

Florida coach Will Muschamp will try to avoid a repeat of last season, starting this Saturday at LSU. See Story, Page 13.



Student president announces resignation

► THE STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE HIS PLACE.

ELIZABETH BEHRMAN
 Alligator Staff Writer

Student Body President Ben Meyers announced Thursday that he will be resigning from his position due to personal reasons.

Student Body Vice President Anthony Reynolds will be taking his place as the executive leader of Student Government.



"It was not an easy decision to make, especially considering I'd worked hard for the job for a very, very long time," Meyers said. "It's been an extremely rewarding experience and the honor of my lifetime."

With his resignation, Meyers will also be forfeiting his seat on the UF Board of Trustees.

Meyers, a member of the Unite Party, previously served as a senator for the sophomore class, a senator for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Student Senate Allocated

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Emily Doyle / Alligator

Water Works

A water main break occurred at Santa Fe College on Thursday morning between buildings P and R, affecting water usage throughout the campus. As a result, the oak grove at the center of the campus was blocked off, forcing students to walk the perimeter of the grounds. The break was fixed within hours, and the campus returned to its regular schedule.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Counterfeit football tickets hit the streets

MORGAN WATKINS
 Alligator Staff Writer

Gators fans looking to buy football tickets for the next home game from someone on the street should be wary — they could be paying big bucks for counterfeit tickets.

Tommy Kleckley's niece traveled from New Hampshire to see her family and watch the Gators play the University of Alabama on Saturday.

Thanks to two bogus tickets, she never

"I knew quite a few people who got tickets on the street."

Tommy Kleckley
 Gainesville resident

laid eyes on Florida Field.

Kleckley, 50, of Gainesville, said his niece, Katrice Sutherland, and her husband, Tim, who are both in their late 30s, bought tickets from a stranger on University Avenue on Saturday for about \$100 apiece.

When they showed their tickets to the employees at the gates of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, employees said they were counterfeit.

"I knew quite a few people who got tickets on the street, and they were good, so that's why it really threw me," Kleckley said.

The Alabama game was the first this season that had a counterfeit ticket problem,

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City committee may revise rules for selling liquor on Sundays

Liquor can only be sold between 1 and 11 p.m.

MEREDITH RUTLAND
 Alligator Staff Writer

Tired of waiting until 1 p.m. to drink on Sundays? You may be in luck.

The Gainesville City Commis-

sion sent the ordinances that restrict liquor sales at stores and restaurants to the city Public Safety Committee on Thursday for possible revisions.

The city's code of ordinances limits the sale of liquor on Sunday at businesses to the hours of 1 p.m.

to 11 p.m. and prohibits the sale of packaged liquor at stores. Monday through Saturday, businesses can serve liquor from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Business owner Shawn Shepherd asked the commission to make the rules the same for each day.

Shepherd, who owns the Vellos Brickstreet Grill downtown, said the economic impact of increasing the sale hours would be huge. He estimated that the change could mean another month's worth of profit.

"That would be huge to any small business," he said.

City Commissioner Jeanna Mastroticaca, chair of the Public Safety

Commission, said the committee might consider extending the hours restaurants can serve liquor Sunday morning, but she said she doesn't think the committee will change the rules for liquor stores or extend the night hours for restaurants that serve liquor on Sundays.

"Sometimes, it's OK to go home and dry out a little bit," she said.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Women's History Month Applications

The Women's Student Association extended the deadline for Women's History Month Committee applications to tonight at midnight. There are applications for over 15 leadership positions available. Women's History Month is a time to celebrate and promote leadership and pride among the women on the UF campus. This year, the Women's History Month Committee, in partnership with the Women's Student Association and the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, will develop exciting events for March 2012. Applications can be found online at ufwsa.blogspot.com. Positions are available for programming, publicity/advertising and operations management.

Afghan War Protest

Today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
The UF Libertarians and Gainesville Area Students for a Democratic Society will be holding a protest on Plaza of the Americas against the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq on the 10th anniversary of the former. The protest will include a 20-foot display showing the approximate number of casualties since the wars began. Anyone interested in joining the cause is welcome.

Eerie Acres Haunted Attraction

Today and Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.

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Henson Alternative: Stuffed and Unstrung

Today, 7:30 p.m.
Phillips Center
Experience Henson puppets like you've never seen them — off-script and uncensored. Flanked by 80 Henson puppets, performers will take audience suggestions and run with them in this improv show for grownups. Student tickets are \$15 and can be purchased with a valid student ID at the Phillips Center Box Office and at the University Box Office. For more information, please call the Phillips Center Box Office at 352-392-2787 or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu.

Tango for the Cure

Saturday, 5 p.m.
308 W. University Ave.
Argentine Tango Club is hosting its annual fundraiser event for Breast Cancer Awareness. The event will feature workshops for all levels, including beginners, that start at 5 p.m. and a dance social, including performances, that starts at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join, to learn, to dance or just to watch tango for a cause. All donations will go to the American Cancer Society. For more details, check the Facebook event page.

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Tattoo shop raffles off ink, piercings for local charities

► TICKETS COST \$1.

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Keith Bucella was thinking of how to give back to the community, the decision came easily to him because of his rough past.

Addiction Tattoo will be holding a raffle to donate to Peaceful Paths, a shelter for abused women, and the Ronald McDonald House, a program providing care for sick children and their families.

Bucella, 36, owner of Addiction Tattoo, said he chose those two charities because he grew up in a house where his mother was beaten.

His ex-girlfriend's nephew recently was in the Ronald McDonald House and passed away.

"I'm sticking to what I know," he said.

All proceeds from the event will be split evenly between the two charities.

The winner of the raffle will be able to get a tattoo valued up to \$50 and one piercing.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Addiction Tattoo, 819 W. University Ave. and cost \$1 each.

Winners of the Halloween's Hottest Tattoo and Piercing Contest, separate from the raffle, can win two piercings, one tattoo valued up to \$150 and a backpack full of free promotional items.

The contest and raffle started Oct. 1 and will end Halloween night.

Even though the shop has been open for only six months, Bucella said it was important for him to give back to the community.

Bucella said he is from Brooklyn, and that is the atmosphere he is aiming for in his shop.

He said the shop has a great relationship with the Gainesville Police Department and a lot of the officers have come for their first tattoos or for repeat tattoos and piercings.

Bucella said he and his staff spent three weeks at the tattoo shop working from the early morning until the late night, about 150 hours, readying it for opening day in April.



Audre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Addiction Tattoo customer Mike Beall, 22, looks through a portfolio of tattoos on Thursday evening. Addiction Tattoo is holding a Halloween Hottest Tattoo and Piercing Contest with a \$250 prize pack and a raffle with all proceeds going to St. Francis House and the Ronald McDonald House.

Author to talk unicorns, thunderbirds Tuesday

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Contributing Writer

Unicorns are real.

The myth of the unicorn stems from an actual type of goat with a single horn that was once bred in Persia, said Dallas Tanner, a 55-year-old cryptozoologist from South Carolina.

Today, unicorns, along with Big Foot and thunderbirds, are a myth. But Tanner makes a living researching these animals to prove that they once existed.

"I talk about animals rumored to exist and find species to explain it," Tanner said.

The Reitz Union Board Entertainment is bringing Tanner to speak to UF students at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Orange & Brew to discuss his career as a cryptozoologist and author.

Cryptozoology is the study of hidden animals.

The event is free and open to the public. RUB Entertainment is paying him \$250 for travel and board, said Ellie Carpo, the co-director of lecturers and comedians committee.

"I got the idea to bring a cryptozoologist after watching really, really bad monster movies," Carpo said.

The director last year recommended someone else, but Carpo said she wanted to bring someone

different and cater to a different crowd.

At the event, Tanner will talk about how the science and histories of previous eras have become the myths and legends of today.

Tanner said he started his career as a cryptozoologist to prove a point. After writing his first novel, "Shadow of the Thunderbird," Tanner was told that there was nothing dealing with cryptozoology in the southeastern United States. He attempted to prove everyone wrong, and he said he believes to have succeeded.

"I got the idea to bring a cryptozoologist after watching really, really bad monster movies."

Ellie Carpo
co-director

"Shadow of the Thunderbird," along with his other four books, is fiction but backed by facts. His novels are based on real experiences that other people have shared with him, along with his own research. He considers himself to be a researcher first and an author second.

Although Tanner has never actually seen a cryptid, animals that are out of place or out of time, he is OK with it. Because to him, "believing is seeing."

ON CAMPUS

Program allows students to try hand in teaching science, math

JENNA BOX

Alligator Contributing Writer

Heather McNeill always wanted to be a teacher.

As a child, she preferred to play school with her little brother rather than playing with dolls. Chalkboards lined her walls, and chalk dust tickled her fingertips.

McNeill, 21, said she never had a defining moment that made her want to teach. She just always knew. She is now a mathematics senior at UF and a UFTeach scholar.

There are about 300 students in the program, according to Dimple Malik Flesner, associate director of the program.

UFTeach recruits outstanding science and math majors to earn a specialized minor in education through the program. This minor fulfills the professional preparation coursework for teachers that is required by the Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-4.006(2).

"There is no other way to get a degree in math or science education at the undergraduate level," Flesner wrote in an email.

"We are filling a great need at UF and for the state of Florida."

UFTeach was recently recognized as one of STEMflorida's best practices in excellence and

accountability in targeted science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and teacher recruitment and retention efforts, according to a June 21 STEMflorida news release.

Since 2009, STEMflorida has reviewed the competitive priorities of employers and professionals who rely on science, technology, engineering and math to prepare Florida's talent for the future, according to the organization's website.

The UFTeach program gets its funding from a five-year grant issued by the National Math and Science Initiative for \$2.4 million along



Flesner

with an endowment from the Tampa-based Helios Education Foundation, according to the release.

Over the past year, UFTeach has made changes to methods of retention and recruitment, Flesner said.

The largest change has been using student volunteers and interns involved in UFTeach instead of the faculty and staff to recruit new members.

Once the students begin the UFTeach program, peer mentors are assigned to them ac-

ording to their line of study.

McNeill is one of four math mentors, and there are also four science mentors.

The peer mentors encourage beginning students and help create and refine lesson plans before they teach in the field, McNeill said.

Flesner said UFTeach has revamped its website, now displaying up-to-date information and several student testimonials. The program has also been writing grants to offer more paid internships for students in the education minor.

"Students begin with early and well-supported field experiences in real classrooms from the first course in the program," Flesner said. "This allows them to decide if they truly like teaching."

McNeill will be attending graduate school for math education upon graduating in the spring, and then she plans to teach full time at the middle- or high-school level.

She is pleased to see the program receive recognition.

"Aside from learning all of the content knowledge and the pedagogy that goes along with being a good teacher," she said, "UFTeach imparts skills like being able to communicate with others, time management and other skills that you really don't find in a textbook."

ACADEMICS

Business team places in international competition

ORIANA PAOLILLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students were invited to represent the United States in the Asian Business Case Competition in Singapore this week. And they didn't disappoint.

The team of four Warrington College of Business Administration students placed second in the competition, which started Saturday, said Horace Tucker, associate director for the Warrington College of Business Administration.

The event, which was hosted by Nanyang Business School in Singapore, focused on sustainability and business. The team

was given 40 hours to analyze and develop a team analysis of a business case about an Asian-based organization using Microsoft Powerpoint 2007.

"We are very proud of our students," Tucker said. "At the competition, our students crafted and delivered an effective business presentation exhibiting the knowledge and poise worthy of their impressive finish."

The teams were given 15 minutes for their presentations during the semifinal and final rounds followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session.

The team was composed of Amanda Aschenbrenner, marketing senior; Mikaela Moore, in-

ternational studies senior; Meng Liu, accounting and master of science in finance senior; and William Hadley, accounting senior.

All the students are 21 years old.



Tucker

well.

First place went to Queensland University of Technology in Australia, and third place went to Auckland University of Tech-

Universities from New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, Singapore, Australia and Portugal were invited to compete as

nology.

Tucker said UF has participated in an average of four to five international and two to three domestic competitions each year for the past few years.

This is the second time the university has received second place in an international competition during the past three years, said Brian Ray, associate dean and director for the College of Business Administration.

"[Schools] across the globe see how well we have performed in past competitions and ask us to be part of their competition," Ray said. "These are superstar students. They are the best of the best."

Police recommend buying tickets from office, UAA

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said Margie Addison, director of ticket systems for the University Athletic Association Gator Ticket Office.

When reports of counterfeit ticketing roll in, the University Police Department sets up an area nearby to handle the problem.

People with counterfeit tickets are sent to the designated area, where UPD employees gather information so they can investigate and potentially find the people responsible, Addison said.

If there are tickets available for the game, people who purchased counterfeit tickets

may be able to buy valid ones through the ticket office.

"We are hoping that most folks do not buy tickets on the street because they're taking a very big risk of counterfeit tickets," she said.

Maj. Brad Barber, UPD public information officer, said people should purchase tickets to athletic events from UAA or from a person they know.

The reselling of tickets is not allowed in any capacity on campus, Barber said.

If people are considering buying a ticket on the street, they can come to the ticket office to check them for validity.

Sellers often aren't willing to go to the ticket office to have them checked, though.

This may be a sign that the tickets are counterfeit, Addison said.

The south ticket plaza between Gates 1 and 2 is open from four hours before the game through halftime.

Employees can use their computer systems to determine whether the ticket bar codes have already been scanned to allow other people into the stadium, which is a sign of counterfeiting. "We can do a visual and tell you whether it's good or bad in most cases," Addison said.



Dana Burke / Alligator Staff

Student Body President Ben Meyers announced Thursday that he will be resigning from his position for personal reasons.

Meyers will still be involved on campus

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tions Committee chairman and Student Senate president. He plans to graduate in the spring with a degree in food and resource economics.

Meyers said he will still be involved on campus in the future and will help Reynolds make the transition into his role as president.

"Anthony is an experienced and capable leader who has my full confidence," Meyers said in a letter sent to SG officials and the Board of Trustees. "Having him as my successor makes this decision easier."

"I didn't run for Student Body president. Now that I find myself in the role, regardless of my feelings before, I want to do the very best job that I can."

Anthony Reynolds

Student Body vice president

Reynolds, who served as a director with Students Taking Action Against Racism and as an SG Cabinet chairman, said that he is sad to see Meyers, who is a close friend, leave office but that he is ready to take the position.

"At the end of day I had no intention of being Student Body president," Reynolds said. "I didn't run for Student Body president. Now that I find myself in the role, regardless of my feelings before, I want to do the very best job that I can."

Reynolds said he will take his role as the voice of students seriously and wants to hear directly from them their concerns and desires.

Students Party Sen. Carly Wilson and another friend of Meyers, said the announcement came as a shock to her and the rest of her party.

"We rarely agreed with him in the political sense, but we hope everything works out OK for him," she said. "We're all Gators, and we wish him the best."

Students create bake shop from scratch

THE GATOR POPS BAKERY SELLS CAKE LOLLIPOPS.

NATALIE ASOREY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Jamie Sanchez and Josie Veloz spent their weekend swimming in cake batter and colored sprinkles.

They baked a batch of 55 red-coated, lemon-flavored, bite-sized cakes, which they handed out as samples on the UF campus.

Sanchez, 19, and Veloz, 18, have created Gator Pops Bakery, a specialty bake shop, out of their apartment kitchen. The bakery specializes in catering "cake pops," bite-sized, coated balls of cake on a stick, akin to lollipops.

Sanchez, a linguistics sophomore at UF, first made a large batch of cake pops for a meet-and-greet event for a community service group.

"I wanted to bring something different, not the traditional cookies or cupcakes," she said.

The positive reaction she received from guests at the event encouraged her to start the business with best friend Veloz, whom she met four years ago in a high school chorus class.

"Baking the cake pops started as a hobby," Sanchez said, "but now that others are enjoying it, we're excited to see where the bakery takes us."

The two friends, who refer to themselves as baking sisters, look to market their cake pops to sororities and other on-campus organizations hosting events.

Gator Pops Bakery, which is set to open officially within the next month, will offer the following flavors: brownie, chocolate fudge, milk chocolate, red velvet, yellow cake and lemon cake, which is its signature flavor.

To place a custom catering order, customers must choose the flavor, colors, design and, if desired, edible decorations.

Each order requires a minimum of 20 cake pops and must be placed at least two days before the date the pops are needed. While prices vary, a basic, minimum order — with any flavor and a simple coating — will cost an average of \$25.

Customers can pick up their order or have it delivered.

Though not officially open, Sanchez and Veloz have created a website, gatorpopsbakery.weebly.com, and a Facebook page.

"Some people look at the cake pops and wonder how we even make them," Sanchez said.

"But, we make everything from scratch," Veloz said. "It takes a long time and it's messy."

"We make the cake, destroy it, make it again, freeze it, decorate it. It's not like a one-stop shop."

Editorial

Well, this week has finally come to an end, and it's been an interesting one.

We have gone from a campus divided over a heated election to a student body united in mourning of one of the greatest men of our generation. So, without further ado, we move to this week's let's-remember-that-we're-all-human edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Of course, we couldn't end this week without giving a Rest-In-Peace **LAUREL** to **Steve Jobs**. You changed the world, and you will be missed.

Of course, there are people out there who will find an excuse to take something sad and make it annoying. That's why we're throwing a it-would-be-funny-if-it-wasn't-so-sad **DART** at **Westboro Baptist Church members** for announcing that they were going to protest the funeral of Steve Jobs.

What was funny was that they used an iPhone to make the announcement.

They then went on to argue that God used Jobs to give the members of the church the power to preach their message.

These are the people that make you want to punch brick walls. A lot.

Given his recent announcement, we thought we would give a thanks-for-your-service **LAUREL** to **Student Body President Ben Meyers**, who will be resigning from his position. Best of luck, and we wish you the best.

Next, we toss a think-about-what-you're-saying-on-television **DART** at **Hank Williams Jr.**, who said that House Speaker John Boehner and President Barack Obama playing golf together would be like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu playing golf with Hitler, respectively.

Any sane person would see Williams was not really comparing Obama to Hitler, but given that this comparison has been made in the past, he should have known that the media would jump all over him for it.

In relation to this story, we have to throw a don't-be-so-damn-sensitive **DART** at **ESPN** for pulling Williams' "All My Rowdy Friends" song, which leads into the "Monday Night Football" broadcast.

What do Williams' political comments have to do with the song you use?

Pulling his song shows how political correctness is making us all sensitive cry babies. It also presumes that the general public can't tell the difference between a direct comparison to Hitler and a poor choice of words.

Do you really think we're that stupid?

And for something a little more, the boys of the editorial board are giving a man-that's-nice **LAUREL** to soccer champ **Hope Solo** for showing off her athletic body in ESPN The Magazine's Body Issue. Yeah, she was naked.

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

Reader response

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Column

Alabama immigration law not a solution

The simple truth is that the repercussions of illegal immigration can be detrimental to our country. When dealing with this issue, we must keep our national self-interests in mind.

But is it fair to punish existing, albeit illegal immigrants who have already made a living in the United States? Even if they are using our resources or adding a financial burden on our society, they are also the ones who clean our bathrooms and pick our vegetables in hot, dreary fields. Losing these undocumented immigrants means losing a substantial part of our labor force.

In this country, we treat illegal immigrants with a double standard. Since they provide cheap labor, they are almost encouraged to enter the country the back door. American businesses know how convenient it is to use immigrants, and moreover, they know how detrimental it would be to lose their skill and work ethic.

Recently, an Alabama immigration law has shown the consequences of our double standard when it comes to undocumented workers. Alabama's law is not progressive.

In general, the law demands that state and local law enforcement officers attempt to validate a person's immigration status when said person is pulled over for a routine stop or traffic violation. Just like a criminal investigation, if the officer has "reasonable suspicion" that the individual is an illegal immigrant, he or she has the right to demand federal immigration papers.

There are several important concerns that must be addressed. First, what experience do Alabama state and local law enforcement officers have in determining whether someone may be an illegal immigrant? The concept of reasonable suspicion is such a contested, complex and open-ended legal issue in criminal court that I cannot imagine how difficult it would be to apply the standard to alleged immigrants.

Reasonable suspicion is understandably used in circumstances of obvious offenses, such as determining whether



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someone has drugs in their car. A police officer is trained to observe the individuals' behavior, facial expressions, etc.

The only way for an officer of the law to be reasonably suspicious that someone is an illegal immigrant is to use judgment void of any physical evidence — judgment perhaps based solely on the color of one's skin. This is the definition of racial profiling.

Second, Alabama's immigration law requires that elementary and secondary schools verify students' immigration status before admitting them into the school. There is one legal dilemma that stands out clearly here: It is unlawful to deter students from enrolling into a school. Even if this wasn't a question of legality, it is unfortunate that the education sector is once again victimized. Essentially, Alabama is denying children the right to pursue an education. In turn, children who do not attend school like the rest of their friends will be stigmatized and labeled, which can often lead to many forms of criminal behavior. Alabama should find another way. Demoralizing immigrants is not the answer.

Third, just like during the segregation period in our history, there will soon be a divide between immigrants and non-immigrants. Is it moral to use an undocumented worker's labor, dictate their lifestyle and fire and hire them as we please but then get rid of them because we happen to be in an economic recession?

It is understandable that Alabama wants to address the illegal immigration issue, but its recent law may bring about broader, long-term problems.

Akansha Mishra is a pre-law junior at UF. Her column appears on Fridays.

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

Letters to the Editor

Ten years of war is too much

Ten years ago today, President Bush launched Operation Enduring Freedom, the United States-led invasion of Afghanistan.

It was the first in a series of military interventions that continue to define our country's war on terror. The original mission—to topple the Taliban and kill or capture al-Qaida leaders, including Osama bin Laden—has been replaced by a futile policy of nation-building.

Despite the rhetoric of his 2008 campaign, President Obama has done little to end the

wars of his predecessor.

Waging war is expensive. To date, the government has blown about \$460 billion on the war in Afghanistan and about \$798 billion in Iraq.

Considering our government's troubled finances, it doesn't seem wise to have wasted \$1.2 trillion dollars on one of the most destructive state pursuits. Staggering as the financial cost of the wars is, the human cost is far more sobering.

For 10 years, our soldiers have been en-

meshed in the tangle of tribal allegiances and state corruption that characterize Afghan politics. In the last four years, U.S. casualties have risen at an alarming rate, but the hardships suffered by the Afghan people are even more disconcerting.

The United States has suffered about 1,500 casualties in Afghanistan alone. When Iraq is included, the total climbs to about 40,000 United States troops killed or wounded. Civilian deaths in the war on terror are estimated to number in the hundreds of thousands.

The extension of a bloody and pointless war is inexcusable. As the 10th year of America's longest running war concludes, we must push for an end before 10 years of war becomes 11.

I urge you to take a stand against the war on terror today on the Plaza of the Americas with UF Libertarians and Students for a Democratic Society. Ten years of war is 10 years too long—it's time to stop.

William Tew

UF Libertarians president

Guest column

Bottle caps bad for recycling

"Reduce, reuse, recycle!"
This is by no means a new campaign; most of us recycle now, almost to the point of it being second nature. If you're like me, then you're always proud of yourself when you toss away your Gatorade bottle in the recycling bin on campus. But are we even recycling correctly? If you leave the cap on your bottle, then no, you're not.

On the UF campus, you can place metal cans, glass, and No. 1 and 2 plastics in the designated recycling bins. Such plastics include soda and water bottles, peanut butter jars, five-gallon buckets and milk jugs. But wait, have you ever noticed the sign posted on the recycling bins that says "No caps or liquids?" Yeah, me neither. Until this year.

Let me explain why caps and lids aren't allowed in the recycling bins. The caps that seal plastics like soda bottles are made of a different plastic than the bottle itself. The soda bottle is melted with other No. 1 plastics at a treatment facility so it can be recycled and remade. But if you melt two different plastics together, they won't blend, and the whole batch is considered contaminated.

According to Dale Morris, the Solid Waste Coordinator for UF, "Even slightly intermixed (contaminated) plastic cannot be used to make good fibers, bottles, wrappers or structural forms." So what happens with those plastic or glass bottles with the caps attached? They get thrown out, buried in a landfill, left to slowly release their

Christie Harrod
Speaking Out

chemicals into the ground.

What? That's an outrage! Of course it is, but it isn't

really the recycling plant's fault that the plastics can't be melted together. Another reason lids aren't recycled is because they pose a risk when still attached to bottles to workers at the recycling facility if they are placed in the baling machine. So you might complain about one extra step, but no one wants to risk worker safety.

It's as simple as taking the cap off and throwing it away. You don't even have to save the cap for an art project or find another recycling bin to place it in if you don't want to. Just twist it off, and toss it out. That one step brings you closer to ensuring that you are really making a difference by recycling.

There are other things you can do to help the recycling effort, including rinsing out your bottles and jars and crushing plastic bottles and aluminum cans to conserve space. And if you're feeling extra eco-savvy, then please do! But if you don't take the cap off, your recycling effort is useless.

I don't blame you for not knowing because I was right there with you until last spring. But now that you know better, please take the cap off next time you recycle a bottle. Make recycling worth your time and effort.

Christie Harrod is a wildlife ecology and conservation senior at UF.

Guest column

Al-Awlaki's death necessary

There is a very interesting thought experiment, widely referred to as the "Trolley Problem," which poses the question of whether to save a group of five people by diverting a trolley away from them toward a man laying in a hammock who would be killed instead.

Perhaps the same dilemma is being raised by many American citizens as to whether the death of al-Awlaki was really called for.

I am a native from India who came to the U.S. seeking higher and better education, and I may not have a very strong hold on this country's emotions on terrorism or its war against terror.

But since we, as Indians, live a few blocks away from Afghanistan, I can share my ideas surrounding this issue, perhaps with a different perspective.

I am a strong supporter of the fact that terrorism has no religion and no nationality. Terrorists are living a fool's life, misguided in aim and devoid of humanity. Whenever a terrorist is killed, there is a chance that maybe we have saved a thousand lives somewhere else.

Every human being deserves to live, but what happens to those who have lost their touch with humanity? Here, the question is not about killing a person; here, the question is about the very idea that is driving some people to the path of destruction.

Rahul Bhandari
Speaking Out

When Osama bin Laden was killed, no one talked about his nationality. The only

concern was that justice should prevail. Can't we take the same stand in the case of every terrorist who has waged war against a nation, its people and the very basis on which the nation is founded?

We should take this in a broader sense instead of narrowing down the valor of American soldiers to just killing a person.

As a matter of fact, what America has done has just bolstered its image on the war against terror. Now the world knows that the U.S. is adamant on its stand of wiping out terrorism. You want to make Earth a better place for us and for future generations.

By killing a terrorist, America has sent a strong message that the U.S. and its people do not treat terrorists with any bias. Let them be a citizen of any nation; if they are involved in terrorizing innocent people, they have lost touch with humanity.

And in my view, we are a human first and a citizen of a nation second. America did a great and brave thing by killing a terrorist, supporting the notion that terrorists, in the end, do not belong to any country.

Rahul Bhandari is a first-year computer engineering graduate student at UF.

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Volunteering members of RecSports serve food to a man at St. Francis House on Thursday. Currently, St. Francis House is restricted to a 130-meal limit per day.

LOCAL City nears final approval of soup kitchen time limit

MEREDITH RUTLAND
Alligator Staff Writer

The St. Francis House is one meeting away from shedding its 130-meal limit.

The Gainesville City Commission voted unanimously to approve its second reading of the city soup-kitchen meal-limit change. Commissioners voted to change the meal limit to a time limit at a meeting Aug. 18.

The meal limit restricted the city's soup kitchens to serving 130 meals a day. The number limit, which excluded Christmas, Thanksgiving and a day of the shelter's choice, will be replaced by a time limit of three hours a day for meals.

The hours must be continuous, and meals must be served between

8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On paper, the rule applies to all city soup kitchens, but in practice, the St. Francis House is the only soup kitchen that has to follow the limit.

St. Francis House Executive Director Kent Vann said he plans to serve lunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the soup kitchen once the change is made.

There's one last detail to work out: The City Plan Board has to approve the measure on Nov. 1. After that, the St. Francis House can start operating under the new rule.

"Hopefully, I can start the very next day," Vann said.

He said he is tentative about feeling excited until all the details are hammered out.

"I'm feeling good that we're even at this point right now," he said.

Engineering students compete in baja-car building contest

Team still recruiting more members

JESSICA OLIVER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Off-roading is returning to UF.

After a four-year hiatus, Gator Motorsports will be building the off-road baja car once again.

The last baja car won third place in 2008 in the Baja SAE — short for Society of Au-

tomotive Engineers — in Montreal with a four-person team. However, due to a lack of members and funding, the motorsports team decided to work on only one car, the formula race car, in 2009.

Recruiting began at the beginning of the semester for the new baja team, and eight people have expressed interest to the team's executive board members. Howev-

It's an amazing resume builder. The program allows students to learn engineering concepts far earlier than they would in their coursework."

Eduardo Rondon
captain of the formula team

er, the team will need at least 10 members in order for the workload to be manageable, said Eduardo Rondon, captain of the formula team.

Anyone can join the team regardless of his or her major or level of experience.

"It's an amazing resume builder. The program allows students to learn engineering concepts far earlier than they would in their coursework," Rondon said.

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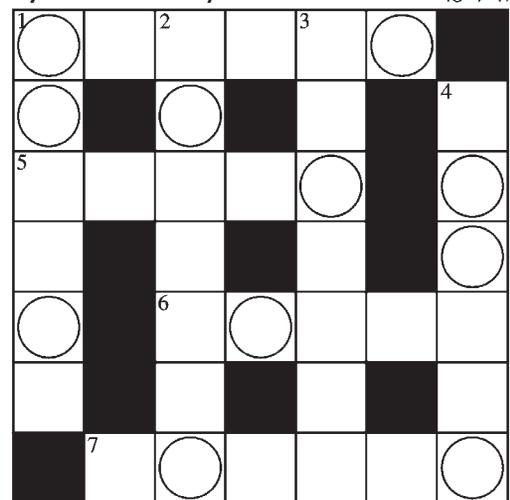
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UF trying to avoid repeat of 2010

▶ LAST YEAR'S LOSS TO ALABAMA STARTED THREE-GAME LOSING STREAK.

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

This year was supposed to be different.

The Gators have a new coach, Will Muschamp, new expectations and an influx of young talent.

But, through five weeks, the season has been a mirror image of 2010.

Last year, the Gators won their first four games by an average 23.5 points, the closest a 14-point win against Tennessee, before losing to Alabama by 25.

This season, the Gators won their first four games by an average 31.3 points, the closest a 10-point win against Tennessee, before losing to Alabama by 28.

In 2010, UF let the beatdown at the hands of Alabama turn into a free-fall, losing its next two games en route to a 9-5 season.

How will the 2011 team respond? Can the Gators handle adversity?

"I don't have any doubt at all," redshirt freshman tackle Chaz Green said of the team's ability to respond to adversity. "I've got the most confidence in this team. We had one bump in the road. We're still — our whole goal is to get to Atlanta. They're still out there, they're still possible. So I've got the most confidence in our team."



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida coach Will Muschamp will try to avoid the downward spiral last year's team experienced after losing to Alabama. Players said they are confident they will rebound against No. 1 LSU.

With South Carolina falling to Auburn last weekend, Florida remains in a three-way tie, also with Georgia, for the lead in the Southeastern Conference's East

division.

But the Gators were in the same position after 2010's loss to the Crimson Tide and failed to capitalize.

Florida isn't discouraged by the emerging repeat.

"It's motivation," sophomore

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Picks Column



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We're all rednecks at heart. Sure, you go to college and listen to hip-hop and once traveled to Israel on a Birthright trip; but, deep down, you love the simplicities of the South. Don't pretend otherwise — we here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column tailgated last Saturday, and we saw you in your jort-wearing, Toby Keith-loving glory.

Even you yankees who only enrolled at Florida to appear interesting to your high school classmates: You're southern now. There's no going back; you've already gone tubing down Ichetucknee Springs and tasted real barbecue.

And that's OK, because the South is what makes football great. Nobody calls in to radio stations, trolls message boards or poisons a rival's historic trees quite like us rednecks.

That's why we were torn up when a classic redneck — Hank Williams Jr., the Elvis of "Monday Night Football" — sullied our favorite game with all that Hitler talk. But let's not get too sad. There are still plenty of famous rednecks who love football and keep their politics in perspective.

Never will that be more on display than at the Red River Rivalry, going down this Saturday at the Cotton Bowl. We let a couple of our good ol' sports writers debate.

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TELLING YOU WATTS UP

Five things the Gators must do in order to shock the nation

With a matchup against the No. 1 team in the country looming, with John Brantley out, with so much doom and gloom surrounding the Gators this week, it's hard to get excited for Saturday.

Florida showed fatal flaws against Alabama, and LSU has the ability to make the forgettable results from last weekend re-emerge in a hurry. A loss is sure to deflate much of the remaining hype regarding Will Muschamp's first year.

However, there is hope. There's always a chance.

But for the Gators to pull off the improbable, they'll need to do these five things:

Run the ball and stop the run. To win in the Southeastern Conference, this is important every week. It's even more important this Saturday, as Florida is coming off its worst performances of the season in both regards against Alabama.

LSU may be ranked seventh in the SEC in

rushing, but the Tigers have racked up their 172.6-yard average against quality opponents. They also tout the nation's third-ranked rush defense, holding teams like Oregon

and Mississippi State in check.

Protect the quarterback. As we creep

closer to game day, it appears freshman Jeff Driskel is the most likely candidate to start. Driskel will need protection from an offensive line that looked inept at times against Alabama, especially if he's going to atone for the turnover woes that have plagued him in limited playing time this season.

Allowing the Tigers to take the ball away from the Gators offense Saturday will mean trouble in the bayou. Plus, Driskel is allergic

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Florida soccer coach Becky Burleigh and the Gators soccer team has a special connection to breast cancer awareness. See Story, Page 14.

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SOCCER

Breast cancer awareness has special meaning for Florida

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Writer

Pink hair and pink shirts will stick out amongst the usual orange and blue tonight at Pressly Stadium.

Florida will host Auburn in the fourth annual Kicking for the Cure Match, benefiting breast cancer awareness, and the Gators will take the field wearing pink shirts for warm-ups.

However, for many team members, the night has a more significant meaning than simply taking the field in a different colored shirt.

"Almost every person on our team in some way, whether it is a friend of the family or family directly, somebody they know has been affected by cancer," coach Becky Burleigh said.

"This is just an opportunity for us to promote that awareness and to feel blessed that we have our opportunities."

Breast cancer is an issue that hits home for Burleigh, whose mother, Nancy, is a survivor.

Burleigh said she values having the opportunity to promote awareness of any cancer, as her mother has suffered from the disease in three other forms, including stomach cancer.

While Burleigh has always been at her mother's side throughout all of her health issues, Nancy has never allowed it to affect the coach on the job.

"My mom makes that easy because she doesn't require a lot of attention," Burleigh said.

"She just enjoys any support that we give her. She doesn't like to make a big deal out of herself in that situation."

Whether it is through visiting the hospital or talking to her on the phone, Burleigh

said she tries to keep in touch with her mother every day. She says that her father, Ron, has played a huge role in the management of Nancy's health, and the results have shown.

"You would never see any limitations in her," Becky said. "You would just see how she has been so positive through all of this."

The importance of raising cancer awareness is not something that is lost on Becky's players, either.

"It's obviously something that means a lot to her," outside back Kat Williamson said. "And it means a lot to us as a team for her to be our coach to represent that and create awareness about it."

Last summer, Williamson helped honor her mom's best friend, who had just been diagnosed with breast cancer, when Williamson took part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Dallas.

The race is the world's largest fundraising event for breast cancer, with more than 100 races worldwide annually.

"It was really inspiring just to see all those women out there and it's just crazy to see how many people support the cause," Williamson said.

Sophomore midfielder Taylor Travis is going to great lengths to support the cause tonight, even dying her hair pink.

Travis said the game will have special meaning to her because her grandmother is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

"It is a big deal for us," she said. "Not even just me. In general, we understand how important it is, and we just want to get it out there more."



Burleigh

Gators motivated by potential Olympic berths

ALEX PECKHAM

Alligator Writer

As the Florida men's and women's swimming teams prepare for the 2011-12 season, there will certainly be no shortage of motivation.

Aside from their usual goals within Southeastern Conference and NCAA competition, the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London are fast approaching, and plenty of Florida swimmers hope to give themselves the opportunity to perform for their respective nations on the world stage.

The Olympics are the biggest event in swimming, the time once every four years when the eyes of the world will be focused on the sport.

Coaches are not excluded from excitement, as Florida coach Gregg Troy will serve as head coach for the U.S. men's squad in London. But, for now, his focus is solely on his UF swimmers.

"The foreign guys have a pretty good chance of making their Olympic team and almost all of our team has qualified for the U.S. Trials," Troy said.

Coaches are hoping the motivation of the upcoming Olympic season translates into results for the men's and women's teams, who hope to build off top-10 NCAA finishes in the spring when they host the All-Florida Invitational today through Sunday.

Preliminary races will begin at 10 a.m. each day, with finals beginning at 7 p.m.

Florida's men finished fifth in the

NCAA Championships in March, but some key departures leave many expecting less out of this year's team.

While Troy admitted the losses of standout seniors and NCAA Champions Brett Fraser and Conor Dwyer doesn't help, he was very optimistic about his 12-man incoming freshman class.

"The good side of (our youth) is that the future of this program is very bright," Troy said. "The bad side is the speed of the events changes dramatically. One of the big challenges is to keep their confidence up because it's a different world than what they're used to."

Florida's women were disappointed by their seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships, but most of

the swimmers from last year's team are

back and ready to improve on that result.

Sophomore Elizabeth Beisel, who scored top-five finishes in two events at the national championship, as well as seniors Sarah Bateman, Teresa Crippen and Shara Stafford will all be back in the pool for the Gators this fall.

"We've got some holes to fill," Troy said. "It's great to have Crippen and Shara back, but they can't swim all the events, so we're going to have to get some improvements from our sophomore class, and rely on some freshmen again."

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Oklahoma (+10) will win this slobberknocker because...

The Sooners know how to ground and pound, and they've got Monday Night Raw announcer Jim Ross on the sidelines to keep them sharp. On offense, Oklahoma will take a page out of J.R.'s barbecue cookbook and slow-roast the defense.

Expect the Sooners' offensive line to open holes for Dom Whaley. And, once Texas is lulled to sleep, OU quarterback Landry Jones will hook up with Ryan Broyles for a couple scores.

From there, Texas doesn't stand a chance because Oklahoma's confidence is "like manure. You just spread it out and everything grows."

The Longhorns' defense, meanwhile, will spend "more time on the canvas than Rembrandt."

—**TYLER JETT**

Texas (-10) will perform better than Matthew McConaughey at the box office because...

Case is the real McCoy, and he's going to follow in his older brother's footsteps. The Longhorns dropped last year's shootout to the Sooners, meaning the last time they won was in 2009, when Colt McCoy was slinging the ball downfield. Know who he beat in this game his senior year? Landry Jones.

History is going to repeat itself — much like the plot of every McConaughey rom-com — and the younger McCoy is going to lead the 'Horns to a triumph in Texas, the home state of the Texas Rattlesnake.

And that's the bottom line, 'cause Stone Cold said so.

—**TOM GREEN**

Now, on to the picks!

Sitting atop the standings with a 24-15 record is alligatorSports writer Tyler "I always have trouble getting it in" Jett, who was transparent about his most pressing problems while driving his friends to Tijuana Flats on Taco Tuesday. He was talking about parallel parking. But whatever.

Tied with Tyler is alligatorSports assistant editor Matt "I'm a regal MF'er" Watts, whose eloquence was on display when he tried sneaking some "Ye Olde English" into a story Tuesday. Listen Watts, we know you're old, but it matters not whether you were around for King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

In a tie for third at 23-16 is FightinGators.com's Cody "When a tree falls in a forest and no one is there to see it, I tweet it" Jones, who is filling the Atlanta Braves-sized hole in his heart by watching Florida baseball's fall practices. Come spring, he will also be providing sabermetric analysis to Howard Bishop Middle School's team.

Also in third is InsidetheGators.com's Kyle "You started the revolution without me?" Maistri, who is stuck in Gainesville while the rest of America's ungrateful commie bastards protest Wall Street. You promised you would wait, hippies, and you guys have nothing if not your word — well, that and skateboards and Wiz Khalifa mixtapes and pockets full of weed.

Climbing the standings and in fifth with a 21-18 record is the Associated Press' Mark "I stopped listening after breasts" Long, who didn't quite understand why the Tampa Bay Bucs cheerleaders wore pink Monday night. But one thing is for sure: those outfits raised Mark's "awareness."

In sixth with a mark of 20-19 is alligatorSports writer

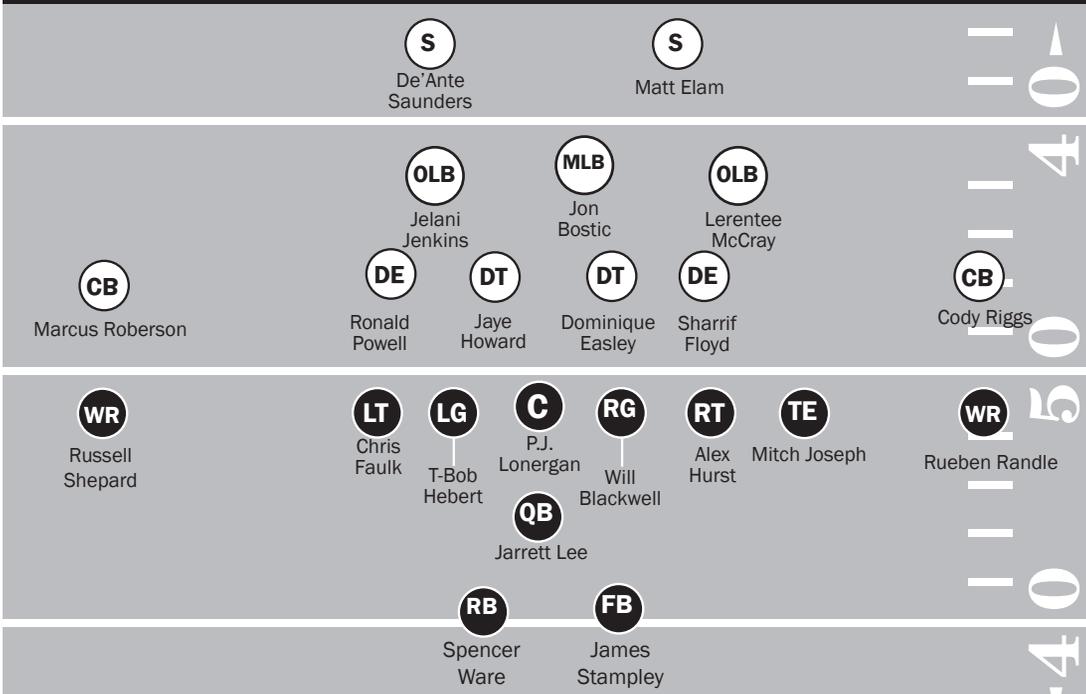
Greg "It's all downhill without Steve Jobs" Luca, who almost deleted the latest edition of our podcast when his MacBook unexpectedly shut down Thursday afternoon. Cool Hand Luca came through, though, tapping his WWSJD bracelet and recovering the files like a whiz.

In a tie for dead-ass last place with a piss-poor record of 19-20 is the Florida Times-Union's Mike "I'm not hiding, I'm just short" DiRocco, who was mistaken for the Wizard of Oz by Trey Burton at media availability last week. No, Mr. Versatility, Mike was not the man behind the curtain.

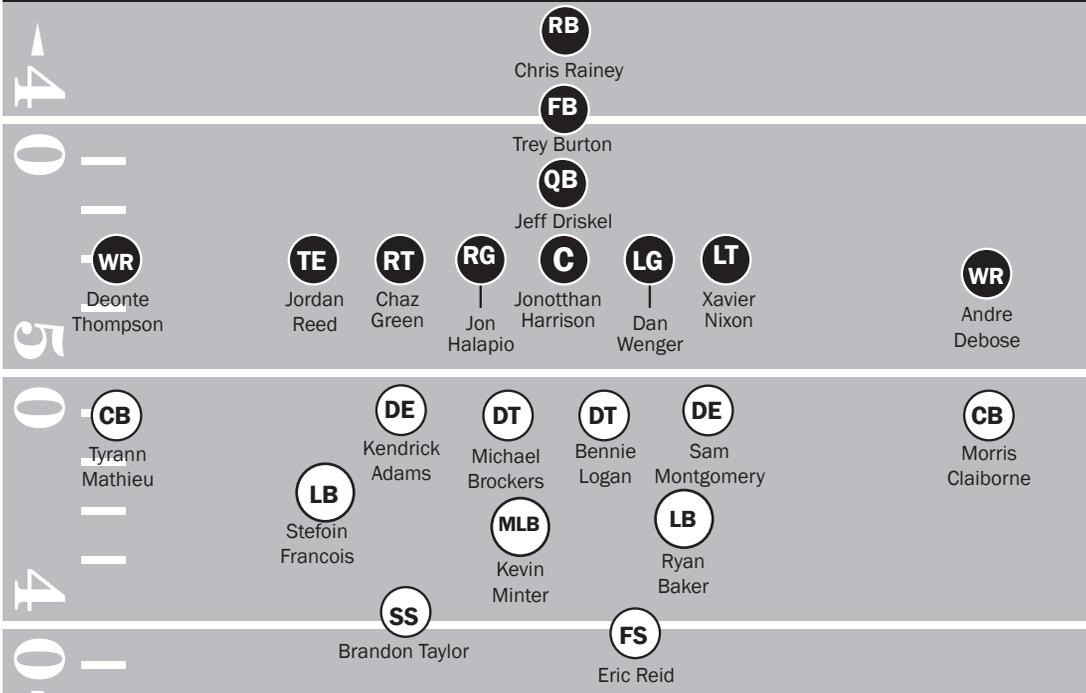
Also in dead-ass last with an equally piss-poor record is alligatorSports editor Tom "I'm a terrible Jew" Green, who instead of atoning for a life of sin when the sun sets and Yom Kippur begins tonight, will be guzzling the devil's nectar in the depths of hellish New Orleans. So much for fasting, confronting past mistakes and cleansing your soul. God is proud of you, Tom.

UF (+14) @ LSU	TJ	MW	CJ	KM
OU @ UT (+10)	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
IOWA (+4) @ PSU	OU	OU	OU	OU
UM (+7.5) @ VT	IOWA	IOWA	IOWA	IOWA
AUB (+10) @ ARK	VT	UM	UM	VT
UGA @ UT (+1)	AUB	ARK	AUB	AUB
A&M @ TTU (+9)	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA
OSU (+11.5) @ NEB	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
	NEB	NEB	NEB	NEB
UF (+14) @ LSU	ML	GL	MD	TG
OU @ UT (+10)	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
IOWA (+4) @ PSU	OU	OU	OU	UT
UM (+7.5) @ VT	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
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	NEB	NEB	NEB	NEB

UF defense vs. LSU offense



UF offense vs. LSU defense



Players watch film on off day

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guard Jon Halapio said. "It's motivation for this week to get better and go out to Louisiana and take care of business."

The Gators know they're underdogs.

Betting lines have No. 1 LSU (5-0, 2-0 SEC) as a 14-point favorite in its matchup with No. 17 Florida (4-1, 2-1 SEC) Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Baton Rouge, La.

In one game, UF fell from national contender to mere SEC hopeful.

"There's kind of doubt," junior wide receiver Frankie Hammond said. "That loss kind of hit us. But we still have to go out and prove ourselves, so it's just us against the world. Nobody believes we can do it but us, and we're going to go out there and prove that."

Muschamp said that a number of players came in on Sunday, the team's usual off day, to watch film.

Sophomore cornerback Jaylen Watkins said the loss made a noticeable difference in the locker room and brought the Gators closer together.

And offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said the team has kept a level head thanks to a veteran coaching staff.

"Our staff have all been through

experiences like this before, and we've got a good idea how to handle it," Weis said.

"It isn't like panic sets in, pandemonium sets in. It's a very matter of fact evaluation of what we do."

If Weis is right, Florida could still end the season as SEC Champion. But, if he's wrong, 2011 could easily be a case of déjà vu.

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INJURY REPORT

- OUT**
- CB Jeremy Brown (knee)
- QB John Brantley (ankle)

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- OUT**
- OG Josh Dworaczyk (knee)
- QUESTIONABLE**
- OL T-Bob Hebert (leg)
- S Craig Loston (concussion)
- PROBABLE**
- RB Spencer Ware (hamstring)

FLORIDA		LSU
34.2	Points Per Game	38
14.8	Points Allowed Per Game	12.8
203.6	Passing Yards Per Game	177
210.2	Rushing Yards Per Game	172.6
168.2	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	201.8
90.4	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	60.4
24/61 (39.34%)	3rd Down Conversions	33/71 (46.48%)
18/65 (27.69%)	3rd Down Defense	27/81 (33.33%)
11/21 (52.38%)	Red Zone Scoring Efficiency (TD %)	9/23 (39.13%)
7/13 (53.85%)	Red Zone Defense (TD %)	7/12 (58.33%)
-2	Turnover Margin	+9

Inexperienced Florida backcourt struggling

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Mary Wise preaches that video doesn't lie.

It was the message Florida's volleyball coach emphasized this week after leaving back-to-back road victories displeased with the performance of her back-row defense.

"It's some defensive deficiencies," she said. "Not so much by lack of effort, but maybe lack of focus."

Against Auburn and Georgia, Florida's offense was dynamic, but digs were

down. Redshirt freshman libero Taylor Unroe recorded 15 combined digs in the two games — an area the Gators have struggled with as of late.

Florida ranks last in the Southeastern Conference in digs, a number it would like to pick up as it returns home tonight at 7 to take on Arkansas.

"Not everything is going to be perfect all the time," Unroe said. "Practice this week was a lot of defense."

Defensive woes are puzzling for the Gators. After being forced to play Erin Fleming at the libero position in 2010 due

to an injury to Unroe, the Gators were supposed to be a vastly improved backcourt team in 2011.

But this year, Unroe is averaging slightly less digs per set (3.55) than Fleming (3.61) did a season ago. SEC digs leader Stephanie Klefot averages 4.71 digs per set for Kentucky.

"The learning curve is when they can have unconscious competence," Wise said. "So they can make the play without having to go through it step by step. That takes experience."

Experience is one thing Florida's back row lacks. The Gators' three regulars at defensive specialist are all in their first year of collegiate competition. While players have commended Unroe, Holly Pole and Madison Monserez for playing fearlessly, their inexperience has shown through in the film room and on the court.

"They're still getting used to the speed of the game," junior Tangerine Wiggs said. "When we learn things, we don't really have time to sit down and digest it."

Wiggs said the freshmen struggle translating what they see on video to adjustments on the court, the same way she and Chanel Brown did last season.

Maybe the biggest concern for the back row has been transitioning plays forward.

The UF front court has been dominant, leading the conference in hitting percentage and blocks while boasting two players, Kelly Murphy and Kristy Jaeckel, who have won AVCA National Player of the Week honors already this season.

Wiggs said Florida fans can expect to see improvements in on-court communication going forward after a defense-heavy week of practice.

"Once we get that figured out, we'll be a completely different defensive team than we are right now," Unroe said.

Wise wants all blame for communication issues directed to the coaching staff, admitting the importance of an integrated front and back hadn't been stressed enough before this week.

"We were all just a little bit disappointed," Jaeckel said. "But we can use what we've learned to get better."



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida redshirt freshman Taylor Unroe (right) averages 3.55 digs per set, and as a team the Gators are last in the Southeastern Conference in total digs.

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to honey badgers.

Knock around Jarrett Lee. LSU's quarterback has been sacked just three times this season, the fewest in the SEC, and is usually the beneficiary of seven-player protections on passing plays.

For Florida's defense to generate stops and get off the field on third down, it will need to make things uncomfortable for Lee. He has thrown just one interception this season compared to seven touchdowns, and the Gators need to change that ratio on Saturday.

Create some big plays. Charlie Weis has to get Andre Debose involved as much as possible. LSU defensive coordinator John Chavis has definitely been game planning for Tommy Pickles and Chuckie Finster (the "Rugrats" combo of Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey), and Debose could find himself taking advantage of single coverage as the Tigers fill the box to stop the run.

Driskel has shown what he's capable of when a play breaks down, and Florida will need multiple big plays to turn the momentum and quiet the crazies in Death Valley.

Keep it close. If Florida can do this, throw everything else out the window. Les Miles is on the verge of being clinically insane, and he has succeeded as a head coach merely due to blind luck. Maybe he sold his soul to a shaman over in New Orleans, or maybe he's just dumb. Either way, put Miles in a closely contested game and he's bound to mess it up.

Last year against UF, Miles called for the holder on a field-goal attempt to toss the ball blindly over his head on a trick play. It worked, and LSU won. But if Florida keeps it close, then that luck is sure to run out.

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