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With John Brantley injured, freshman Jeff Driskel will make his first start Saturday against No. 1 LSU. See Story, Page 14.



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Audre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Lean Back

Graduado Samurai Davis leads a group of about 15 in an Afro-Brazilian dance/martial arts style called Capoeira. The main moves are power kicks, but there are also some aerial and ground acrobatics for advanced participants. Capoeira originated as a dance created by African slaves.

SG elections to undergo investigation

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

Results of the fall Student Senate elections are still up in the air after a UF Supreme Court appeals hearing Monday night.

The court ordered an investigation into the elections process and postponed the Senate's vote to validate the elections.

Election Commission chairman Grant Schnell and the other commissioners will investigate the elections and present a report to the UF Supreme Court by Sunday evening. The court will meet tentatively Sunday night to determine how to act based on the investigation report.

The Election Commission upheld the results at a hearing on Friday. Schnell pointed this out to the justices but acknowledged that some different evidence and arguments were presented at Monday's court hearing.

"I have a hard time seeing how it would be any different," Schnell said.

The court will allow Students Party members, Supervisor of Elections Toni Megna and members of the Student Senate to submit questions to be answered in the investigation.

Questions are due to the justices by Wednesday evening. The court tentatively scheduled a meeting for

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More students defaulting on loans during recession

► THE UF DEFAULT RATE IS 1.9 PERCENT, OR 126 STUDENTS.

EMILY MORROW

Alligator Writer

As tuition increases, scholarship programs slip away and the unemployment rate hovers around 9 percent, the overall rate of students defaulting on their college loans has increased at the highest rate in two decades.

The most recent results, released in September by the U.S. Department of Education, reflect an increase from 7 percent in the 2007-2008 fiscal year to 8.8 percent in the 2008-2009 fiscal year,

making this report the first to evaluate students' abilities to repay loans during the recession.

The state of Florida has a default rate of 10.5 percent. Arizona has the highest default rate — 16 percent — and North Dakota and Montana had the lowest with 3.4 percent.

UF has a default rate of 1.9 percent with 126 students in default on their loans. This was up from 1.5 percent in 2008.

Florida State University's default rate is 3.4 percent and the University of Central Florida's is 4.4 percent. The school with the highest default rate in Florida is Trendsetters of Florida School of Beauty

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Report finds Alachua County property tax rate highest in state

► RESIDENTS PAY \$23.73 FOR EVERY \$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

EMILY MORROW

Alligator Writer

For the second year in a row, Alachua County had the highest combined property tax rate in the state of Florida, and UF's presence in Gainesville has a lot to do with it.

According to an annual report by the Florida Department of Revenue, for fiscal year 2010-2011 Alachua County topped the 52 counties with a millage rate of 23.73 mills. St. Lucie County was second at 23.1634 mills.

This means Alachua County residents pay \$23.73 for every \$1,000 of property value.

Millage rate is determined by dividing the amount of money the local government wants to spend by the total number of taxable dollars, said Ed Crapo, the Alachua County property

appraiser.

Only 50.71 percent of property in Alachua County is taxable. State- or government-owned entities like UF, Santa Fe College and government buildings don't pay property taxes, Crapo said.

Neither do churches or nonprofit organizations. However, these properties still have a taxable value that must be picked up by homeowners and private property owners.

For students or renters, property tax is reflected in their rent, he said.

The County Commission sets the property tax each year as it is one of the two ways the county government is funded, the other being the county's portion of the state shared sales tax.

The report's numbers include taxes paid to entities like the Alachua County School Board, the library district and municipal and water

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Muschamp talks run defense

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Counseling and Wellness Center recognizes Mental Illness Awareness Week
Today, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
The Counseling and Wellness Center is collaborating with other community agencies to host a tabling event recognizing Mental Illness Awareness Week and the impact of mental illness on UF students.

Student Conduct and Greek Conduct Committee 2012-2013 Information Meeting
Today, 10 a.m. and Wednesday, 3 p.m.
Peabody Hall Room 202
Friday, 3 p.m.
Lakeside Residential Complex
Come to learn more about joining the Student Conduct Committee and Greek Conduct Committee. Applications can be found online at dso.ufl.edu/sccr/involvement.

FORECAST

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Gators for Educational Equity Meeting
Today, 6 p.m.
Matherly Hall Room 006
Gators for Educational Equity is a new organization that strives to raise awareness of issues of educational inequity and advocate for reform in Florida and in the U.S. The club is open to all majors.

Got something going on?
Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to tflechas@alligator.org. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases

will not appear in the paper.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's Alligator, an article about John Kaplan's documentary should have said he wanted the final scene to be him giving a thumbs up. In Friday's Alligator, an article should have said that the Florida Modern Day Slavery Museum would be on the Plaza of the Americas from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

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SUSTAINABILITY

One Less Car Day event to return for fourth year on Oct. 26

JAVIER PEÑA

Alligator Contributing Writer

One year ago, 20-year-old Shelby Krantz used to drive everywhere.

But after Krantz, a natural resource conservation junior, learned more about the effects of pollution on the environment, she decided to start biking instead of driving.

Come Oct. 26, Krantz will be among the hundreds of students to participate in Sustainable UF's annual One Less Car Day.

One Less Car Day is part of an ongoing campaign to encourage UF students and

faculty to use alternative transportation.

Transportation accounts for about 10 percent of the university's carbon footprint, created by harmful emissions that affect the environment, said 25-year-old Ashley Pennington, outreach coordinator for the UF Office of Sustainability.

The goal of One Less Car Day, she said, is for UF to be carbon-neutral by 2025.

"It's not our office's goal; it's UF's goal," Pennington said.

During One Less Car Day, the Office of Sustainability hopes to raise awareness on alternative transportation and the causes of climate change. Rather than drive to

school, students will be encouraged to walk, bike or take a bus.

Gainesville is the 16th friendliest bike city in the United States, Pennington said.



Pennington

"It's a great way to get exercise, and it's a lot better than sitting in traffic," she said.

Krantz, a member of Gators Going Green, said students can make a difference by taking simple steps like turning off the air before leaving home, using reusable water bottles

and taking the bus instead of driving to school.

Pennington said she encourages students to visit the Sustainable UF website for more information on One Less Car Day and other campaigns students can get involved with.

"There are plenty of ways to get involved," she said.

As of Friday afternoon, about 550 people had committed to using alternative transportation on campus on One Less Car Day, Pennington said.

To register for One Less Car Day, visit sustainable.ufl.edu/onelesscar.



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ON CAMPUS

Organization fair celebrates national arts, humanities

MELISSA HARVARD

MARIA GALINDO

Alligator Contributing Writers

Artistic students met the first Monday of October with a dancing gold crystal and a flash mob on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

The UF College of Fine Arts and the Fine Arts College Council hosted an arts and cultural opportunities fair Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Reitz Colonnade in celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month.

With about 70 campus and local clubs and organizations participating, the fair offered students a chance to find unique ways to connect with the art community.

Rachel Berry, a development program assistant in the dean's office in the College of Fine Arts, said this is the first National Arts and Humanities Month that has been officially recognized on campus. She said that many students spend their years at UF without engaging in the arts.

"It's easy not to realize how much the arts, humanity and culture have to offer at the university," Berry said.

Fernando Masterson, 19, telecommunications sophomore, was surprised to see the presence the

arts and humanities community has on campus.

"I had no idea there were so many opportunities to get involved with the arts."

UF President Bernie Machen was among several speakers at the fair. Machen noted the importance of art in the life of the campus and local community.

"I had no idea there were so many opportunities to get involved with the arts."

Fernando Masterson

telecommunications sophomore

"It [National Arts and Humanities Month] is a reminder to all of us here at UF that the arts are the electrical current that will light up the future of our university and the city of Gainesville," Machen said. "You can't have a vibrant, innovative community without a vibrant, artistic community. It just doesn't work."

The month's events include the Art Bash, the Florida Writers' Festival and the Conference of the Social Sciences.

The Swamp Symphony on Flavel Field will end the celebration and formally kick off Homecoming events on Oct. 27.

For a complete list of events, go to arts.ufl.edu/ahmonth.



Vonecia Carswell / Alligator

Second-year graduate students Katie Pankow, 24, and Joshua Hamilton, 26, perform an improv show Monday on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

Court to discuss need for re-vote

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8 p.m. that night to approve or deny the questions. The location will be posted in the SG Office in the Reitz Union at least 24 hours in advance.

UF Chief Justice Matt Michel and Associate Justices Georgia Buckhalter, Tim Mason and Cecily Welsh also debated whether to mandate a re-vote, mandate a partial re-vote or instruct the Student Senate to implement stricter regulations for the next elections cycle.

Welsh said she was concerned that students who might not have realized they were incorrectly listed under District E until they reached the candidate list would not have been able to change their district at that point. The justices also questioned exactly where students' voting addresses were pulled from, whether poll workers received complete procedures from Megna and whether Megna made students aware of address requirements.

Students Party members Jonathan Ossip and Gillian Leytham presented evidence to have the

Senate's vote to validate the results postponed.

"The Supreme Court made the right decision," Ossip said.

Senate Allocations Committee Chairman Joe Pardo, who represented the Senate, and Megna responded to the Students Party's petition.

Pardo said during the hearing that any discrepancies in results stemmed from user error. After the court's decision, Pardo said he was satisfied and considered the investigation an appropriate measure.

"The investigation granted by this court will yield necessary information for the court to confirm the elections results, which I expect it will," he said.

After both sides presented their arguments and witnesses, the justices deliberated for about two hours.

"I think we can say this [elections process] wasn't good enough," Welsh said.



Ossip

County Commission approved 2.3 percent increase last week

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management.

The School Board and the county government's general fund are the two tax rates that play the largest role in determining the overall millage rate.

The School Board of Alachua County had the highest property tax rate of any county, with a millage rate of 9.107 mills.

This tax rate increased in 2008 with Alachua County voter approval.

When looking at the property tax that goes to the county's general fund, Alachua County drops to 16th with a millage rate of 8.3763 mills.

Last week, the County Commission approved a 2.3 percent

increase in property taxes for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, which will bring the tax up to 8.5696 mills.

County Manager Randall Reid said Alachua County is often compared, unfairly, to that city out west in Leon County.

"Well, to do that, they'll have to decide what type of county services they want to get rid of."

Randall Reid
county manager

Like Alachua, about 57 percent of the property in Leon County is taxable, as it is home to entities like Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College.

The two counties have similar population sizes — 247,336 residents here and 275,487 in Leon.

UF default rate relatively low

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and Barbering with a 28.5 percent default rate.

Rick Wilder, interim director for the Office of Student Financial Affairs, said UF's default rate is "minuscule" when compared to other schools across the country — something he attributes to the success of UF graduates in finding jobs after graduation.

In the 2008-2009 school year, 37,816 UF students took out about \$216 million in loans. In the 2009-2010 school year, 38,812 students took out about \$221 million in student loans — numbers that Wilder said he expects to continue to increase. As a result, he said he expects the numbers of students in debt from loans also to increase over the short term.

Students who take out loans must go through entrance and exit counseling with SFA, he said, to ensure that they are educated about what loans entail.

Once students with loans graduate or leave school, they have six to nine months, depending on the type of loan, to begin repayment. Students who fail to make these payments may face fines, garnished wages, legal action or a lowered credit score.

Wilder said financial aid advisers typically recommend that students first seek other sources of funding, such as grants, scholarships or work programs. "Loans are kind of a last resort," he said. "But unfortunately they're becoming more and more popular as other sources of funding are decreasing."

In addition to reductions in Bright Futures funding, the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent grants were eliminated. Pell Grants also faced cuts.

For the 2011-2012 school year, Wilder said UF saw a total of \$20 million cut from grants and scholarship programs.

"I don't foresee it getting better in the near future," he said.

However, Reid said, Leon County has had a one-cent sales tax in place for about 30 years, an effort that brings in about \$35 million dollars annually to the county.

"It is really tragic to me that we don't enact this," he said.

Alachua County voters have historically voted against the one-cent sales tax, though Reid said it may be on the ballots again in 2012.

Right now, property taxes are the main source of funds for county entities like the sheriff's department and county projects like the construction of parks or road repairs, something the revenues from a supplemental sales tax could benefit, he said.

"People want lower taxes," Reid said. "Well, to do that, they'll have to decide what type of county services they want to get rid of."

ENVIRONMENT

Researchers receive grant to study use of pine tree chemical in biofuels

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF-led research team was awarded a \$6.3 million grant Thursday to genetically enhance the chemical responsible for creating the scent of Christmas trees to make transportation biofuels.

The scent of pine trees comes from terpene, a chemical that is naturally produced and stored in the tree. The liquid terpene can be directly blended with transportation fuels like gasoline.

"Research tells us that terpene production and storage capacity are controlled in large part by pine tree genetics," said John Davis, co-principal investigator of the project. "This means that we can grow varieties with higher amounts of terpenes, which can be used as renewable biofuels."

The U.S. Energy Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy awarded the three-year grant. The agency is a program within the Energy Department that is investing in renewable and domestic production of energy, including biofuels. Davis, along with Gary Peter, the principal investigator of the project, are professors at the UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation. Their collaborators for the project include personnel from the

University of California-Berkeley, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and ArborGen LLC, a leading commercial supplier of enhanced seedlings to the forest industry.

UF will receive about \$2.4 million of the grant. The rest of the \$6.3 million goes to the collaborators' portion of the work.

"This means that we can grow varieties with higher amounts of terpenes, which can be used as renewable biofuels."

John Davis

co-principal investigator

Existing pine tree varieties have a terpene content of 3 to 5 percent. The researchers hope to develop varieties that accumulate more than 20 percent.

At this level of terpene content, pine trees can produce about 100 million gallons of fuel from about 25,000 acres of planted pine, Peter wrote in an email.

"If our technology is successful, then we can directly produce in a plant," Peter wrote, "and extract a biofuel that will be more than two times lower cost than ethanol derived from maize starch and with a much higher energy content."

Cat contraception helps control strays

JENNA BOX

Alligator Contributing Writer

In her Ocala neighborhood, 60-year-old Becky Saucier discovered several feral cats wandering the streets. One male cat started to antagonize her cat for territory.

Since 2006, 15 stray and feral test cats have been observed by researchers from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine in hopes of finding a means of controlling stray cat populations. The answer was found in GonaCon, an immunocontraceptive vaccine that targets a key reproductive hormone in the brain called GnRH.

UF and the Department of Agriculture have pioneered a single-dose vaccine with long-term effects on fertility in adult female cats, according to a UF news re-

lease. The college was issued a \$250,000 grant by the Morris Animal Foundation to complete the study to find a nonlethal alternative to controlling feral cats, lead researcher Julie Levy said.

Of the cats treated with GonaCon, 93 percent showed infertility results for a full year and at the end of the fifth year, 27 percent were found to remain infertile.

"When stray animal populations are treated, it is not essential that every individual animal be infertile," Levy said, "just that a large proportion of them are."

Saucier said she doesn't necessarily agree with the treatment but she thinks it is a step forward.

"This new development in contraception for cats would certainly be better than killing them," she said.

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Editorial

Death Justified? Did U.S.-born terrorist deserve a trial?

Does the War on Terror create an exception for killing U.S. citizens without trial?

On Friday, Anwar al-Awlaki, an alleged senior al-Qaida leader, was reportedly killed in Yemen by a U.S. drone strike.

Although al-Awlaki has been linked with planning various terror attacks, including the attempt by the Christmas Day “underwear bomber,” he is still a U.S. citizen.

Numerous al-Qaida leaders have been taken out by drone strikes throughout the War on Terror, but al-Awlaki is the first U.S. citizen to be killed as a direct target.

This is a significant blow to al-Qaida and could mean the beginning of the end to taking down the terrorist group for good — at least as a fully operational organization. There will always be terrorists, but it appears that the U.S. government is slowly picking off the masterminds.

Do the ends justify the means?

It would appear that everyone agrees that if a U.S. citizen takes up arms against his or her own country that they should be treated as an enemy.

But should there also be a high standard of evidence to prove this?

Yes, there was evidence of al-Awlaki speaking out against the United States and supporting terrorist attacks.

But does his citizenship provide him with a higher standard of evidence required to execute this direct attack?

Some are saying al-Awlaki’s citizenship has opened the door for the president to target Americans on a whim and could be an expansion of executive power that goes too far.

Others are saying that at least the courts should have been presented with evidence and granted a warrant to the government to take him out.

Civil libertarians are saying that he deserved to face trial for his crimes, like terrorist Timothy McVeigh.

So instead of giving our opinion, considering that the Editorial Board is divided on this issue, we want to hear yours.

This is a very important issue dealing with foreign policy, civil liberties and the War on Terror.

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Selected responses will either be published later this week or next week, so try to have them submitted soon.

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Column

Vegetarian options should not be feared

Why are people scared by vegetarian food choices? I’ve been a vegetarian for almost seven years, but I still get weird looks when I order a protein that didn’t come from an animal.

I get asked things like “You’re getting what? What is ‘tempeh’? That sounds gross.”

My usual, witty retort is to claim that “you” sound gross, so there. (My comebacks can’t all be winners, guys.)

So what if I want to order tempeh instead of beef? Tempeh is a lot like a veggie burger in texture and taste; it’s normally made from combining soybeans and a grain, like barley, and then pan-searing or deep-frying it into a sort of patty.

I often get it as a burger or as a topping on salad; you can use it exactly as you would ground beef. Plus, you can’t go wrong with deep-fried anything, am I right?

Sometimes, when ordering Chinese or Japanese food, I’ll want to get tofu instead of my usual shrimp. (I’m a pescetarian, which means that I still choose to eat fish. Some might call that cheating, but it’s a necessity for me.) Once again, I’ll get funny looks from friends.

“Ew, tofu? What even is that? I hate tofu, it tastes gross.”

I’m going to let you in on a secret: Tofu only tastes gross if you cook it incorrectly. Tofu has no flavor naturally. It tastes like whatever you cook it in or with. So, I’m sorry if whatever restaurant you last ate tofu in 10 years ago made it taste weird, but not all tofu is like that. I promise.

Over the summer, I became an Iron Chef of tofu. Trust me, there are a ton of different ways to cook and prepare it, and they are all delicious.

When I tell people (people whom I have known for years) that I’m going to make chicken nuggets, they still do a double take.

“Sami, but that’s chicken!”

Cue me shaking my head and rolling my eyes.

“No, guys. It’s fake chicken. I’ve been a vegetarian the



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entire time you’ve known me. Get with it.”

There are a few brands in grocery stores of vegetarian foods that provide alternatives to traditional protein choices. The Morningstar line is probably my favorite. It sells ground beef, chicken nuggets and sausage substitutes as well as premade meals. They

taste a lot like the original version when cooked the right way — even my dad thinks so! He’s the one who does the cooking most of the time at home, so he’s had practice.

This brings me to a rule of thumb for non-vegetarian friends of vegetarians: If it’s sold in Publix, you’re not allowed to be afraid of it. It’s not too crazy or wacky if it’s found in a chain supermarket. You can find all sorts of vegetarian proteins for sale there if you look.

I think I get such weird looks because humans suffer from a fear of the unknown. When presented with something strange or different, our first reaction is to not trust it. This is probably a smart strategy around, let’s say, sharks. When it comes to delicious food, though, there’s no need to recoil with disgust and then make fun of me for eating.

I don’t make fun of you guys for eating red meat. While it’s not the direct cause of heart disease or colorectal cancer, the high amounts of cholesterol aren’t doing anyone any favors. Of course, it’s always worse to combine a diet of heavy red meat with other processed foods and sweets. That’s just asking for trouble.

So the next time you hear a vegetarian or a kindred spirit order something funky at a restaurant, don’t ask “why.” That will make you sound dumb. Instead, try asking “what.” Be a little more curious and a little less judgmental. Vegheads around the world will thank you.

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Guest column

Consumers should promote Fair Trade with chocolate purchases

Trick or Treat?

What's in your chocolate? Halloween is approaching, and although college kids are (hopefully) too old to make rounds in the neighborhood asking for candy, you will probably gorge yourself on some kind of sweet treat this month.

Maybe you'll get your hands on a fun-size Snickers bar, some M&M's or a Hershey's Kiss.

Chocolate — simple packaged goodness.

Ingredients: Cocoa beans, cocoa butter, sugar and milk.

Right? Wrong.

Other than the concrete ingredients that go in your chocolate, you may not think about the hours of labor that go into the planting, harvesting and distributing of these cocoa beans.

Once you learn the truth about what's in your chocolate, it may start to seem more like a trick than a treat.

The Ivory Coast is the world's largest cocoa producer, providing about 43 percent of the world's cocoa. According to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, there were about 284,000 children working on cocoa farms in hazardous conditions in 2002. U.S. cocoa manufacturers such as Hershey's have claimed that they are not responsible for the conditions on cocoa plantations because they do not own them.

If children are working on cocoa farms, this means that their families live in dire poverty. These children are working instead of going to school. Because they cannot be educated, the cycle of poverty in their families will continue.

This is an unsustainable life-cycle, trapping cocoa harvest-

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ers at the bottom of the ranks. However, this problem has been identified, and today there is an ongoing movement called "Fair Trade" to help solve it.

A Fair Trade certification on chocolate helps to ensure the consumer that the cocoa in his or her chocolate has been harvested by an of-age farmer who is typically a member of a small farming collective. This farmer receives basic rights, living wages and fair working hours. This means his children are not working in the fields and that he earns enough to send them to school.

Fair Trade-certified chocolate makes up only 1 percent of the \$13 billion U.S. chocolate market. In addition to being the month of Halloween, October is also Fair Trade Month. This month, human rights organizations around the globe are promoting Fair Trade products to increase awareness of these human rights issues and to promote businesses that do the right thing.

As consumers in the First World, we need to realize that we can influence standard business practices. Our dollars support markets such as these, and we can use them wisely to vote for companies that practice human rights and sustainability.

What can you do?

As you may already know, certified Fair Trade chocolate is a tad bit more expensive than non-certified chocolate.

I know we are college students. Most of us would rather drop big bucks on a snazzy Halloween costume this month

than on pounds of slave-free chocolate. However, as I mentioned earlier, you can vote with your dollar. This means you can choose when you buy Fair Trade.

In my apartment, we bake chocolate chip cookies every week and about half the time, we use Fair Trade semi-sweet chocolate chips. A bag of SunSpire Fair Trade Organic Chocolate Chips for baking runs about \$5.50 in Ward's Supermarket or Mother Earth.

If you are craving a chocolate bar, Divine brand Fair Trade-certified chocolate is also sold at Ward's and Mother Earth. It runs about \$4 a bar. My roommates really dig the white chocolate with strawberries flavor.

Chocolate is not the only thing that can be Fair Trade-certified. Coffee and tea are also popular items that have the same human rights issues attached to them.

I brew my own coffee in the morning and use Greenwise Publix organic, Fair Trade-certified coffee. This can be found in any Publix in Gainesville and runs at only \$6 a bag.

Look for the Fair Trade logo (a half-black, half-white person outline holding a basket) on these products to ensure that they are Fair Trade.

Each time you purchase a Fair Trade product, you are supporting a business that does the right thing and a new blossoming movement toward making ethical businesses practices a standard. When you have a chocolate treat, try to go the extra mile to purchase Fair Trade.

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UWire

Women's right to vote a means of retaining control in Saudi Arabia

This week, Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah granted women in his country the right to vote.

Whoop-dee-doo.

We act like this is news. This is nothing. Women's suffrage is not a novel concept. Most people, including yours truly, believe universal suffrage must be a staple in any truly democratic society.

For those of you who are unaware, Saudi Arabia is a monarchy in the Middle East. The United States depends heavily on it for oil, so naturally our diplomatic policy toward the country has been something along the lines of "to each his own." And I do mean "his."

Saudi Arabia is a feminist's worst night-

mare. Women aren't allowed to drive or leave the house unaccompanied by a man. If they do, they can be lashed. It is an extremely conservative and religion-centric society — like Mississippi, with a bit more sand.

For some reason, every time Saudi Arabia decides to grant its citizens a little more freedom, the world rejoices.

Yes, women now have the right to vote, but like I said earlier, they are not allowed to drive or be in public without a male escort. So if their husband doesn't want to take them, they won't be able to vote. Women's suffrage is dependent on male accompaniment. How is that a freedom?

All this shows is that King Abdullah and the Saudi Arabian establishment are scared.

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They are far from stupid. They see what's been going on in Egypt, Libya, Syria and Bahrain.

The Arab Spring could be the end of Saudi Arabia as we know it.

Having said that, the United States will never openly support a Saudi regime change — not unless we are sure the rebels would win. We learned our lesson in the 1970s after aiding Israel despite a threat from Saudi Arabia to cut oil production that resulted in a gas crisis and recession. As long as Saudi Arabia's rich, ruling aristocracy can remain in power and in control of the black gold, I can guarantee we won't supply their rebels

with weapons.

King Abdullah and the Saudi elite are afraid of losing control. That's why they have done everything they can to keep the masses happy and at bay.

While this slight progression toward democracy in Saudi Arabia should be rejoiced, my advice is to remain skeptical. It's not like King Abdullah watched just enough Lifetime Channel to have a change of heart. He has ulterior motives.

Deterring the Arab Spring is the king's top priority, and he will continue to provide his people with illusions of freedom in order to accomplish this goal.

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Geoscientist will explore climate projections during seminar

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Distinguished atmospheric scientist Katharine Hayhoe will visit UF to talk about a little more than the weather.

Hayhoe, a research associate professor of the geosciences department at Texas Tech University, will be speaking at a seminar co-hosted by the Florida Climate Institute and the UF Water Institute.

The seminar is scheduled for Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Emerson Alumni Hall Room 209.

"The purpose of the seminar is to ex-

plore the reliability of various climate models," said Carolyn Cox, coordinator for the Florida Climate Institute.

Making climate projections for cities is challenging, Cox said.

Climate models give a worldwide forecast.

Hayhoe will take a look into climate projections by evaluating current models' reliability and presenting a new approach to remove model uncertainty.

She said she will reveal her new approach at the seminar.

Hayhoe is known for developing ways to measure the potential impacts of human

activities at the regional scale, Cox said.

Hayhoe said climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing this generation.

"Climate affects everything around us."

Carolyn Cox

coordinator for the Florida Climate Institute

"We [in Florida] are particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise and climate change geographically," Cox said.

Admission to the seminar is free and open to the public. The room holds about

100 people.

A question-and-answer section is scheduled for after the seminar, where students will be able to talk to Hayhoe.

"A lot of people have doubts, and this will be a chance to clear them out," said Wendy-Lin Bartels, post-doctoral research associate for the Florida Climate Institute.

Hayhoe will also discuss climate sensitivity and its implications on the projections for Florida's future climate.

"Climate affects everything around us," Cox said. "There is a need in Florida for reliable climate information."



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Bull Gator 180

Gainesville resident Dante Debose attempts a Boneless FingerFlip 180 over the bull gator statue outside University Auditorium on Monday evening. Debose had to do a quarter kickflip and then catch the board before it slid from underneath him.

Pink pumpkins to raise breast cancer awareness

JUSTIN JONES

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Pumpkins aren't naturally pink, but come Saturday, Oct. 15, about 300 pumpkins will be.

At UF&Shands' first Pink Pumpkin Painting Party, people can paint pumpkins pink to help raise breast cancer awareness.

Painting will take place on the Cancer Genetics Research Complex lawn on the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive and Archer Road. The event is free for attendees. The cancer center's communication and marketing fund is paying for the \$2,000 event, according to Lindy Brounley, the communications director for the UF Shands cancer center.

Brounley said she wants the message behind the pink pumpkins to touch everyone when attend-

ees display the pink pumpkins on their doorsteps. Brounley also said the pumpkin party would allow Gainesville residents to interact with the hospital's staff in a different kind of setting.

"We don't often get to see them in a setting outside of the hospital, so this would give us the opportunity to interact with them doing something fun," she said.

Typically, the pink flamingo is the symbol for breast cancer awareness, but the team at the cancer center thought it was a little outdated.

Instead, they opted for pumpkin painting — something they felt was fun and family-oriented but would still help raise awareness for their cause.

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 - 9 Go with the flow
 - 14 Pastoral verse
 - 15 Pink-slipped
 - 16 Ladies' man
 - 17 Nicolas of "Adaptation"
 - 18 Got one's uniform dirty, maybe
 - 19 Mississippi, e.g.
 - 20 Understand how things are done
 - 23 Many frozen dinners are high in it
 - 24 Taker of vows
 - 25 Def Jam genre
 - 28 Native American group
 - 31 As plain as day, e.g.
 - 33 Tax pro
 - 36 Places to see links
 - 38 Friend
 - 40 Cancun uncle
 - 41 36-Across opening
 - 42 Simple floral garlands
 - 47 Fair-hiring initials
 - 48 Forensic facility
 - 49 Spy wear
 - 51 Si or oui
 - 52 Do-favor link
 - 54 Broad-sided
 - 58 Stage name of Ehrich Weiss, for whom the ends of 20-, 36- and 42-Across were props
 - 61 Wife of Abraham
 - 64 Long, long time
 - 65 "___ Three Lives": TV oldie
 - 66 Michelangelo figure
 - 67 Pear variety
 - 68 Charity
 - 69 Suisse peaks
 - 70 Like an animated Pea?
 - 71 Cold-cock
- DOWN**
- 1 The home team gets the last ones
 - 2 Hersey's "A Bell For ___"
 - 3 "Nearer, __, to Thee"
 - 4 Messed up
 - 5 Former Asian state known for goat wool
 - 6 Wheel holder
 - 7 Golda of Israel
 - 8 Supplement
 - 9 Poison in some whodunits
 - 10 Kids' book connectables
 - 11 GP's gp.
 - 12 Gently stroke
 - 13 Place for a ring
 - 21 Racetrack surface
 - 22 Door sign
 - 25 Go through energetically, as drawers
 - 26 1966 Michael Caine title role
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 - 29 "Little Women" woman
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 - 35 Fake name
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 - 45 Never
 - 46 "Elephant Boy" actor
 - 50 Alaskan brown bear
 - 53 Iraqis, usually
 - 55 Nabisco brand named for its flavor
 - 56 The Penguin, to Batman
 - 57 Playground retort
 - 58 Can't stand
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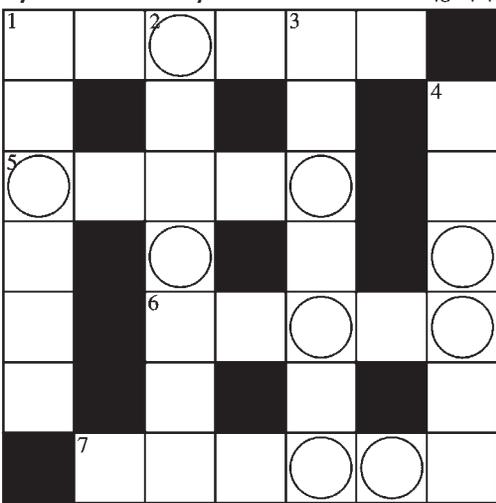
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Gators 'turning page' following NCAA championship run



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Lauren Embree and the defending NCAA champion Florida women's tennis team opens its season today in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

MEGAN WALSH

Alligator Writer

When the women's tennis team returned to campus in May as national champions, Gator Nation celebrated the team's accomplishments.

But in the four weeks since fall practice began, not much has been said about the team taking college tennis' biggest trophy just five months ago.

"Honestly, we haven't really talked much about last year as far as the championship is concerned," coach Roland Thornqvist said Monday. "What we try to do is reinforce that we perhaps won a championship because we did so many things that we try to do every day, and we did them with the right attitude."

Expectations are high from the start as five Gators begin play today in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif., the first leg of the collegiate Grand Slam.

With every player from last season's roster returning for another championship run, this year's preparation should be no

different. But that doesn't mean Florida is content with relying on its skill set from a season ago.

"Now I really feel like the whole team has turned the page," Thornqvist said.

"We're proud of what we did last year, but I think all eight of our players on the roster look toward this year and have their own motivation to do great things again."

"It can get hard to be innovative, but after four weeks we're still all on the same page."

Roland Thornqvist

UF women's tennis coach

Although Thornqvist pointed to a drop in intensity in the past few days of practice after a month of the same routine, he said he has already noticed major improvements in players like sophomore Olivia Janowicz, who is ranked No. 37 in the preseason ITA rankings.

"Boy, is she a different person, different player this first month of the year, and hopefully that's going to show up down the road," Thornqvist said. "She looks more confident and more

sturdy on the court."

He also has big hopes for Allie Will, who spent her summer playing against players ranked in the top 130 in the world while competing in two tournaments on the pro circuit.

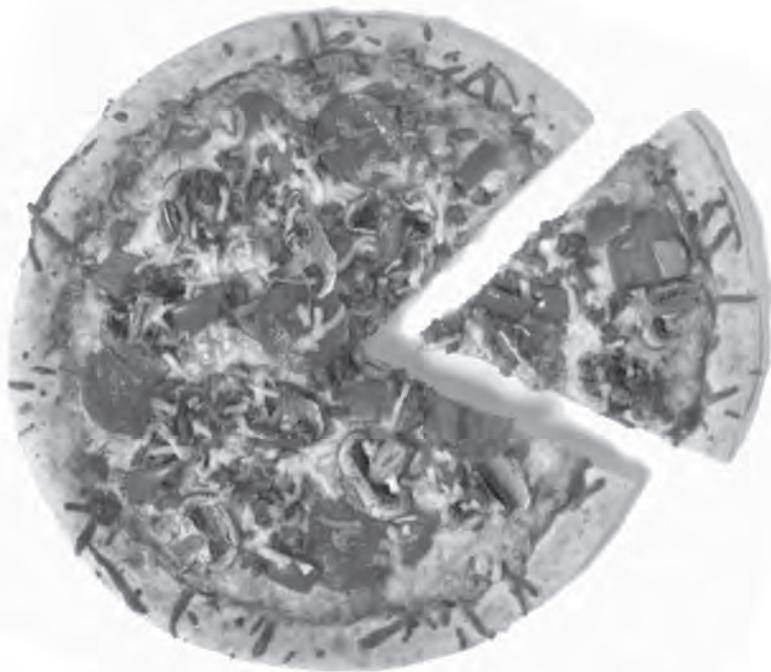
"She's seen big balls," Thornqvist said. "She's seen balls from some of the greatest hitters and biggest hitters in the world the past couple of weeks, so she's going to be ready and she's going to be match-tough, and I'm certainly looking forward to seeing how that translates to college play."

Will and Lauren Embree, ranked No. 2 and No. 5, respectively, in the preseason rankings, will join their qualifying teammates Thursday in the tournament's main draw after receiving automatic bids.

In the meantime, Florida will focus on getting back into the swing of match play and encouraging team-wide improvement.

"We're trying to do the same thing as last year without doing the same thing as last year," Thornqvist said. "It can get hard to be innovative, but after four weeks we're still all on the same page."

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Brantley out against LSU, freshman Driskel to start at QB

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TOM GREEN
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida will be without John Brantley when it travels to Baton Rouge, La., this weekend.

Coach Will Muschamp said Monday that Brantley will miss Saturday's game with what Muschamp classified as a "lower-leg injury" and that freshman Jeff Driskel is in line to start against No. 1 LSU.

"John's disappointed," Muschamp said.

"He's playing really well. ... He's disappointed. I'm hurting for him, but it's time to pick up the other guy. That's what our football team will do."

Brantley left last week's 38-10 loss to No. 2 Alabama near the end of the first half after he was sacked by Courtney Upshaw. Brantley's right leg bent under him, and he clutched his knee before being helped off the field by trainers.

Muschamp would not comment on the extent of Brantley's injury, but multiple reports surfaced Sunday that it was a high ankle sprain.

Brantley could be out for an extended period of time, and Muschamp said he will give weekly

updates on Brantley's status. He said the quarterback will not require surgery.

With Brantley sidelined, Muschamp said Driskel is the team's starter despite spraining his ankle against Alabama.

Florida's coach added that Tyler Murphy and Jacoby Brissett will also take repetitions in practice this week.

With the Gators having to rely on a freshman signal-caller in Death Valley, the team will experience a dropoff in experience from Brantley, a senior with 18 starts under his belt.

If Driskel is indeed the starter come Saturday, it will mark the first of

his career.

He enrolled early at Florida in January as the No. 1 quarterback recruit in the nation out of Oviedo Hagerty High, according to Rivals.com, and asserted himself as Florida's backup early during fall camp.

"Jeff is a very mature young man," Muschamp said.

"He's a guy who went through spring with us, and he's a very outstanding athlete and an outstanding quarterback."



Driskel



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Gators freshman quarterback Jeff Driskel (16) will make the start against No. 1 LSU on Saturday in Baton Rouge, La., after senior John Brantley was ruled out Monday with a high ankle sprain.

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Multiple issues at fault for lapse in run defense

MATT WATTS
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida coach Will Muschamp addressed his defense's issues Monday following a 38-10 blowout loss at home in which the Gators failed to limit the Crimson Tide's run game.

In addition to missing tackles on running back Trent Richardson, Muschamp said the Alabama offensive line confused the Florida defensive front by disguising and switching its blocking assignments. The Gators also were exposed multiple times on poor angles to the ball carrier.

"Stopping the run, playing blocks up front, leveraging the ball and tackling better — that's where it all started," Muschamp said. "To me that was the story of the game, and we knew that going in."

Richardson ran for a career-high 181 yards and two touchdowns, wearing down the UF defense on 29 carries. Muschamp said players were trying to do too much against Alabama instead of taking care of their individual matchup.

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Saturday's 38-10 loss was decided at the line of scrimmage. Florida couldn't establish the run; Florida couldn't stop the run.

Answering all those master-padawan questions about Nick Saban last week, Will Muschamp made it clear that his former boss provided Muschamp with his blueprint for running a college football team. Among those



Tyler Jett
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instructions was a simple rule: Use a pro-style offense.

On Saturday, we attended a clinic revealing just how much Florida needs to grow to reach Muschamp's intended destination: Saban Status. The difference in the two programs? About 10 pounds — the discrepancy between Florida's average starting offensive lineman (302.2 pounds) and Alabama's bigger big men.

In the first quarter, the Crimson Tide ran. In the second quarter, they ran some more. After halftime, they kept it up, chipping away until

SEE TYLER, PAGE 15



After winning the NCAA title in May, Lauren Embree and the UF women's tennis team starts its fall season today. See Story, Page 13.

Kickoff Time Announced For Auburn Game

Florida is playing yet another night game, as the matchup against No. 15 Auburn on Oct. 15 will be a 7 p.m. kickoff and will be broadcasted nationally on ESPN.

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After a 4-2 loss to Tennessee on Sept. 25, Gators outside back Jazmyne Avant (right) and the defense responded with two shutout wins during the weekend.

SOCCER

Defense improves in shutout wins

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Writer

After its worst performance of the season, the Gators' defense knew it had to step up, and it did so in a big way this weekend.

Against then-No. 12 Tennessee on Sept. 25, Florida allowed a season-high four goals. Following the 4-2 loss, the Gators addressed several areas of concern on defense, resulting in shutouts posted at home against Vanderbilt and Kentucky.

"To give up four goals in a game is not where we want to be by any stretch of the imagination," coach Becky Burleigh said after the Tennessee game.

Two of the Volunteers' goals came directly off Gators turnovers.

Burleigh emphasized the importance of making sure they were on target whenever they played passes coming from the side and back passes, as miscues can lead to scoring opportunities for the opposition.

The advice paid dividends for No. 12 Florida (10-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) as it played cleaner games in the weekend's shutout wins.

Last week in practice, the Gators made some tactical adjustments to help the defense. Their system often requires sending many players forward, including the outside backs. If not handled correctly, that style of play can lead to mismatches when the other team goes on the attack.

Burleigh said Florida needed to focus on recognizing when it was sending players forward and taking the correct actions under those circumstances, whether it's waiting for help-side defense to step up or keeping play-

ers back.

The adjustments were evident, as the Gators held the Commodores to three total shots Friday night, while holding the Wildcats to just two shots on goal Sunday.

"After [the Tennessee game], we kind of focused this weekend on 'get the shutout, get the shutout,' and keeping that in the forefront really helped," senior outside back Jazmyne Avant said Sunday.

The play of Avant and the rest of Florida's back line was key in wins during the weekend. Avant, sophomore Maggie Rodgers and junior Kat Williamson were on the pitch for the entirety of both games.

Freshman defender Annie Bobbitt played 70 minutes Friday night after coming in for injured junior defender Katie Kadera, and Bobbitt played 90 minutes on Sunday.

Burleigh said that although Bobbitt played due to the injury to Kadera, Bobbitt has improved during the course of the season and earned more playing time with her performance in limited minutes.

"We've been working with her on her physical presence, which I think she's made a big emphasis to get better at, but she [keeps her composure]," Burleigh said of Bobbitt. "She is calm on the ball and has excellent distribution."

The Gators' strong defensive play also earned Williamson multiple honors, as she received her second SEC Defensive Player of the Week award this season. She was also named to the Top Drawer Soccer National Team of the Week.



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the Gators' defense didn't want any more, until the unit that ranks third in the Southeastern Conference against the run resorted to piggy-back rides and arm tackles.

Defensive end Sharif Floyd said after the game that fatigue didn't set in, but on-field evidence proved otherwise, as did the stats.

Crimson Tide running back Trent Richardson gained a career-high 181 yards on the ground; Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey combined for 8 yards on 14 carries. Alabama's defense notched three sacks; Florida got zero. The Tide held on to the ball for 18:40 in the second half; the Gators picked up just two first downs after the break.

Not all of this can be chalked up to the big men. John Brantley's leg injury changed the complexion of the game, kind of. He was playing the best game of his career, but even that was not enough. Even then, Florida was trailing 24-10. Even with 190 first-half passing yards, Demps and Rainey gained 1 yard on eight carries.

Some will argue that Alabama's hogs weren't the difference, that Richardson and his grown-ass-man strength carried the Tide. But backup Eddie Lacy was just as effective, averaging 6.4 yards per carry.

So, how do Florida's big men get some love? They have to get bigger.

Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis found himself in a similar situation when he took over at Notre Dame. After three seasons with offensive lines averaging 300 pounds or lighter, the Irish bulked up in 2008, when players recruited by Weis went through the team's training program.

The Irish's opening-day starting linemen averaged 315.4 pounds — about 15 pounds heavier than the average lineman the year before.

Expect a similar jump in Gainesville as Muschamp and Weis try to create a Tuscaloosa-feel at the line of scrimmage. For now, though, the Gators face a steep battle.

LSU's offensive line is even bigger than Alabama. And don't forget Georgia. The Dawgs will bring the heaviest o-line in the nation to Jacksonville when they play the Gators on Oct. 29.

That line averages 329.4 pounds, and it will expect love. A whole lot of love.

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Smith playing larger role, providing production at middle blocker for UF

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Betsy Smith works hard — very hard.

And there has been nothing but good results for the efforts of No. 13 Florida's junior middle blocker, who has played a bigger role on the court in 2011 than in the past.

"She's a special person and player," Wise said. "We knew it was going to take time and she just never quit mentally or emotionally."

This year has featured a significant increase in playing time for Smith, who sat behind All-Southeastern Conference First Team selection Lauren Bledsoe and the conference's reigning blocking leader, Cassandra Anderson.

Now she sees the court more often, and it is paying dividends for the Gators.

"Betsy may not be the best jumper in the league, or the fastest player, or the tallest middle in the league, but there are very few who have a higher volleyball IQ," coach Mary Wise said. "I'd put her work ethic up against anybody."

Smith has started 12 matches for Florida this season, posting a .407 hitting percentage, the second-best mark on the team.

Also, she is out-blocking Anderson and currently ranks third in the SEC with 1.13 blocks per set.

Her increased role and her consistent numbers are a result of a productive summer, Wise said.

"There are players that work hard in front of the coaches, but Betsy's a player who works very hard when the coaches aren't even around," Wise said.

Florida's sweep against Georgia had extra mean-

ing for Smith, who was able to play in front of her sister, a freshman student at UGA, and family less than two hours away from her hometown of Atlanta.

In her two previous trips to Athens, Ga., Smith only appeared in two sets, but she played all three Sunday.

"I thought back on the times [Smith's family has come] in the past — now in her fourth year in the program — where if she got in (against Georgia), it was very limited play," Wise said.

"Sometimes, she didn't play at all. Although I didn't have an opportunity to talk to her family, I talked to her high school coaches and they were pretty excited."

Smith took advantage of the extra time on the court, hitting an errorless .700 for the match, recording a block, four block assists and seven kills.

Arguably Smith's biggest play of the match came on the final play when she recorded a kill off a set by sophomore setter Chanel Brown to clinch the third and decisive frame.

"The rally [Sunday] to end the match took a while and I think the story of that match continues to be Betsy Smith," Wise said. "It was perfect that she would have the swing at match-point to win it."

Jaekel receives SEC honor: Redshirt senior outside hitter Kristy Jaekel was named the SEC Offensive Player of the Week after her efforts in back-to-back 3-0 sweeps of Auburn and Georgia last weekend.

In those two matches, Jaekel recorded a .455 hitting percentage, 29 kills and 11 block assists.

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Driskel has seven completions, three turnovers in four games

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"He's got legs, he can run, he's a guy who can give you some variety as far as escaping the pocket and evading the rush. I think that's a positive."

Driskel has seen time in four of the Gators' five games this season, with Florida's 33-23 win against Tennessee on Sept. 17 as the lone contest in which he wasn't a participant.

In limited playing time, he is 7-of-16 passing for 73

yards and two interceptions and has run the ball 12 times for 26 yards.

He looked wide-eyed and uncomfortable in the second half against Alabama's stout defense, completing just 2 of 6 passes while overthrowing receivers and often looking to tuck the ball and scramble.

After escaping the pocket in the third quarter, Driskel displayed his athleticism on a 31-yard run — the longest

run allowed by the Tide all season — but he will have to make plays with his arm as well on Saturday.

While Muschamp said he thinks Driskel is past the initial shock of facing Southeastern Conference defenses, he said the rest of the team will have to step up, too.

"We got to play well around Jeff; we got to play around him and what he does," Muschamp said. "Him having played before, been in the fire before, certainly that will help him on game day."

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Bostic will not be suspended for throwing punch during game

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Muschamp took responsibility for the miscues, saying it all starts with coaching.

"We have to do a better job coaching and playing," he said. "This is a line of scrimmage game. ... We were dominated up front on both lines of scrimmage."

Defensive tackle Jaye Howard said after the game he would come in on Sunday, a scheduled off day, to look at the film and learn from his mistakes. Howard had eight tackles against the Crimson Tide and was one of the few bright spots on the line, but Muschamp said the unit overall has plenty to be concerned about.

"Obviously the film doesn't lie," he said. "The film speaks for itself. The guys understand it. They see the film; they get it. They have to play better, and I've got to coach better."

With a game in Baton Rouge, La., against No. 1 LSU coming this Saturday, Florida's coach expects the Gators to respond well to the challenge.

"We have a bunch of prideful guys in here," Muschamp said. "Obviously, we didn't play as well as we would have liked the other night, but I do believe that we will respond well."

Bostic's haymaker: Linebacker Jon Bostic's personal-foul-inducing punch thrown at Alabama offensive lineman D.J. Fluker during the second quarter will not warrant a suspension, Muschamp said Monday.

After a first-and-goal run, and well past the whistle, Bostic and Fluker continued to go at it. Bostic's punch missed, and Muschamp pulled him from the game immediately.

"It's not something we're going to have at the University of Florida and Jon understands that," Muschamp said.

"He is a great football player and a great young man. There are times that we lose our composure and our poise a little bit, and we've got to be able to handle it."

Etc: Other than quarterback John Brantley, cornerback Jeremy Brown is the only player ruled out for Saturday's game against LSU. Brown continues to struggle with a sprained knee he sustained during training camp. ... Safety De'Ante Saunders will return against LSU after missing the game against Alabama due to a team-imposed suspension. Muschamp would not clarify the team rule Saunders broke.

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Florida linebacker Jon Bostic (52) will not be suspended by coach Will Muschamp for throwing a punch at Alabama offensive lineman D.J. Fluker during the second quarter Saturday.

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