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UP IN THE AIR



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Unite Party members celebrate an election victory Thursday morning. The Unite Party won 46 of 50 contested seats. The Students Party took three seats and an independent student won one seat.

Unite sweeps election despite system errors

CLARE LENNON, EMILY MORROW and MEREDITH RUTLAND
 Alligator Staff Writers

When Student Government Supervisor of Elections Toni Megna announced the results of the fall Student Senate elections, members of the Unite Party jumped up for their usual cheers and whistles.

Unite Party candidates claimed 46 of the 50 seats up for election this cycle. Students Party candidates won three seats, and one independent candidate was elected.

About 87 percent of the 7,229 students who voted on the referendum to repeal the 15 percent tuition hike recently imposed by the administration. A referendum question gauges student opinion but takes no actual action.

This year, 8,271 ballots were

cast, compared to the 7,526 last year.

The results may not even matter, though. Errors with the new electronic voting system might have caused students to accidentally vote in the wrong district.



Meyers

When student addresses were loaded into the computer system, many of the addresses were students' permanent home addresses instead of their Gainesville addresses.

Records indicate 535 students voted in District E, which is the district for commuter students. Of those, 501 voted for Unite Party candidate Brett Rowland. That district includes all ZIP codes except for those specified in Dis-

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ON CAMPUS

Gator Growl adds Sister Hazel to the entertainment roster

CLARE LENNON
 Alligator Writer

The push for big-name Gator Growl entertainers continues with officials' announcement that two members of southern rock band Sister Hazel will host and sing the national anthem for the homecoming pep rally.

Lead singer Ken Block and guitarist Drew Copeland, both Gainesville natives, will join comedian Joel McHale and the Goo Goo Dolls for the pep rally at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Student Government Productions is paying Block and Copeland \$5,000.

Sister Hazel is best known for its 1997 single "All for You," which was in the top 20 songs on Billboard's Hot 100 list. The band's 2009 album, "Release," reached No. 37 on the Billboard 200 list.

Gator Growl producer Aaron Heger said

the UF Gospel Choir has performed for free in the past. He said bringing in a new national anthem act is part of an effort to change Gator Growl and bring in a bigger crowd. Fireworks will be brought back for the first time in four years, he said, and live skits will return to the show. In addition, the stage will be set up at the student section of the stadium, and the audience will sit on the alumni side. The stage previously has been set up at the north end zone.

"[Students should] expect a very high-energy show from the moment they sit in their seats to the second they leave the stadium."

Aaron Heger
 Gator Growl producer

Heger promised an entertaining show. "[Students should] expect a very high-energy show from the moment they sit in their seats to the second they leave the stadium," he said.

Student petition protests moving of library collections

COLLECTIONS MAY BE MOVED INTO LIBRARY WEST.

JESSICA OLIVER
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Traci Reynolds puts up a fight.

The 23-year-old speech language pathology master's student at UF created a petition, which has collected more than 1,300 signatures as of Wednesday, to prevent the Architecture and Fine Arts Library and the Music Library from moving their collections to Library West.

"I saw that everyone had an opinion and seemed to be talking openly about what could or should be done, but none were really doing anything about it," she said.

Overcrowding and high traffic are issues that would only be heightened by the arrival of other collections, Reynolds said in the petition.

If administration decides to move the collections, the students and faculties of the College of Design, Construction and Planning and College of Fine Arts would no longer have the luxury of the collections being in their own buildings.

However, moving the collections would make them more accessible, considering that Library West is open longer than the other libraries.

Christopher Silver, dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, has said his college would assist the fine arts programs in finding space-saving innovations similar to its own.

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Rosh Hashana Services

Today, 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 UF Hillel
 Join UF Hillel for High Holiday services. Conservative and Traditional services will start at 10 a.m., and Reform services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

First Year Florida Peer Leader Info Session

Today, 4:05 p.m.
 Reitz Union, Room 286
 First Year Florida is now accepting applications for Peer Leader positions. Peer Leaders are an influential group of student leaders who co-teach FYF and assist freshmen with the opportunity to learn about campus resources, diversity and involvement opportunities. Applications are due to New Student and Family Programs by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. To learn more, attend tonight's info session, visit bit.ly/teachfyf, or contact Alison Spannaus at alisons@dso.ufl.edu.

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The Alligator needs to clarify a fact in an article in Wednesday's paper about pink trash carts promoting awareness of breast cancer.

The story should have said the pink trash carts are offered to residents by the city after they make a \$50 donation to the American Cancer Society. They are not being sold to raise funds.

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SAFETY

Semester shows upward trend in alcohol-related emergencies

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Recent data indicates there is an increase in the number of UF students transported to the hospital for alcohol-related emergencies.

This semester, 13 students have been transported for alcohol-related emergencies so far, according to Maureen Miller, the coordinator for alcohol and other drug prevention at GatorWell Health Promotion Services. Last year, only about nine students had been admitted during the fall semester.

Maj. Brad Barber, UPD public information officer, said the officials still don't know for sure what factors are contributing to this trend.

"How the increase is related to the Medical Amnesty Policy or other contributing factors has yet to be determined," he said.

The Medical Amnesty Policy waives disciplinary action under certain conditions to ensure that students call medical support during alcohol, drug or other health emergencies.

Of the 13 students transported to the hospital, five qualified for medical amnesty, according to Miller.

The policy was officially instituted at the univer-

sity in April but has been in practice unofficially for some time.

"Safety is the top priority for the university," Miller said. "There were several close situations of students not getting the help they needed."

At UF the protocol applies only to the UF Student Code of Conduct, Housing & Residence Education's Community Standards and Greek Life policies. Police may enforce laws within their jurisdictions under the state and federal law.

Students considered by the Dean of Students Office as "under the policy" are required to meet with counselors from GatorWell for a one-hour educational seminar, Miller said.

History sophomore Charlie Vilmar, 19, is aware of the policy but wouldn't call the police unless absolutely necessary.

"I mean, if it's a dire situation I would go to the hospital," Vilmar said. "But otherwise, I keep track of my friends, and they keep track of themselves."

With the upcoming football game on Saturday against Alabama, UPD said this increased trend of alcohol-related transports will not affect its policy.

"Gameday rules have not changed," Barber said. "We remain consistently focused on safety and security operations at each game."

Gator Chomp ranked No. 10 on top college football traditions list

JENSEN WERLEY
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Gators have yet another reason to be proud.

UF's Gator Chomp was recently recognized by collegemagazine.com as one of the top 10 college football traditions.

Ranked at No. 10, writer Danny Golden chose the Gator Chomp due to its intimidation factor when coupled with the Florida band playing the "Jaws" theme.

Other traditions that made the list were the University of Georgia's bulldog, Uga; the University of Iowa's pink locker room; the Auburn University's eagle

released to fly over the stadium, dubbed the "War Eagle"; and the Army's/Navy's march onto the field. The No. 1 spot went to the dotting of the "I" by the sousa-phone player in Ohio State University's band.

The Gator Chomp is not only used in the stadium and UF's campus, but it is also used by people all over the world to show that a person identifies himself or herself as a Gator fan.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando was pleased to make the rankings.

"What's not to like about that?" he said. "It's a nice recognition of the kind of enthusiasm Gator fans have."

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AGAINST THE ODDS

Photojournalism professor uses film to depict struggle with cancer

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

At the age of 48, John Kaplan was a Pulitzer-Prize winning photojournalist, a father of two and a journalism professor at UF. At the same age, he became a cancer patient.

"That word, 'cancer,' can cut through you like a knife," he said.

Shortly after being diagnosed in August 2008 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a potentially deadly blood disease, Kaplan found an outlet for his pain, fears and hopes through his camera lens. Through photos and videos he took of himself, Kaplan documented his battle with cancer. Viewers of Kaplan's feature-length film, "Not As I Pictured," are privy to emotionally charged scenes, from his hair falling out in the shower and his painful bone marrow transplant to his wife's expression when his doctor told him he was in complete remission in 2008.

The documentary is meant to inspire and give people hope, Kaplan said, by showing that many cancers are not the death sentences they once were but rather are treatable, and beatable, illnesses.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of cancer survivors in the United States has increased from 3 million in 1971 to 11.7 million in the most recent count.

"That may be the small nugget of courage [cancer patients] need to fight through the process," he said.

Kaplan's uplifting film made its television debut in Gainesville last March. It has won 21 awards,

including two CINE Golden Eagle Awards and several awards for Best Documentary. Now, six months later, the film's success continues to grow, as does the number of lives it has touched.

Kaplan has organized 450 broadcasts of the film through PBS affiliates, reaching about 70 million homes.

In an effort to "pay it forward," Kaplan is giving away 10,000 free copies of the DVD and its accompanying guide to coping with cancer for anyone who has been touched

by cancer — a disease that affects one in three Americans.

As of Wednesday, Kaplan said he has given away about 4,600 copies to cancer patients, their friends and families, caregivers and medical professionals.

The documentary is also being used as a teaching tool.

After founding partnerships with organizations like the American Cancer Society and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the film is being shown to medical professionals across the United

States to stress the important concept of humanism in medicine — the idea that doctors should treat patients not just as charts and diagnoses but as individuals with feelings, hopes and fears, Kaplan said.

He is also using the film and its campaign as a case study in his Social Media and Social Responsibility course at UF, a class that brings together writers, photographers, marketing and public relations students to create media campaigns to raise public awareness

about issues like Type 1 diabetes.

Kaplan said his students and colleagues at UF played some of the largest roles in his healing process.

His doctors told him it was important to continue doing what he loved through his treatment. For Kaplan, that was teaching.

Days after his diagnosis, Kaplan stood in front of his international journalism class on the first day of school and told them that he had cancer. But he was going to beat it, he said, and he would be there every day.

"It was important for me to know that I could be there as a teacher even though my body was on this rough roller coaster ride," he said. "Being a professor here is the best job I've had by far."

As a professor, Kaplan tells his journalism students to stay away from clichés. Cancer stories, he used to say as a Pulitzer Prize judge, are always clichés.

"But when you get cancer, you don't feel like a cliché," he said. "You just want to beat it."

Kaplan said he used to hope and pray every day that he would be able to end his documentary with a cliché happy ending — a shot of him holding his son in the air, saying the mantra that got him through cancer: Every day is a blessing. Every day is a gift.

Three years later, thousands of Americans have watched the credits roll after that exact scene, and Kaplan is living happily ever after.

To sign up for a free copy of the DVD, visit NotAsIPictured.org and click on the "Get Film/Shop" link.



Courtesy to the Alligator

On the first day of his international journalism class at UF, Kaplan tips his cap to his students after explaining he had been diagnosed with cancer. Despite six months of chemotherapy treatments, he never missed a class but was not permitted by his doctors to fly with his Florida FlyIns students to Guatemala.

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Elections Commission will review complaints of technical errors

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districts A, B, C and D. Last fall, only 65 students voted in District E, according to the SG website.

Megna said she didn't think the numbers reflect problems in the system.

"We had no technical errors," Megna said.

Gillian Leytham, minority party leader of the Students Party, said the results don't accurately represent the will of the students.

"There is an epic failure of the system," she said. This is SG's first time using electronic voting.

Jonathan Ossip, a member of the Students Party and for-

mer student senator, also said the polls didn't all open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, which he said suppressed voters. Ossip said he didn't hear about any problems on Wednesday.

Senate President Micah Lewis proposed the switch from paper to electronic voting during the summer. He said it would reduce elections costs and be more secure than paper voting.

In the spring elections, three students voted multiple times on paper ballots at different polls across campus to demonstrate the flaws in the system.

For this election cycle, the Students Party scheduled an emergency hearing with the UF Supreme Court Tuesday evening to look into invalidating Tuesday's results and resched-

uling elections. Complaints usually go to the Elections Commission first, but the Students Party members bypassed that because they qualified the situation as an emergency.

However, Supreme Justice Matt Michel and three Associate Justices decided not to hold an emergency meeting. State law requires public meeting information be posted 24 hours before the meeting itself, and Michel said the UF Supreme Court was uncomfortable trying to interpret whether they could make an exception.

Leytham filed complaints with the supervisor of elections and with the Elections Commission. Megna said she knew of four complaints filed by midnight Wednesday.

But all of this didn't put a damper on the Unite Party's celebration.

Unite Party spokeswoman Christina Bonarrigo said words couldn't describe her party's excitement following the results.

"All our hard work paid off," she said. "Come next Tuesday we'll be off to a great start."

The Unite Party platform emphasized establishing a 24-hour library, increasing scooter parking on campus, adding bottle-filling water fountains, expanding SNAP and weekend bus availability and placing hand sanitizer dispensers in residence halls.

"We had no technical errors."

Toni Megna

SG Supervisor of Elections

Although the party only won the minority, Students Party director of communications Carly Wilson said the results are still an improvement from prior cycles.

Students Party candidates campaigned on eliminating corruption in SG, fighting a 15 percent tuition increase, and creating bus stops that include GPS monitors to track the buses.

After the Elections Commission meets, if one of the parties chooses to appeal the ruling on the validity of the results to the Supreme Court, the court can make a separate ruling. Michel said the Supreme Court has final jurisdiction.

Associate Justice Tim Mason said it doesn't matter whether the Student Senate validates the results at Tuesday's meeting because the Supreme Court's decision would override it.

Student Body President Ben Meyers, of the Unite Party, said he thinks the Students Party's complaint is "undemocratic."

"I absolutely think the results will be upheld in the Supreme Court because it values democracy," he said.



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Michael Morales, a political science junior, reads the Student Government election results with fellow Students Party member 20-year-old biology junior Aimee Dolan Thursday morning. The Students Party won three of 50 contested seats.

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Editorial

Liquor Lessons *Drinking age should be lowered*

It might be shocking to some, but college students, regardless of whether they are older than 21, sometimes drink adult beverages.

And yet, the moral fabric of American society is still intact.

UF recently took a positive step toward destigmatizing the idea of underage drinking when it passed its alcohol-related medical amnesty policy.

If students go to the hospital and are under the legal drinking age, they will receive treatment without facing disciplinary action from the university.

This does not mean you should get black-out drunk all of the time, but in case you ever have one too many, you can feel safe going to a UF medical facility.

And you should definitely go.

This fall, there have been 13 UF students with alcohol-related emergencies, 5 of which were underage.

Although this number is the highest for a fall semester since 2007, it is actually a good sign if students who otherwise would shy away from treatment are seeking medical attention for problems that could lead to serious illness or death.

Of course, we all hear and make the argument that it is a little strange that we allow people 18 years or older to vote and die for our country, but deny them the ability to drink alcohol.

But an even bigger argument for lowering the drinking age and removing the stigma from alcohol consumption has to do with health and safety.

In most families, parents are afraid to discuss the idea of drinking with their children, but that could be changing. It is not because there are not enough ad campaigns telling parents to talk to their kids about drugs and alcohol.

It's because the government wants teenagers to be informed about alcohol consumption while denying them the ability to legally learn about it in the comfort of their own home.

Parents can talk about the effects of drinking all day, but the first night spent puking out your stomach or the first time you wake up with one of the worst headaches you have ever had can teach you a lot more about the consequences of alcohol consumption.

It is no wonder there are so many incidents of binge drinking and alcohol-related medical emergencies when underage students go to college.

The fact of the matter is that some students will go to parties where alcohol is present, and most will partake in the festivities.

Lowering the drinking age and allowing students to experience the pleasure and pain of drinking alcohol first-hand, along with guidance of experienced adults, can go a long way in reducing these problems.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you excited about seeing Sister Hazel at Gator Growl?

Thursday's question: Will you try Ron Jeremy's new spiced rum?

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Column

Bachmann should be taken with grain of salt

She's radical. She's outspoken. She's amusing. She's insane. She's even moderately attractive. She is, quite simply, absolutely entertaining.

But Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, while being all of those things, is also dangerous.

Two weeks ago, at a Republican Party debate, a trivial issue was brought up by a few of the candidates. During his time as governor, Texas Gov. and GOP hopeful Rick Perry endorsed an executive order requiring girls entering the sixth grade to receive a vaccination against the human papillomavirus, an STD responsible for cervical cancer among women. Despite the fact that parents were able to opt out of the procedure with a simple form, the order was rejected by the Texas legislature.

It's a black mark against Perry that has surfaced numerous times during his campaign, particularly since it represents a government intrusion into private life.

And if you believe Bachmann's claims, it's also an action that would have jeopardized the mental health of countless young women.

During the debate, Bachmann was clear. Perry's order was a "government injection" of "innocent little...girls." And the vaccine? A "potentially dangerous drug."

Following the debate, Bachmann went one step further, telling our beloved Fox News she had met an audience member who claimed to have a child who had suffered "mental retardation" as a result of the vaccination.

The next day, Bachmann's claims were deemed so egregiously untruthful that the American Pediatric Association felt the need to step in with a press release stating that "there is absolutely no scientific validity to this statement."

If this all sounds eerily familiar, it's because this is not the first time these criticisms have been levied against vaccines.

For years, actress Jenny McCarthy has been championing against vaccinations, claiming they resulted in the emergence of autism in her own son and in countless other children across the nation. She continues to fight for her cause despite repeated scientific studies showing no link between vaccines and autism.

To be quite clear, vaccines do not cause mental retardation



Alex Guilmartin
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in children. They are not dangerous. They can and do save lives.

Bachmann lied.

In some ways, it's not her fault.

You don't blame a child for thinking Paul Revere rode his horse to scare away the British. It's not true, and somebody really needs to step in and give that child

a more appropriate education. But it's a single misguided kid. They're not responsible for spouting this nonsense because nobody expects them to be.

And really, even if Bachmann wasn't out there fighting the uninformed tea party cause, somebody else would be.

The issue at hand is not that people like Bachmann exist. There's no stopping that. What's problematic is the fact that we pay attention to them.

Sure, most of it is out of mockery. Bachmann is not a serious contender for the GOP nomination. Even Herman Cain is looking better than she is. We follow Bachmann in the news not because she could become our next president, but because we love hearing the absurd things that come out of her mouth. But there's a point where shameless entertainment segues into a legitimate cause for concern.

For every one of us who wisely takes every single thing Bachmann says with a grain of salt, there's a person out there who heard her criticism of vaccinations and took her words to heart.

There's at least one mother out there who is now much less likely to vaccinate her daughter against a potentially deadly disease.

By giving Bachmann a platform, we've given her the ability to influence and persuade. We've made her a danger to society.

Her social conservatism, if it were to become public policy, would be detrimental to America.

But simply listening to her state it might be just as bad.

Alex Guilmartin is a psychology and pre-law senior at UF. His column appears on Thursdays.

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

Guest column

Gardeners should use compost in place of chemical fertilizers

Ever since I was a little kid, I have been told that plants needed Miracle-Gro to grow big and strong.

While it is true that plants need nutrients to grow, chemical fertilizers are not the best choice to feed them. Fertilizers are Mother Nature's drugs. Too much can lead her to O.D.

Studies have shown that mass fertilizer use has led to a large loss in biodiversity due to runoff pollution. Runoff is dangerous for people and animals; it gets into our water supplies, causing sickness or death.

For decades, the United States has used nitrogen-based fertilizers, believing it would create the greatest growth in plants. However, scientists have found that runoff nitrogen can lead

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to "dead zones" in salt-water systems, where living creatures cannot survive.

Still want big vegetables? There is a solution: compost.

Compost improves the soil's ability to hold nutrients and stabilizes soil pH. It can increase the water-holding capacity of sandy soils and reduce erosion and runoff. Compost also helps reduce plant-borne disease.

The nutrients that are present in your compost are biodegradable and will not harm the environment.

Composting is also very easy and cheap. The only effort

needed is to put your food scraps in the pile or bucket.

Once your scraps are decomposed, add it to your garden. Scientists have shown that compost gardens produce growth output similar to that of chemical fertilizers.

It is hard to produce in bulk, but for those of you with home vegetable or flower gardens, compost is the better alternative.

If we all change our behavior to use compost rather than chemical fertilizers, we can help save Mother Earth.

Stop using chemical fertilizers. If you want to increase the size of your cucumber; compost it!

Kimberly Johnston is a wildlife ecology and conservation senior at UF.

Guest column

UF College Democrats support affordable higher education

What do the Florida legislature, the Board of Trustees and Student Government have in common?

They all think that you should pay significantly more in tuition, and each is responsible for votes that resulted in a 15-percent total increase just this year. The Editorial Board of the Alligator last week indicated that even our school newspaper believes making students pay more is smart policy, and we shouldn't feel entitled to an affordable education anyway.

Less surprisingly, the UF College Republicans expressed similar enthusiasm for the hikes.

The UF College Democrats couldn't disagree more. Affordable higher education is not a wasteful entitlement, but a smart investment. State-subsidized higher education greatly promotes social mobility, giving people the opportunity to contribute more to society than they may have otherwise. Making education less accessible translates into a waste of human capital, which is critical to the prosperity of ad-

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vanced economies.

The coupling of cuts to merit-based aid such as Bright Futures and tuition increases only further sets back the middle class, which largely does not have access to need-based aid.

As public education in this state is strangled, it is becoming evident that the Republicans' efforts to make this state more business-friendly is in fact making the outlook bleaker for thou-

sands of young Floridians.

Our leaders in Tallahassee have made their priorities clear: The interests of students and the middle class are not among them. Therefore, the UF College Democrats would like to affirm our defense of Bright Futures and condemn both the heavy tuition increases and constant cuts to education funding.

Ford Dwyer is a political science and history junior at UF. He is the editorial director of the UF College Democrats.

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UF alumnus opens for Big Sean to kick off big weekend

AUDREYANNA LOGUERRE

Avenue Writer

Tonight at 7 p.m., a concert featuring Big Sean will light up The Vault NightClub's parking lot. The show comes just before Big Sean's Finally Famous Tour kicks off Sunday.

This will be Big Sean's second appearance in Gainesville since his first concert at The Vault in December.

This event will be the first outdoor concert in Gainesville that PartyDegee.com and Wrld Ent. have promoted at The Vault, according to officials at The Vault.

PartyDegree.com co-founder Matt Teper said he and his partner, James Dieterle, chose the date of the concert near the time of the UF vs. Alabama game because they wanted to bring a lot of excitement before the game and help the Gators win.

"This was our first opportunity to throw an outdoor show," Teper said. "The demand for Big Sean was high, and this will be a cool atmosphere — almost like a tailgate theme."

"You don't need to be a hip-hop fan to have fun at a Big Sean concert," Dieterle added. "He's known for his performances. This is more than a concert; it's an experience every student and Gainesville resident will appreciate."

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Matt Teper

co-founder of Partydegee.com

Gates open at 6 p.m., and tickets are available at ticketmaster.com. General admission tickets are \$20 and VIP tickets start at \$30.

Neither PartyDegree.com nor Wrld Ent. could disclose the cost of the event, but students can expect a 20-foot stage, a good time and five opening acts, including UF alumnus Gabe Fields.

The Miami native and 2011 UF telecommunications graduate is back in Gainesville to open up for one of the hottest up-and-coming hip-hop artists. His first performance in Gainesville was Aug. 25 when he opened up for Chiddy Bang's Never Growing Up Tour.

After graduation in May, Fields decided to pursue his music career instead of telecommunications and even turned down a television-related job in Miami.

He released his first song during the beginning of August. His first mixtape is tentatively set to release in October or November of this year.

To learn more about Gabe Fields and listen to his work, check out youtube.com/gabefieldsmusic, follow him at twitter.com/gabefields and visit his website at gabefields.com.

Avenue writer Audreyanna Loguerre got the chance to chat with Fields on his way to Miami to rehearse with his disc jockey, DJ Crespo, for tonight's show.

It's great that you are a UF alumnus and opening up for Big Sean. How do you feel to be coming back to Gainesville and opening up for a huge hip-hop artist?

"It's amazing. I'm excited in a lot of ways — proud and really just happy to be back in Gainesville, the town that I went to college in and that gave me my last four years. It's an amazing feeling to come back and see everyone, you know, to do a show like this. It lets me know that I'm moving in the right direction."

At UF, you realized that you wanted to further pursue your music career. What triggered it for you? What made you come to that realization?

"I've been writing music at a very young age, since 13. I actually recorded my first song when 15. Back then, it was more of messing around and for the fun of it, but my senior year I went back to it. Since I graduated, I was able to put my full focus, time, energy and 100 percent of me into it because I really couldn't give that in college. In college was when it came back to me, and I knew it was something I had to do."

How did your parents react when you told them that you weren't pursuing telecommunications, but instead pursuing your music career?

"I'm very fortunate. My parents were very supportive of me in every way. They were 100 percent behind me. I think they knew that I wanted this and that I had it in me. I think they believed in me, and they want me to be happy."

Do you think you will ever pursue telecommunications, or is your focus just music?

"No — absolutely. There's a lot of things I'd like to do in my life. I want to get into television and film. I focused more on broadcast in college, but honestly I always enjoyed taking classes, so, I wouldn't even mind going back to school. (Fields chuckles) I'm still writing scripts on the side, and it's just for the time being I've chosen to focus on this but, yeah, I do see myself going back one day."



Photo courtesy to the Alligator

Gabe Fields, a 2011 UF graduate, will help kick off 'Bama weekend in style as an opener for tonight's concert featuring Big Sean at The Vault NightClub.

What is the inspiration for your mixtape that's currently in the works? The theme — what is it going to be about?

"My music is a reflection of who I am and my thoughts, feelings and my experiences that I've had. As an individual, I think that I share a lot of obstacles and challenges other people have went through. For this mixtape, it's an interesting time in my life, because I'm chasing a dream that I've had at a very young age and that not many people even have the opportunity to get. I basically want to capture the moment of everything that's going on while I'm doing these shows because it's a lot of excitement around it. I have a lot of people around me that believe in me, and I certainly don't want to fail them. I feel like every time I do music and step into a booth, I always have a chip on my shoulder because of my circumstances — a college grad — and it's a lot of things going for me that aren't really looked up to in the rap game. There's a lot of proving in myself that I have to do and proving to the world on this first mixtape, and I believe that myself and my team are ready for it. This show is very big as well."

Before speaking to you, I actually searched for your SoundCloud. "Lonely Mind" is my favorite out of the entire four tracks. Can you speak on that song?

"'Lonely Mind' draws on a couple of different relationships or experiences in the past that I've had with women. They were something that had an impact in my life. Basically, I came up with the song sort of looking back on and reflecting, but sort of looking forward. Which I feel like this is a common threat in life and relationships where we're hanging onto the past, and you can't get to the future by doing that. I wrote that third verse to tie everything together and to really explain where my heart was. I actually wrote that in one night and recorded it in one night on my second take, with that third verse. That third verse has everything that I have in me."

What's the thing you miss most about UF and college life?

(Field chuckles) "All the people there. I miss my friends and people that I know I'll get to see when I come back in town. I desperately miss gamedays. I'm staying for the Alabama game weekend, and I can't wait to have a gameday. You know there's just something about the games on gameday that's different than anywhere else. I'll be staying that weekend, and I'll be looking for a ticket. So, if anyone has any tickets ..." (Field chuckles)

Do you have any advice for UF students who also want to jump into the hip-hop game but have doubts or are afraid?

"I definitely want to mention there's a huge fear, and I was a pretty guarded person growing up, for whatever reason. When you have something that you own, something that you're writing or music, there's a fear of putting yourself out there. I'm learning a lot about that with people that I'm working with. I definitely had a fear of putting something out there like 'Lonely Mind' because that's pretty serious subject matter that not a lot of people knew about. I would say you've got to really do what you want to do. I wouldn't jump out of college and do something just because the money's right. If you can't enjoy and see yourself doing it, it isn't right for you ... As far as music, a lot of people have fears about putting themselves out there, but you'll never know until you try. Besides that I'm just starting out, so I'll have a way better quote in a couple years."

For the rest of our interview with Fields, visit alligator.org/the_avenue.



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Toasts and Tailgates: One man's Gator tailgating tradition

Gator Tony peps up crowds with speeches

KIERA WRIGHT-RUIZ
Avenue Writer

When I walk on campus, I can feel it. There's excitement, hope for a victory and enough good company to spare. The smell of charcoal, burgers and beer fills the air.

Behind Broward Hall lies a tailgate like no other. Drinks are held high as Gator Tony makes a toast in memory of deceased friends and for a UF win. After almost 20 years, a legend has been made.

"It wouldn't be a football game if I didn't see Gator Tony," said Natalie Romano, a UF psychology senior. "Since my first football game, I saw him. It's a tradition."

Anthony "Gator Tony" Burke, a 56-year-old who lives in Ocala, has been tailgating at the same place since 1993. He has been writing the toast before each game since 2008 after the founder, Robert "Gator Bob" Bishop, passed down the tradition.

Though the toasts first started to insult the opposing team, over the years they have also become a way to commemorate old friends. In 1994, the crew began toasting Gator Tom and Gator Sue, said 61-year-old Bob of Turkey Lane, Fla.

In 1994, Bob's sister Susan Murphy died from cancer. In 1985, Tom Rymer died in a car accident. The two were both part of the original six-person football block started in 1979.

"It wouldn't be a football game if I didn't see Gator Tony."

Natalie Romano
UF student

"I did not want people to forget Gator Tom and Gator Sue," Bob said.

Bob ran out of ideas for toasts when he decided to elevate Tony to "Gator" status. The two have been friends for about 25 years, Bob said.

"I said, 'It was time for a change,'" the 1972 UF graduate said. "The torch was passed. I do put in a guest appearance once in a while."

Tony graduated from UF in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. The toasts give him the chance to continue writing, he said.

"I try to be intelligent and cerebral a little bit," Tony said. "I'm not just going to be like, 'Roses are red, violets are blue. We're the Florida Gators, and we're gonna beat you.'"

On gamedays, tailgating is Tony's top priority, second only to the game, he said.

Tailgating on campus allows Tony to reminisce.

"As you progress on your journey through life, things change, but one of the things that hasn't changed for me are going to those football games," he said. "There's still an invigoration that I get when I walk into the stadium, and I see the field, and I see the inside of the stadium and hear the crowd. I've been doing that since I was 11 years old."

Tony can trace Gator games back over periods of his life like when he was a kid, teenager, college student, newlywed and new father.

"It's always been the constant in my life," he said.

The 1966 Auburn game was the first of almost 300 games Tony attended. He still remembers Steve Spurrier and the winning field goal known as "The Kick."

Tony attends every game after he tailgates. While on an 18-year streak, he has only missed two games, one of which was in 2004 for his daughter's wedding.

UF can definitely beat Alabama, Tony said without hesitation.

"They better bring their A-game," he said. "If they think they're just going to walk in there and walk out with a win, they're sadly mistaken. If Alabama thinks all they have to do to win is show up, then they will get beat."

Check out one of Gator Tony's speeches below.



Erin Turingan / Alligator

Anthony "Gator Tony" Burke has become a quintessential gameday figure on campus, giving toasts to pump up tailgaters before every home game.

Gator Tony's Speech vs. Troy University

**Why do they come back?
Those boys from old Troy
To do battle with the orange and the blue
This one should be good ...
For maybe a quarter,
Before the Gators beat the Trojans to stew.**

**Trojan dreams of a victory are quite premature ...
In no time at all, they'll be flaccid.
And the notion that they
can hang with the champs,
Hey Trojans ... are you guys on acid?**

**So don't be concerned if the Trojans appear ready,
looking hard ... rock-ribbed ... standing tall ...
But the Gators will certainly have everything covered,
They're playing our game with our ball.**

**So wolf down some breakfast,
have a sip of champagne,
raise a toast to Gator Tom and Gator Sue,
Then follow us to the Swamp, and into the stands,
where we'll cheer on the orange and the blue.**

**In hundreds of games, I've cheered for the Gators,
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But only today,
for the first time in my life,
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Southern belle takes football tailgating know-how to print

AMANDA JAE FRETZ

Avenue Writer

Christie Leigh Mueller is the epitome of class and fanaticism. She is dressed in a three-quarter-length sleeve blue cotton dress, khaki woven cinch belt, orange sandals and a string of pearls. Her hair, of course, is twisted in an adorable Southern braid.

With her first book, "Gridiron Belles: A Guide to Saturdays in Dixie," available now, she is bound to become every clueless-about-football-but-dying-to-understand girl's best friend.

Targeted at "the Yankee transplant trying to figure out football in the South, the sorority girl whose daddy never taught her about the game, the recent grads looking for tailgate ideas and the women who host massive, immaculate tailgates every home Saturday," "Gridiron Belles" began as a project to help a sorority sister.



Mueller

"I made her a crafty book before a football date with a frat boy to understand the game," Mueller said. "They actually ended up getting married two years ago."

Football has always been an integral part of Mueller's life. Born and raised in Kentucky, she recalls her first SEC football game as "heaven on Earth."

"It was bigger than I ever imagined," she said. "I felt like I was really a part of a movement."

"Gridiron Belles" encompasses more

than just football — it focuses on the art of Southern tailgating. Mueller cites shade, chairs and music to "set the tone and add a personal touch" as must-haves. As for

food and drink, stick with protein-packed, bite-sized hors d'oeuvres (Mueller suggests Publix fried chicken in the "University of Florida" section of "Gridiron Belles") and plenty of water.

"I'm a Kentucky girl, so bourbon is a must for me as well," she said.

Mueller spent three years researching — attending games, learning traditions and cheers and determining the best after-party locations. So what set the UF apart from its SEC counterparts?

"The intensity of the fans," she explains. "Gator fans are constantly rattling off statistics to the point where they're defending a call. I used to date a Gator — our biggest fights revolved around the UF-Auburn (Mueller's SEC team of allegiance) rivalry. That relationship didn't last long."

Mueller finds the SEC belles to be just as fanatical about their teams as the gents. A belle's way of expressing it is less about hooting and hollering than it is about her gameday apparel.

According to her, the quintessential Southern belle's Saturday outfit consists of a team-colored dress and accessories to add some "feminine flair."

Though her profession is still business etiquette consulting, it is this praise that makes Mueller want to keep going. And yes, we can expect a sequel.

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He Said, She Said: What makes Southern charm so sexy?

With Alabama rolling into town this week, it seems fitting to discuss what gives us Southerners our sex appeal. Whether it's handsome men sporting the old-South look or lovely Southern belles, there's something about the style that makes the SEC one good-looking conference.

But what is real Southern sex appeal? Good looks and the proper clothes certainly help. But it just may be that irresistible charm accented by a long, Southern drawl that exemplifies true sexiness.

Bottom line: What makes Southern people so damn sexy?

♦ He Says...

True Southern sex appeal isn't about the looks; it's the personality that makes all the difference. Yes, ladies, you just read that correctly. A man just told you it's not always about how attractive you are. We go to UF, where there are good-looking people all over the place. Any girl can throw on Southern garb and pretend to play the role of a hot Southern belle. Real Southern beauty is a lifestyle — not a fashion trend.

The girls who do Southern style right are the ones who don't try at all. They're naturally sweet — with a hint of innocence. They aren't afraid to get wild and have a good

time but won't necessarily show it until the time is right. But more than anything, being Southern is about being polite and lovable. A real Southern belle is a lady — born and bred below the Mason-Dixon line.

This is what makes Southern charm so hard to ignore. It's that refreshing change of pace from the party-every-night types who act like everything is a popularity contest. Southern girls know who they are and how they look and are perfectly content with it. That, my friends, is sex appeal.

— JACOB ROMOSER

♦ She Says...

What is it about Southern gentlemen that drive women wild? Is it their timeless chivalry? Their effortless combination of machismo and manners?

Ladies, let's bring y'all into this, too. What's going on with the sex appeal in this heat?

As I hit the pavement to uncover the mystery behind the provocative Southern je ne sais quoi, one characteristic stood out as the most titillating quality of Southerners: the accent.

Ashley Lowery, a UF art history graduate student, encompasses this allure. Born and raised in the small town of Dalton, Ga., she epitomizes the expression "peach" with her bubbly personality, smiley disposition, long, naturally blonde locks and inviting

Southern articulation.

"I often get complimented by my gentleman callers, and I have been guilty of using that fact to my advantage," she said. "In turn, Southern men can be VERY sexy with their accents — Blake Shelton, I am talking about you."

But a solid Southern twang is not everyone's cup of sweet tea.

"When I grew up in Georgia, I disowned my Southern-ness because of stereotypes, and my mama's insistence that I could not have my "puddin'" until I pronounced the "g" at the end," she said. "However, I have learned to own it and be proud of my accent, because it is as natural to me as a French accent is to a Frenchman."

Self-acceptance — now that's hot.

— KAY BEA



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Preppin' for Bentley's UF - 'Bama Weekend country showdown

SAPHIRA LAZARRE

Avenue Writer

As if the home football game between UF and the University of Alabama isn't enough this weekend, Gainesville is in for another special treat.

Student Government Productions is hosting Grammy-Award-winning country artist Dierks Bentley, who will be performing at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center Friday night.

You're probably thinking, "**Am I the Only One**" excited for the concert? Nope, we are, too.

Below you can find some fun tidbits about the event. Take note of the titles of some of Bentley's hit singles intertwined in the concert tips — a chance for you to get pumped up for his performance and familiarize yourself with Bentley's latest and greatest tunes.

Whether you have seats in the top row or front-and-center, everyone is sure to "**Come A Little Closer**" to the stage.

Didn't buy a ticket yet? Instead of asking yourself "**What Was I Thinkin'?**" make your way on over to the University Box Office and purchase one. Tickets will be on sale the day of the concert. Student ticket prices range from \$20, \$25 and \$35. Non-student tickets will be sold for \$40, \$45 and \$56. Remember to bring your Gator 1 Card with you to purchase tickets.

We're sure the lines to enter the O'Connell

Center will be "**So So Long.**" Arrive early to allow yourself plenty of time to find your seats. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Need to get in the mood for the concert after a long day of classes (we know you won't play hooky)? Enjoy a nice plate of barbecue to get into the spirit of country music. Eateries like Kay Bros. BBQ, Adam's Rib Co. and Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q have some "**Sweet & Wild**" barbecue choices that will surely satisfy your taste buds.

If the food doesn't quite do the trick, ask any concert-goer, and he or she will tell you how to prepare for a Dierks Bentley performance.

"I'll probably wear some casual clothes with my cowboy boots and a hat," said Rick Menditto, a mechanical and aerospace engineering sophomore at UF.

Menditto isn't the only one who will be decked out in good ole' country gear.

Randi Riggs, an architecture junior at UF, is planning on getting ready for the big event, too.

"I'll be dressing up for the show," said Riggs. "And of course, I have to wear my cowboy boots."

Once your belly is full from southern cuisine and your Levi's are on, it'll be about time to finally get a chance to "**Feel That**



James Minchin III / Alligator

Country star Dierks Bentley will perform in the O'Connell Center on Sept. 30 to kick off the UF vs. Alabama weekend in Southern style.

Fire. With the number of concert attendees estimated to be at 2,100 so far, we're sure the atmosphere will be nothing short of electric.

So whether you take pictures right-side up or "**Sideways**" Friday night, the Dierks Bentley concert is sure to be one you'll never

forget.

Some fans are ecstatic to hear Bentley live in concert. I'm not too sure if I'm ready to give up "**My Last Name,**" but Shellie Fisher, a food and resource economics junior at UF, is.

"Marry me, Dierks Bentley!" Fisher said.



Photo courtesy to the Alligator

Devon Slabaugh models one of her designs from her gameday bow and dress line, Lucky Design.

Gainesville's hubs for fashion-forward gameday duds

ARYANNA HARRELL

Avenue Writer

From figuring out where to buy the perfect Gator-chomping dress to deciding on a bow to finalize your outfit, finding the perfect gameday attire can sometimes prove challenging. Luckily, there are many gameday boutiques around the city that make it easy for trendy Gators to find that ideal look.

Lindsay Leider, a 21-year-old UF retail associate at Allure Boutique, sees about 150 customers a week searching for the latest in Gator fashion.

Allure Boutique, located at 3832 W. Newberry Road Suite 2-B, has one of the largest selections of orange and blue dresses in Gainesville. It is the only boutique in the city that sells Natalie Kim dresses, which are custom-fitted, handmade dresses specifically designed for college students. Kim comes to the boutique on Thursdays during gameday weeks between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to custom fit her customers' dresses.

Allure has Gator dresses, bags, shirts, shoes, jewelry, koozies, belts, jackets, buttons, headbands and bows. One could spend as little as \$70 to get a stylish gameday outfit, according to Leider.

Devon Slabaugh, a 20-year-old UF fashionista and Lauren Carey, a 20-year-old Florida State student, started a gameday bow and dress line called Lucky Design earlier this summer. Slabaugh handmakes Gator-inspired bows and dresses at her house, with bows starting at \$5 and dresses starting at \$50. Merchandise from the collection can be found at facebook.com/luckydesigndevon-lauren. Other places to find Gator apparel

include: Gator Mania, in the Oaks Mall; Pinner's Fine Shoes, 3411 W University Ave.; Lily Pad, in the Oaks Mall; Gator Shop, 1702 W University Ave.; Ilene's for Fashion, 2441 NW 43rd St. #25B.; Target, 3970 SW Archer Road; Walmart, 3570 SW Archer Road; and on campus at the bookstore.

Remember, there is no such thing as too much orange and blue when it comes to gameday in the Swamp!

Gameday Style Budget

- Lucky Design orange and blue hair bow, \$5
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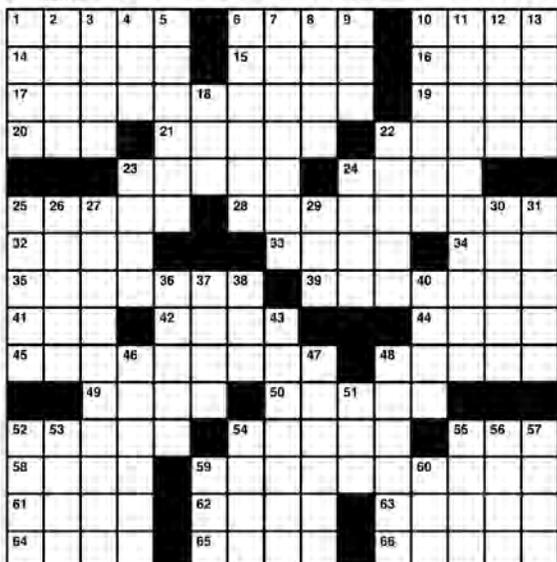
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| ACROSS | DOWN | 30 Borden mascot | 52 Mt. Rushmore's state |
| 1 *Rock conqueror? | 1 Bo and Barney, e.g. | 31 Derby prize | 53 Joint Web project |
| 6 ilk | 2 Mountain climber | 36 Some green acres dweller | 54 "Buzz off!" |
| 10 *Soy milk brand | Ralston, subject of "127 Hours" | 37 *Star Wars* tree- | 55 When Emile sings "Some Enchanted Evening" |
| 14 Diminish, as trust | 3 Hustler's game | 43 Abandon, with "on" | 56 Word with care or cream |
| 15 Court target | 4 Atlanta summer hrs. | 46 Oregon Ducks' home | 57 Oliver North's alma mater: Abbr. |
| 16 Singer with the platinum 1992 album "The Celts" | 5 Warm up | 47 Irritable | 59 V x LX |
| 17 *Dental checkup freebie | 6 Crowd | 48 Pin in a shirt | 60 -like relative |
| 19 Hungarian spa city | 7 Words to one on deck | 51 Gold units: Abbr. | |
| 20 "30 Rock" is loosely based on it, briefly | 8 Nosegay | | |
| 21 Georgia campus | 9 Bk. before Philipians | | |
| 22 Transparent personality? | 10 Envision a way | | |
| 23 Webber's partner | 11 To a great extent | | |
| 24 Stink ending | 12 Caustic fluids | | |
| 25 Are proper for | 13 Go-- | | |
| 28 *Wile E. Coyote buy | 18 ASCAP rival | | |
| 32 Napoleon, before seeing Elba? | 22 Union member? | | |
| 33 Its symbol is "\$" | 23 Like pintos | | |
| 34 West Bank initials | 24 Lhasa | | |
| 35 *Gets creative | 25 Alberta national park | | |
| 39 *Extent | 26 *Christ Stopped at | | |
| 41 *Alice* spinoff | 27 Amount requiring a credit card authorization | | |
| 42 Gives goose bumps, maybe | 29 Japanese chip maker | | |
| 44 Pennsylvania port | | | |
| 45 *Flashy display | | | |
| 48 Umbrella brand | | | |
| 49 Idiot | | | |
| 50 Finalize, as a comic strip | | | |
| 52 Pub drinks | | | |
| 54 Sudden outpouring | | | |
| 55 Sch. with a Phoenix campus | | | |
| 58 Comic book buyer of old? | | | |
| 59 *Beginner's piano piece | | | |
| 61 Analogous | | | |
| 62 Forceful takeover | | | |
| 63 John who played Gomez Addams | | | |
| 64 *Forged check | | | |
| 65 Maker of Kate Moss fragrances | | | |
| 66 It celebrates National Day on October 1 (and it's where the answers to starred clues were invented) | | | |

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Mel Gibson movie | MOSNRA |
| 5. _____ bulb | HIGLT |
| 6. "Superman" star | EVREE |
| 7. Narrative song | DLABLA |

DOWN

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Let up | NLETER |
| 2. African country | RAIEIGN |
| 3. Instant _____ | EALATOM |
| 4. Folk story | EDLNGE |

CLUE: This person died in 1521.

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Turnover battle key to victory in Florida-Alabama rivalry

MATT WATTS
Alligator Staff Writer

Last year, after driving 74 yards in 11 plays on the team's first possession, Florida faced a fourth and goal from the Alabama 2-yard line. Instead of attempting a game-tying field goal, the Gators went for the touchdown, a statement score.

But linebacker Nico Johnson picked off Trey Burton's jump pass, Alabama marched down the field and scored a touchdown, and Florida's hopes of an upset were dashed.

"Any kind of turnover throughout the game is a momentum swing."

John Brantley
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"That offensive drive kind of broke us down a little bit and everybody kind of separated a little bit," safety Josh Evans said. "[It] broke us down early in the game and we lost focus."

Turnovers have been key in each of the last three games between No. 12 Florida (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) and No. 3 Alabama (4-0, 1-0 SEC), and if the Gators want to pull

off a statement win in Will Muschamp's first year on the job, they must protect the ball.

After Burton's interception last year, and already trailing 17-0, quarterback John Brantley threw another on Florida's third drive. The Crimson Tide capitalized, scoring 14 points off UF giveaways, and entered halftime with a commanding 24-3 lead.

In the 2009 SEC Championship Game, Tim Tebow threw a critical fourth-quarter interception that erased all hope of a comeback. And in Atlanta in 2008, with Alabama driving for a late score, it was Joe Haden's pick of John Parker Wilson that sealed the win and sent Florida to Miami for the BCS Championship Game.

"Any kind of turnover throughout the game is a momentum swing," Brantley said Monday. "Whenever you can get that, it definitely goes in your favor."

At the beginning of his weekly press conference summing up the previous weekend's game, Muschamp always begins with turnover ratio. While Muschamp has professed time and again that he is not a "stats guy," there is

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Trey Burton (8) threw an interception on Florida's first drive in a loss to Alabama last season. Safety Josh Evans said the costly turnover broke down the Gators mentally, causing the team to lose focus.

Unity has Gators better prepared for adversity

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The Gators have yet to fall behind in a game this year, much less face serious adversity. That could change Saturday, when No. 12 Florida takes on No. 3 Alabama.

The coaches don't know for sure how their players will respond to getting punched in the mouth, though coaches have tried to simulate those types of situations in practices.

Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said he will track how his unit is performing during scrimmages and tell his players whether they are winning or losing.

"You always pull from those experiences from a practice where you had to

go against the offense," he said. "And sometimes you have to create it a little bit, as a coach, so we've done that."

Also, players said the Gators are better prepared to play in tough games because the team chemistry has improved from last season. Coach Will Muschamp put an emphasis on team bonding this summer, and the team entered training camp talking about a sense of unity they did not feel in 2010.



Quinn

Junior safety Josh Evans said Florida fell apart against Alabama last season after an interception on the team's first drive. The Crimson Tide kept attacking,

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Burke trying to bounce back after rough weekend in goal

► FRESHMAN KEEPER GAVE UP FOUR GOALS AGAINST TENNESSEE LAST SUNDAY.

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It's been a long time since an opposing team has been able to get four goals past Taylor Burke.

So long, she can barely remember.

During her 38 career wins in four years at Medina (Ohio) High, Burke played a state-record 1,243 consecutive minutes without a goal surrendered.

Through seven games as No. 12 Florida's (8-3, 2-0

Southeastern Conference) top goalkeeper, she's been similarly sensational with four shutouts.

Until Sunday's 4-2 loss at Tennessee, Burke, a freshman, hasn't had to respond to a game that would be best described as a confidence-shaker for most keepers, let alone

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one in her first collegiate season.

"It's a little disappointing, but we're definitely going to come back hard and work on what we need to work on to make up for that," she said. "You just need to have a short memory, and you need to learn

from it more than anything."

With two more SEC clashes against Vanderbilt and Kentucky on the horizon, Burke has tried to push the tough end to last weekend out of her thoughts and focus on what she can improve on fundamentally.

Friday's matchup at home against the offensively inept Commodores (6-4-1, 0-2 SEC), who were shut out two straight games to begin conference play, could provide a momentary reprieve for the goalie, but Burke will still require smarter play from her teammates.

"We don't need to panic
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Alabama's Nick Saban (right) taught Will Muschamp much of what he knows about running a program.
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Chris Leak Signs New Professional Contract

Former Gators quarterback Chris Leak signed a contract Wednesday to join the Jacksonville Sharks of the Arena League. The Sharks are the defending champions and Leak will battle for the starting job.

Podcast This Friday

Check out alligatorSports.org or iTunes on Friday for a new podcast featuring Greg Luca, Tyler Jett and Cody Jones previewing the Alabama game this Saturday.

THE MAILBAG

More 'Star Wars', animal wars and Heisman chatter

Welcome back. We have plenty of questions about this week-end's game against No. 3 Alabama, so let's get right to them.

@zachmoller: *Who's your favorite master-padawan combo in college football coaching?*

We appreciate the chance to relive this week's now-infamous exchange between Will Muschamp and a random television reporter that even made the rounds on ESPN, so thanks for that, Zach.

As for your question, we'll go with Steve Spurrier and Bob Stoops. The defensive-minded Big Game Bob trained for three years under the O' Ball Coach, an offensive genius. Together, the master and padawan truly brought balance to the Force.

@CRainey4Heisman: *Why is Chris Rainey still not getting any respect from Heisman voters? #RaineyforHeisman*

While Rainey has been all-world for Florida this season, you have to look at the bigger picture. There are plenty of other top-tier Heisman candidates out there right now. There's Stanford's Andrew Luck, Baylor's Robert Griffin III, Boise State's Kellen Moore — and those are just some of the quarterbacks.

Rainey has been great, but he's still not even the best back in the Southeastern Conference. That honor belongs to Marcus Lattimore, who has more rushing yards, more total yards and more touchdowns than Rainey right now.

@Jonsilman1: *Should I or should I not get my hopes up. Give it to me straight.*

You want it straight? We got you covered. No, you should not get your hopes up — at least not this weekend.

Sure, Florida has looked a lot more convincing en route to a 4-0 start this season than it did a year

ago, but this is the same Alabama defense that held the Gators to six (six!) points last season.

John Brantley has looked more comfortable in Charlie Weis' offense than he did in Steve Addazio's, but he and his receivers are largely untested.

As a group, the Gators haven't faced much adversity, so no one knows how they will respond with their backs against the wall or when they get punched in the mouth, so to speak. The Gators say they are closer this season than they were last, and that it should help them bounce back when they get knocked down, but until we see it, we won't know for sure how they respond.

@PhilipGaryTalks: *With two speedsters, two big backs, two FBs plus TEs to block... think 200 yards on the ground is possible?*

That will certainly be the idea, Philip, but I wouldn't get too optimistic if I were you. Alabama has al-

lowed just one 100-yard rusher in its last 50 games.

The chance of Florida running up the yardage against the Tide defense, which features at least six or seven NFL prospects, is slim to none.

Sure, Rainey is balling out of control and Demps has the reputation of being the fastest player in the history of the game, but the 'Bama D is something else. Florida needs to run the ball effectively to win the game, and it's possible they do so, but 200-plus is asking a lot.

@AlligatorArmy: *Who would win in a fight, an elephant or an alligator?*

Like all great debates of our generation, we turned to YouTube for an answer on this epic animal kingdom showdown. The best we could find was a crocodile going toe to toe with an elephant, and to be honest, it was a split decision. The results were inconclusive, at best.

We'll say this much: If an alliga-

tor does try an elephant, the reptile better come out on top, because an elephant never forgets.

If it helps, we did find a video of a tiger killing an alligator for next week.

@bourbonmeyer: *Think Jordan Reed or Trey Burton throws a pass against 'Bama?*

Weis did say Tuesday that he would throw the kitchen sink at Alabama this weekend and empty out his playbook. The real question is what is in Weis' kitchen sink?

We know Burton does have passing plays in this offense (he did so against Kentucky last weekend).

As for Reed, we wouldn't expect to see him attempt a pass against Alabama. He is coming off a "lower-body" injury that has sidelined him the last couple of weeks, and we wouldn't expect Weis to add that wrinkle to the offense.

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Muschamp, Saban cast from same mold

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Were it not for Nick Saban, Will Muschamp might still be calling plays at Valdosta State.

That's where Florida's coach was working when he first met Saban before the 2000 Peach Bowl.

Muschamp only intended to catch up with Jimbo Fisher — a friend who was the LSU offensive coordinator and now coaches at Florida State — when he stepped into the Georgia Dome to observe a practice.

Muschamp ended up chatting with Saban for about 20 minutes and said the two hit it off. When the job as linebackers coach opened up about a month and a half later, Muschamp interviewed with Saban and was promptly hired.

"I probably wouldn't be standing here today if it weren't for the opportunity he gave me at LSU," Muschamp said Monday.

A year later, Muschamp became the defensive coordinator, and when Saban left to become the head coach of the Miami Dolphins in 2005, Muschamp followed as assistant head coach for defense.

Muschamp stayed with Saban for only the first year of his two-year tenure, accepting the defensive coordinator position at Auburn in 2006.

"Will probably, of all the guys that we have had on our staff through the years, probably worked the hardest, did the best job, had the most passion, was probably as well liked by the players as anyone," Saban said.

"He did a great job for me for a long time."

Working with Saban for five years, Muschamp learned a great deal about total program management and building a team identity.

Saban is also the source of Muschamp's "critical factors" approach to recruiting — a system of ranking prospects at each position by certain criteria.

Muschamp said the familiarity between himself and Saban gives no advantage to either side. Still, offensive coordinator Charlie Weis thought it prudent to ask Muschamp for advice on dealing with Saban and defensive coordinator Kirby Smart.

Although cut from the same mold, Muschamp's defense won't be an exact replica of what Alabama brings to The Swamp. How Saban and Muschamp devise their schemes is based on personnel, generating clear differences between the two systems.

But quarterback John Brantley said he sees similarities between the two in that each wants to confuse offenses with differ-



Alligator File Photo

Alabama coach Nick Saban (pictured) helped groom Florida coach Will Muschamp during his career.

ent looks. Center Jonotthan Harrison said the Florida and Alabama defensive lines are similar in size and style.

For all the two coaches have in common, Saban can point to one key difference.

"I can't jump up and down on the sidelines any-

more like he does, I can tell you that," Saban said. "It's been so long since I've been a young guy that I can't even remember, but I was a little volatile at the time, too. I hope a little less volatile now."

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Defense forced six turnovers in last two games

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always one he highlights, even back in August before games were played.

Muschamp has said, and players have echoed him, that the goal is to force three turnovers each game.

"We always try to put pressure on ourselves to get at least three or four turnovers a game," linebacker Jelani Jenkins said. "It's always important. If you get three turnovers in a game, then chances are you're probably going to win the game."

So far this season, Florida has forced seven turnovers on defense, while allowing seven on offense — not exactly Muschamp's formula for success. In wins against FAU and UAB, Florida posted a negative-2 margin. Against Tennessee and Kentucky, that number increased.



Jelani

Florida forced six turnovers — four interceptions, two fumbles — in wins against the Volunteers and Wildcats, and that number could have been higher if not for several dropped picks and another called back because of a pass interference penalty.

Florida defensive tackle Omar Hunter said the defense has adjusted to Muschamp's and Dan Quinn's new scheme and is starting to hit its stride.

"That's just the maturity of the defense — everyone coming together," Hunter said. "Early on in the season we were still trying to figure each other out, and when opportunities presented themselves we didn't take advantage of them. 'We're starting to do that now.'"

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Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn (left) said safety Matt Elam, who is responsible for the defense's pre-snap adjustments, has taken the next step to becoming a great player.

Elam communicating better

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and the Gators failed to rally.

"That's when a team comes in," Evans said of playing tough games. "Everybody (is) staying together and helping a teammate, picking them up and letting them know that if you're down we can pick it back up, the game's not over."

That did not happen last year, as Alabama cruised to a 31-6 win.

More talking: Quinn said his players are getting better at communicating when opposing offenses line up.

In particular, he praised sophomore safety Matt Elam, who is tasked with calling pre-snap adjustments for all the defensive backs.

"There were two or three times in the Kentucky game where it showed up and we thought, 'That was cool,'" Quinn said. "He's taken the next step as a player."

Elam said he is more confident, as are all of Florida's young defensive backs. In addition to Elam, three other underclassmen are seeing significant playing time in the secondary. Evans is the only upperclassman in the rotation.

"Now that they've had a few games

together, you see a little more of that familiarity where it's just a look or a hand signal to say, 'Yeah, I understand what you're saying now,'" Quinn said.

Fake FG alert: On its opening drive last Saturday, Alabama quarterback A.J. McCarron tossed a 37-yard touchdown after the Crimson Tide originally lined up in a field-goal formation.

"Any given day they can run a fake, so we've definitely been watching film and seeing the type of style of fake field goals they're running," said Evans, who is on

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Florida's field-goal block unit.

Evans said certain members of the unit have been instructed to stay back instead of rushing the kicker, just in case McCarron pulls the ball back.

Simple but effective: Quinn said the Crimson Tide's running attack isn't complex. The talent, however, will prove to be a significant challenge.

"I wouldn't say it's a function of a lot of styles of runs," he said. "When they do the run and certain schemes they run, they do them at a really high level."

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Freshman Monserez helping solidify No. 13 Gators' defense

She has 46 digs in 35 sets

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Madison Monserez has a soft voice, bright blond hair and an infectious smile.

But there is one specific trait that separates the freshman from hundreds of sundress-clad sorority row inhabitants.

"You wouldn't think she chews glass, but that's how she plays on the court," UF coach Mary Wise said.

Chewing glass is a peculiar analogy, not exactly something the 5-foot-8 defensive specialist imme-

diately thinks of when analyzing her own play.

"I try to put all I can on the court, and I guess that's her terminology for it," Monserez said.

Through 12 games, Monserez has seen more game time than any freshman not named Taylor Unroe. Playing three rotations in the backcourt, her presence has not only solidified the Gators' defense, it has helped give outside hitter Stephanie Ferrell a three-rotation breather, increasing her production offensively.

"To put such pressure on her as a freshman, I think she's taken it all

in stride and it's not even affecting her at all," Ferrell said.

On the court, Monserez is something of a reckless presence. Constantly hustling and hitting the floor, her play does not mirror her off-court persona. Wise said she is not sure if she has ever coached a player with two personalities so contrary to one another.

"I've had coach say something along those lines about me before," Monserez said. "It's funny that coach Wise notices that."

Unroe, a redshirt freshman, typically shares the back row with

Monserez and has been impressed with what she has seen so far. Although she is only a year older than Monserez, Unroe said she has felt a need to help her because she has had negative experiences in the past with being the youngest player on a new team.

Unroe, Florida's starting libero, finds that most of the time her biggest advice is to simplify things and let Monserez's talent take over.

"She's surprised by her own skills sometimes," Unroe said. "That's the best part about her."

Although Monserez is young, her early contributions haven't surprised anyone on the team. Wise knew what she was getting when she brought in a player who was part of the Orlando Volleyball

Academy, a vaunted club program.

"Those kids coming out of that, they know how to compete," she said. "That's Erin Fleming and Callie Rivers and Sherri Williams. They have a tradition of bringing in great competitors."

In 35 sets, Monserez has recorded 46 digs and two service aces. When Florida's offense plays well, it often starts with strong passing performances by Monserez and Unroe.

While she has been productive, the freshman admits she isn't quite settled. Each game provides a new challenge and learning experience.

"I never have any expectations because when I do, they're always proven wrong," Monserez said.



Monserez

Burke progressing in first season at UF

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over one game," coach Becky Burleigh said.

"Some of those were goals that we sort of inflicted upon ourselves. At times, we were numbers down and lots of things went on, so we just need to look at them individually."

All three first-half goals against the Volunteers were fueled by turnovers, leading Burke to stress better communication with her back line in order to help notify them when pressure is coming.

Burke's teammate at Medina High and current Gators forward Jillian Graff said that while last weekend was discouraging for Burke, she has a track record from her prep days of bouncing back from a loss.

"She's not going to stop every

shot, and not even the best goalie can stop everything, so I know she's doing all she can," said Graff.

"It's a little disappointing, but we're definitely going to come back hard and work on what we need to work on to make up for that. You just need to have a short memory, and you need to learn from it more than anything."

Taylor Burke
UF goalie

As one of the top prospects to come out of Ohio last year along with Burke, Graff has also seen her teammate's approach and mannerisms during a game change since they started playing Division-I soccer.

"She's being a lot more vocal

than she was in high school," Graff said.

"Now, even when I'm on the bench, I can hear her directing people. She's just showing that she can be a leader on the team."

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TAYLOR BURKE'S SEASON STATS

No. 0 Taylor Burke GK, Fr.

Florida International: shutout, 3 saves

Texas Tech: shutout, 3 saves

No. 9 Florida State: 3 goals allowed, 2 saves

Florida Gulf Coast: shutout, 0 saves

Kansas: 2 goals allowed, 6 saves

SEC - Georgia: shutout, 4 saves

SEC - No. 15 Tennessee: 4 goals allowed, 0 saves



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Gators freshman keeper Taylor Burke had four shutouts in her first six games before allowing four goals against Tennessee.

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