time being, I can't argue with that.

The offense is taking what the defense gives them, and it's working to the tune of 37.7 points and 442.3 yards per game. But what's going to happen when defenses stop giving up the underneath stuff?

Since we haven't seen it yet, I can't say with confidence Florida's offense won't be up to the challenge. But, if I were a Gators fan, I wouldn't be excited to find out.

Contact Greg Luca at gluca@alligator.org.

Picks Column



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With a 12-hour road trip to beautiful Lexington, Ky., on the horizon, we're going to get right to it this week.

As Southeastern Conference play heats up, so does the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column.

This week, we let two writers debate the heated South Carolina-Vanderbilt matchup.

South Carolina (-16) will stop the influx to the Commodores' bandwagon because...

First of all, last week, when South Carolina squeaked past Navy, was an aberration, a departure from the norm.

Steve Spurrier and his boys weren't prepared for that kind of fight from a service academy, but they'll be ready for Vanderbilt this Saturday.

Star freshman Jadeveon Clowney and the Gamecocks defensive line will handle Vandy up front with ease, bottling up the running back duo of Zac Stacy and Jerron Seymour and forcing Larry Smith to beat South Carolina through the air.

Add in Heisman frontrunner Marcus Lattimore and it's going to be a long day for the 'Dores.

— MATT WATTS

Vanderbilt (+16) will send Steve Spurrier's visor into orbit because...

These 'Dores don't like to be pushed around, as evidenced by Vandy's surprisingly stout defense this season.

Currently, the Commodores rank 20th in the nation in total defense, giving up just 14 points per game.

They also tout the fourth-best passing defense in the SEC, allowing just 164.3 yards per game — while the Gamecocks average fewer than that through the air on offense.

Marcus Lattimore may very well get his, but the offense just hasn't been the same since Stephen Garcia became

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Freshman Annie Speese took an unexpected road to end up at Florida. She's contributing early as a scorer.
See Story, Page 16.

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straight edge.

— TOM GREEN

Leading a five-way tie for first place this week with a 12-11 record is Tom “I spent my summer flirting with A’s players” Green, who has been known to creepily stalk the Facebook page of a certain alligatorSports writer’s little sister in search of bikini and prom pictures. Didn’t you hear that PETA has its own free porn site (PETA.xxx) now? Grow up, Tom.

Joining Tom in first is FightinGators.com’s Cody “Who did doughnuts in the outfield?” Jones, who was appalled — appalled, I tell you! — Bud Selig would allow America’s past time to be played on the same field that hosted two football games last weekend. We’re sure Cody adjusted his monocle in disgust, too.

Also sitting at the top is alligatorSports writer Greg “I broke the Alligator” Luca, who inception’d the server in the office last week when he tried to put a folder within a folder, causing it to crash. Good thing we still have that old printing press lying around, Greg.

Still holding strong is our 2009 champ, Kyle “Seriously, where is my tinfoil hat?” Maistri, whose cynicism and skepticism apparently know no bounds after he likened the end of Mayweather-Ortiz to a fake (It’s pre-determined, dammit!) WWE match. Just because Ortiz is a clown doesn’t mean everything in life is fixed just to upset you, buddy.

Also clutching to a top spot is alligatorSports assistant editor Matt “Omar bleepin’ Infante” Watts. If living the life of a Florida football beat reporter wasn’t soul-crushing enough, Omar Infante’s walk-off home run against the Braves may

have pushed Watts over the edge this week. It’s OK, Matt, you still have Blaine Gabbert and his glorious, glorious locks.

Sitting in sixth with a record of 11-12 is alligatorSports writer Tyler “My months of hard work are ruined” Jett, whose epic, heart-wrenching feature in this week’s paper was sullied by a misspelled name in the center of the two-page spread. Don’t worry, buddy, we still think you deserve a Hearst for it.

Tied for dead-ass last, with a piss-poor record of 10-13 is the Florida Times-Union’s Mike “Anyone want my job?” Di-Rocco, who threatened to text in his resignation and leave his phone in the visitor’s locker room this week after we waited around for an hour and a half to interview two whole players.

Also in dead-ass last place with a piss-poor record of 10-13 is The Associated Press’ Mark “I better not sit too close to the coach” Long, who thought he would avoid being called out in this column by sitting far away from Charlie Weis during media this week. You don’t have to hide your true feelings, Mark. We know you want to sit in Weis’ lap with Mike and tell him what you want for Christmas.

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR ONLINE

Cross country hosts Mountain Dew Invitational



Morgan

Coach Todd Morgan is leading the men’s and women’s cross country teams into their lone home meet of the season this weekend, the Mountain Dew Invitational at the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

The women’s team, which consists of 15 runners, is using a strong group mentality and off-the-field bonding to help the group excel in meets.

Freshman leads women’s golf into tough tournament

Camilla Hedberg set a school 54-hole record in her collegiate debut. She will lead the No. 16 Gators in this weekend’s Mason Rudolph Fall Preview in Franklin, Tenn., featuring 17 other ranked teams.



Dowling

Coach Jan Dowling said Hedberg is not resting on last week’s performance and wants to win a tournament.

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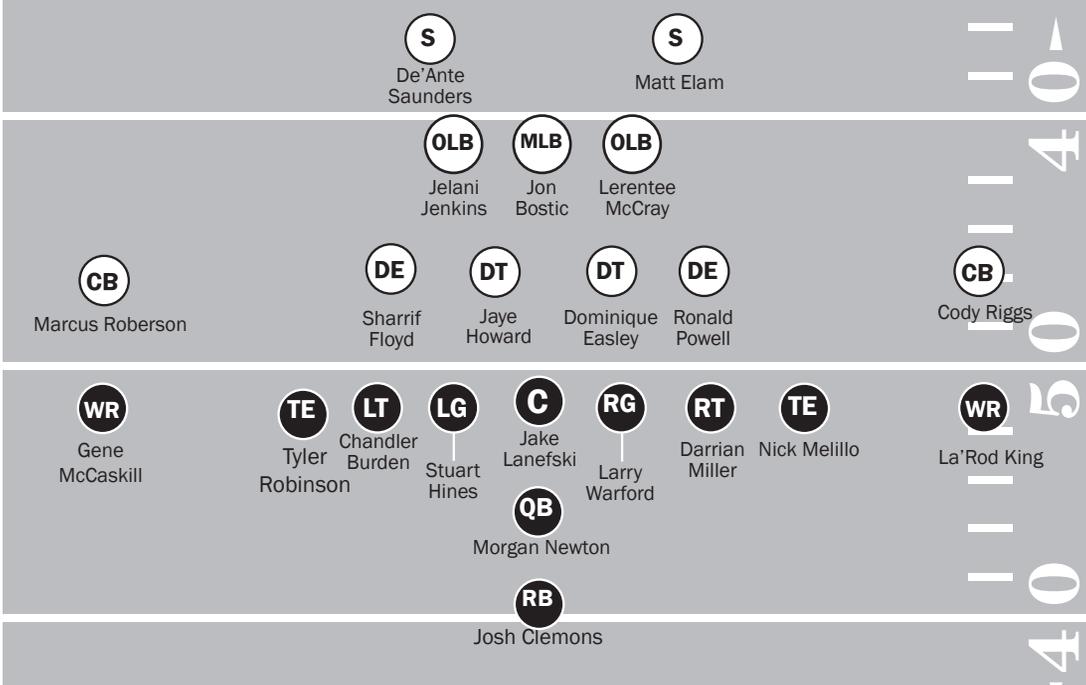
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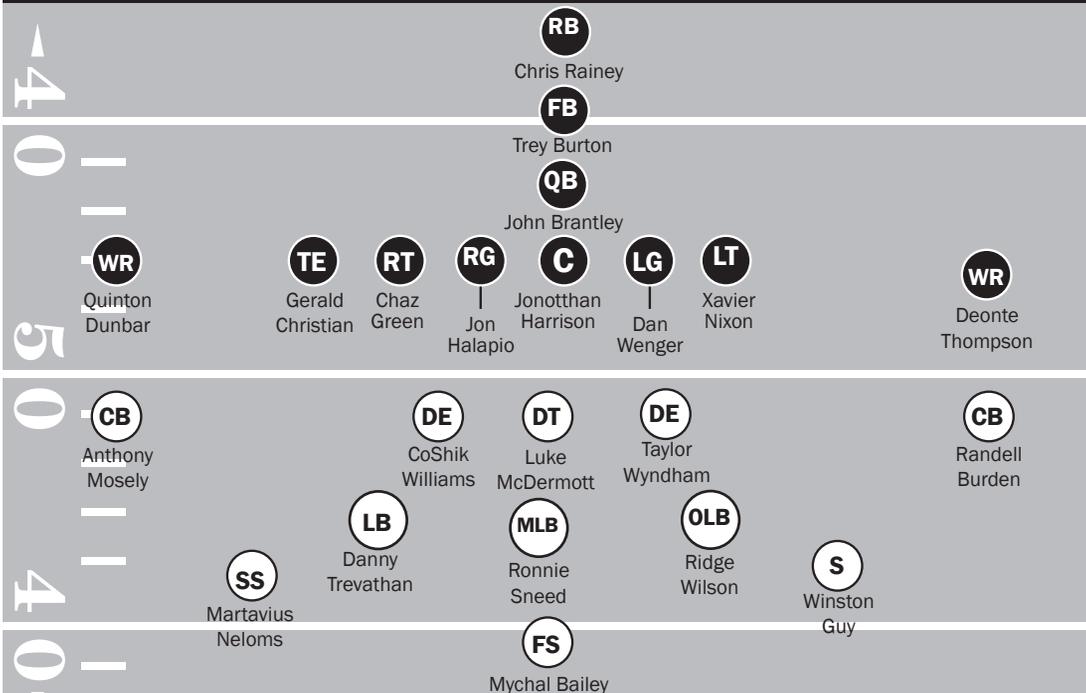
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UF defense vs. Kentucky offense



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Gators limited Volunteers' Poole to 18 yards rushing

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10th in the SEC. Even more damning, Kentucky has allowed 12 sacks, including six last week — 117th out of 120 teams in the nation.

"It doesn't surprise me, but it startles me," Kentucky coach Joker Phillips said. "We've got to get it corrected because these guys we have are all we got, and these guys ... have had success — a lot of success."

"I always talk to them about dominate the line of scrimmage, making it a one-dimensional game."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

If Phillips is looking for a quick turnaround, he may not be happy with what he sees Saturday. Florida's defensive line has dominated this year.

Defensive tackles Dominique Easley, Omar Hunter and Jaye Howard were often seen in the backfield against Tennessee last week, when running back Tauren Poole was limited to 18 yards on nine carries.

"I always talk to them about dominate the line of scrimmage, making it a one-dimensional game," coach Will Muschamp said.

"You've got to be able to do that in this league. ... If you can make an offense one-dimensional, it'll give you a chance to win a lot of football games."

Muschamp and defensive coordinator Dan Quinn want to see their linemen continue to progress, however, particularly in pass-rush tech-

nique. Through its first two games, Florida managed only two sacks.

Last week, the group was more successful getting to the quarterback, bringing Tyler Bray down three times. Linebackers Jon Bostic and Jelani Jenkins each notched a sack, and Howard and defensive end Ronald Powell combined on one takedown.

Still, the Gators' success last week came in part because they could tee off on the Vols. Florida built a two-score lead early, forcing Tennessee to throw the ball more.

Quinn wants the group to continue to improve its pass rush, saying its technique isn't as sound as it can be.

"We're just getting started," he said.

For Kentucky's offensive line, that is no doubt a scary proposition.

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INJURY REPORT

OUT
CB Jeremy Brown (knee)

QUESTIONABLE
TE Jordan Reed (lower body)



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UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators preparing for tough match at home against Kentucky

BRYAN HOLT

Alligator Writer

Through seven home games this season, Florida has played host to two teams ranked in the AVCA Top 25. But it's tonight's matchup with an unranked Kentucky team that has UF coach Mary Wise dialed in.

"They'll be as tough of a match as we'll have all season at home," she said.

After starting their season in a 2-2 lull, the Wildcats (11-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) have reeled off nine victories in a row due in large part to size and physicality.

Kentucky enters Gainesville leading the SEC in blocks and trailing only South Carolina in kills.

After the first of two film sessions

this week, senior outside hitter Stephanie Ferrell gave her take on what she has seen from UF's first home conference opponent of 2011.

"They're very consistent and they have some nice athletes on their team, so they're going to push us," she said.

While the focus with the Wildcats is on size and power, they are putting a new focus on defense this year, much like the Gators (8-2, 1-0 SEC).

Junior libero Stephanie Klefot leads the SEC in digs with 227 — 90 more than UF defensive specialist Taylor Unroe.

"Kentucky is a team that has really found itself and it didn't take long," Wise said.

Offensively, the Wildcats are led by outside hitter Ashley Frazier, a transfer from Alabama who led the Crimson

Tide two years ago.

"They block very well," Wise said. "They have the ability to point-score out of all different rotations. They run a 5-1, and they're very effective with it."

Meanwhile, the Gators are coming off an easy victory over a middle-of-the-road Mississippi State team. Florida managed to help out its conference-leading team hitting percentage with a .327 performance against the Bulldogs.

With a double round-robin format, SEC play brings an air of familiarity that is not present during the early season non-conference slate.

"Having played the players on their team in the past, we play a little bit of their tendencies," junior Tangerine Wiggs said. "It's exciting to know that you're going to know something about the people you're going to play."

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Here are four players to keep an eye on as Florida takes on Kentucky tonight at 7 p.m. In the O'Connell Center.

▪ KENTUCKY

• Junior outside hitter Ashley Frazier
- After redshirting her first year in Lexington, Ky., the Alabama transfer has excelled in her first 13 games, leading the Wildcats in kills (124) and service aces (15).

• Junior defensive specialist Stephanie Klefot
- The 2010 SEC Libero of the Year helps shore up the backcourt of a 5-1 formation that has worked well for Kentucky over the last nine games. Klefot leads the SEC in digs and has also added 10 service aces.

▪ FLORIDA

• Senior outside hitter Kristy Jaeckel
- In her last three games, Jaeckel has registered 49 kills and hit a combined .253, leading the Gators to a 2-1 mark in that time.

• Redshirt freshman defensive specialist Taylor Unroe
- Although Wise said there could be improvements, she was pleased with Unroe's 15-dig outing against Mississippi State Friday.

Matchup with Georgia has different meaning for Speese

Freshman originally planned to play for 'Dawgs

JOHN BOOTHE

Alligator Staff Writer

By her junior year of high school, Annie Speese's road to playing soccer for Georgia was seemingly mapped out.

As one of the top young prospects in the state, she had her sights on winning another prep title in 2010, breaking every major school record at the Westminster Schools of Augusta and signing a scholarship with the Bulldogs upon graduation.

It wasn't until after then-UGA coach Patrick Baker resigned on April 1, that Speese's almost predestined path to Athens, Ga., began to take an unexpected turn.

When No. 6 Florida (7-2) faces Georgia (6-2) tonight at 7 in UGA Soccer Stadium, Speese — now a freshman midfielder for UF — will be doing more than just taking the field for a Southeastern Conference opener. She'll be playing against the university she had every intention of calling home.

"[Coach Baker] was kind of a deciding factor in my decision when I was originally looking at the first schools," Speese said. "When he left, I just wanted to look at other options."

Though Georgia quickly hired a replacement for Baker in longtime Ole Miss coach Steve Holuman, Speese backed out of her

commitment after receiving the blessing from her parents to look at Florida and Virginia.

"They were just supportive," she said. "They wanted me to be happy and wanted me to go where I wanted to go. I had already looked at several schools and I had chosen not to go there, so I wasn't going to look at them again."

As Speese was reopening her recruitment, UF coach Becky Burleigh was trying to wrap up a large and talented class of 12 freshmen recruits.

But when Burleigh saw a player of Speese's caliber — she

scored a state-best 46 goals during her junior season — Burleigh took a chance.

"It was actually really late, so we're excited to have her," Burleigh said. "The main thing she was looking for was some place that could really challenge her soccer-wise and, of course, academically be a good fit too. We were fortunate that we fit the bill."

With three goals and a team-high four assists in her first nine games with Florida, Speese also appears to have been a good fit. She immediately fell in love with the campus and was even more impressed with the Gators' coaching staff.

"We play the same system she played in club, which is kind of unusual," Burleigh said. "Most

kids coming in haven't played the same system we've played."

Junior defender Jo Dragotta, who assisted a pair of Speese's goals against Missouri, has also marveled at how quickly the freshman has picked up UF's complicated attack.

Dragotta said she hasn't seen a player come in with the same ability to assist and score since fellow junior Erika Tymrak had five goals and seven assists in her first season.

"She's all over the field, she's involved in everything and I love that we play in the center and she's right next to me all the time for a little pass," Dragotta said. "It makes my job a whole lot easier."

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