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Florida will have an open competition at quarterback this week, but freshman Jacoby Brissett has been tabbed as the early favorite. See Story, Page 13.



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Student Senate gets OK to review election

THE UF SUPREME COURT REVIEWED THE VOTING INVESTIGATION.

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

The UF Supreme Court decided not to invalidate the fall Student Government election procedures after a hearing Monday night.

The Court also lifted the injunction stopping the Senate from voting on whether to validate the elections results. Senators are expected to vote at tonight's meeting.

Petitioners Jonathan Ossip and Gillian Leytham, both Students Party members, recommended the Court order new elections.

Chief Justice Matt Michel and Associate Justices Cecily Welsh, Georgia Buckhalter and Tim Mason decided there was not enough harm done in errors during the elections to invalidate the results and order a re-vote. Mason and Welsh, in particular, voiced fears that a re-vote might do more harm than good.

However, they did state their collective intention to release guidelines to the Senate to revise and clarify elections



Leytham

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Dana Burke / Alligator Staff

Bod Pod

Food science graduate student Adam Knox, 23, sits in the Bod Pod as nutrition graduate student Blake Bartholomew, 23, explains how to use the breathing tube inside of the pod in order to properly calculate total body fat percentage. See story, Page 5.

ON CAMPUS

Students protest move of library collections

ASHIRA MORRIS
and EMILY MORROW

Alligator Writers

Don't relocate. Communicate.

That's the slogan about 100 UF students chanted as they marched from the steps of Fine Arts Building A to Tigert Hall to show their support for the Architecture & Fine Arts Library, which may be converted to studio space for fine arts students.

Students carried signs with "cooperate," "communicate," "collaborate" and "save the AFA library" printed in capital block letters.

The rally culminated on the steps of Tigert Hall, where Adam Mahardy, 22, a senior architecture student who organized the proactive rally, handed UF Provost Joe Glover a petition with 60 pages of signatures in support of the library.

Glover did not address the students.

The College of Fine Arts needs more stu-

dio space for its students to maintain its accreditation, and a proposed solution is moving the collections from their current location to Library West.

Lucinda Lavelli, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said she wants to put students' minds to rest about the issue.

"These libraries are well-used, well-loved areas. Students and faculty will definitely be involved in any decisions."

Lucinda Lavelli
dean of the College of Fine Arts

"The libraries are absolutely not closing," she said. "We are simply addressing space issues. They would never close without a lot of talking."

Rumors of proposed closures of the library began to swirl at the beginning of the semester after Glover suggested the Archi-

ecture & Fine Arts Library and the Music Library transfer some of their collections to Library West to create more space for classrooms, studios and practice rooms.

The Architecture & Fine Arts Library serves an estimated 85,000 people annually.

Lavelli said Christopher Silver, dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, has volunteered his college to analyze the libraries and develop plans to optimize their use of space. Some portions of the libraries' collections may still be moved to Library West in order to make room for needed creative and classroom spaces, she said. There has not been a final decision about the libraries' fate.

The colleges are scheduling meetings later in the month to try to lay out specific goals as well as a timeline. "These libraries are well-used, well-loved ar-

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The project is estimated to cost about \$28,800, pg 8.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free Kosher Lunch

Today, noon to 2 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Join Rabbi Daniel and his family for some delicious, kosher lunch on the Plaza of the Americas.

Fair Trade Fair

Today, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Pugh Hall Ocora Room
Recurso will be holding its annual Fair Trade Fair to raise awareness about the fair trade movement and inform students how their consumer choices can make a difference in people's lives around the world. Speakers with professional experience in the fair-trade business will lead an in-depth discussion and share their personal stories. Free fair-trade ice cream will be provided by Karma Cream. Anyone interested in humanitarian and environmental issues is welcome.

Hispanic Heritage Month and Student Government Comedy Night

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Lisa Alvarado and Shayla Rivera. Come together to enjoy the Hispanic culture in a humorous way. Refreshments will be provided.

National Residence Hall Honorary Study Cafe

Today, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Graham Hall
There will be free tutoring from StudyEdge. The classes covered will include physics, calculus, statistics and chemistry. In addition to the free tutoring

FORECAST

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Today, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union Cinema
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Occupy Gainesville Solidarity Rally

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Bo Diddley Plaza & City Hall
Come down to Bo Diddley Plaza to show support for other protesters across the nation who are participating in the Occupy Wall Street/ Occupy Together move-

ment. This is the chance to tell the government to end corporate greed and the corporation's control over American politics. The group is meeting outside Bank of America on University Avenue at 3 p.m. before marching to Bo Diddley and City Hall. Visit the official facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville> for more information.

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STUDENT LIFE

Flash mobs gain popularity across campus, nationwide

MINA RADMAN

Alligator Writer

Students browsing booths at the Arts and Cultural Opportunities Fair last week looked on in surprise as 70 students began dancing and Gator-chomping in unison.

The students were performing a choreographed dance to Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle," laughing and jumping about on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

Josh Sallerson, a 22-year-old dance senior, said the dancers were trying to be as inconspicuous as possible before the performance, talking with people at the fair and casually looking at the booths.

"We burst into dance, and I had no clue

what to expect," Sallerson said. "Then you see people start to accumulate and pull out their cameras and video recorders, and you realize you're part of something that's unexpected and big."

As of Monday evening, the YouTube video of the dancers had more than 2,700 hits.

The flash mob, organized by the School of Theater and Dance, is just one of two that have taken place on campus in the past few weeks.

Flash mobs occur whenever any large group of people performs the same action.

Flash mobs aren't just becoming common at UF. According to The New York Times, they have been popping up across college campuses nationwide. They have been used to welcome new students during orientation

and to celebrate upcoming programs and anniversaries.

Flash mobs have become more popular recently because they are a new way to raise awareness about causes, said Conroe Brooks, the co-founder of Flash Mob America.

"We burst into dance, and I had no clue what to expect."

Josh Sallerson
dance senior

"People get addicted to them," said Brooks, whose group can be hired to help organize flash mobs.

The two other recent flash mobs at UF were held to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and to kick off National

Arts and Humanities Month.

Jeffrey Kaplan, program director at UF Hillel, organized the three-day flash mob for Rosh Hashanah. About 40 people gathered to blow the shofar, a large, traditional horn used to signal the new year. Students showed up, blew their shofars, screamed "Happy New Year!" and left.

"The first day I got there 20 minutes early and waited for people I recognized," Kaplan said. "At 12:38, people started showing up."

Brooks said YouTube has helped spur the growth of flash mobs because the website provides people with an easy way to get their videos seen.

"College kids want to do crazy stuff," Brooks said, "so why not do a flash mob?"



Ashley Crane / Alligator

Twelve companies and service providers moved into the Innovation Hub on Monday. Thirty-five people are now working in the building.

Twelve more companies move into UF's Innovation Hub

► ABOUT 35 PEOPLE NOW WORK IN THE BUILDING.

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Writer

After months of planning, 12 start-up companies and service providers moved into the Innovation Hub on Monday.

The move comes after UF's Office of Technology Licensing, which was the first office to move into the building, moved there on Friday.

The move went off without a hitch, and the office has settled in and is functioning in its new home, said Jane Muir, associate director of the Office of Technology Licensing.

"As one of my staff said, 'I've been a part of many moves, and I've never been a part of one that went so smoothly,'" Muir said.

The office moved to the first floor of the Innovation Hub, where Muir said all full-time staff

and some part-time staff will begin working immediately.

Muir said some companies will set up shop right away, and others will be coming and going. About 35 people are now working in the building.

Start-up companies in the business incubator pay an all-inclusive rental rate that includes furnished office space, maintenance, utilities and property tax.

In addition to the start-up companies the Innovation Hub was built to nurture, the building will host law firms, accounting firms and product design firms as part of the business incubator's ecosystem, Muir said.

Service providers offer a certain number of hours each month to the start-ups to help with growth and development.

Overall, Muir said Innovation Hub tenants are going to appreciate the new space.

"I think everyone who comes into the building is very excited about being here," Muir said.

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A knock at the door

Rape victim tries to move forward with her life

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Editor's note: The names of the victim and her boyfriend have been changed to protect their identities.

Christine, a petite 20-year-old, slips her white karate jacket over her loose pink tank top. She ties her hair that frizzes in the summer into a ponytail, slips her red-painted toes into plastic flip-flops and ties her orange belt around her waist.

She walks down a hallway that smells of dust and ammonia — her shoes going clop, clop, clop — and joins her karate group. She bows to her instructor. Her groomed eyebrows narrow as her brow furrows in concentration. She knows what to do. She's been doing this for two years.

The way she barks back instructions makes her sound like anything other than a woman who is recovering from rape.

Six months ago, a man forced himself into her apartment and onto her. Since then, she's managed to keep her life together — she stayed in college, didn't get depressed and kept a strong relationship with her long-time boyfriend — but small reminders haunt her.

Christine's story is not a new one in the Gainesville area.

Gainesville Police reported 60 cases of sexual battery so far this year, including Christine's attack. In 2010, there were 77.

The University Police Department reported 11 cases of forcible sex offenses — a classification that includes rape — in 2010, according to the department's safety report for 2011. Three of those were on campus. Eight of them were off campus. The 2011 statistics were not reported.

Christine tightens her belt.

Here, she feels normal. She isn't a victim anymore. She tries not to let the memory resurface.

But when she dodges through a migrating herd of UF students on the way to class, she looks from male face to male face for a flicker of recognition. The memory hits

enough of a nerve to make her lose her appetite when she sees red sneakers like the ones her attacker wore. She grips her purse tighter now. She hasn't walked across campus alone at night yet.

"It's always going to be something that happened to me," Christine said. "I don't feel much like a victim, I guess."

Here come pushups, leg lifts, squats, crunches. Repeat.

She practices her waist-high kicks and chest-level punches, just like she had for more than a year before the attack.

She walks from karate with her friends or her boyfriend, Jim, back to her place with its modest laptop-sized television, floral bedspread and cluttered desk.

She flips through her language book, eventually setting it next to her boyfriend's dried, folded T-shirts — he can't do laundry to save his life. She slings her backpack on and marches to her next lecture, blending into the hive of busy students.

Her boyfriend has stepped up to the role of protector since the incident. He walks with her whenever he can, after karate practice, classes and dinner. He's the type of guy who likes to spend hours tinkering with cars, but he'll put that off until she's safe at home.

Jim doesn't want her to leave his side if he can help it. It's not that he's obsessive. It's just, Christine said, he can't bear to let anything happen to her again. The way he looks at her, with careful concern, gives it away.

Christine and Jim met in a beginner math class two years ago. She got there early and claimed her seat — not too close to the front but not all the way in the back. Then she sat and listened to the hum of the auditorium, expecting the day to be relatively quiet.

Five minutes before class, the back door slammed open and a frazzled underclassman sprinted toward the front of the room. He jerked his head left to right, looking for a place to sit. Scrambling toward the back of the room, he sat in the seat next to Christine. He was gasping in deep breaths, and beads of sweat were sliding down his forehead.

"Is this seat taken?" Jim wheezed.



Meredith Rutland / Alligator Staff

Christine, who is pictured here but wishes to remain anonymous, says she feels normal when practicing karate.

She laughed. Looking back on it, Christine said she can't remember who gave the other his or her number, but she doesn't care. Before a week had passed, they were dating.

He was the first one she ran to after she was raped.

It was almost the end of the Spring semester. Christine said she'd spent the night watching mind-numbing movies to relax: "Twilight" and "New Moon."

Around 4 a.m., she went to bed and curled up with a worn toy tiger Jim had given her.

A knock shook her from her half-asleep state around 4:30 a.m. Jim had forgotten to show up the night before to pick up sunscreen. Christine thought it was him, so she stumbled out of bed and called his cellphone. No answer.

She walked across her empty, third-floor studio apartment and opened the door.

"It's always going to be something that happened to me. I don't feel much like a victim, I guess."

Christine
survivor

A roughly 5-foot-10-inch man shoved her through the door frame and rushed inside, slamming the door behind him. He held a silver, four-inch blade.

When Christine saw the knife, she said, she knew it was over. She's barely 5 feet tall. It was an unfair fight.

"Every time someone tries to fight back, they end up dying," she said as she told the story. "Skin and knives, it just doesn't work. ... Had it been a fair fight — Yeah, I would've decked him in the face."

He ordered her to take her clothes off.

"Are you serious?" she said to the man, according to the police report.

He swung the knife side to side.

He raped her twice.

Other details in the police report are too graphic to print.

At some point, her Samsung cellphone rang and rang. It was Jim.

The man grabbed her phone and texted, "My phone is acting up." Christine is a creature of habit, and this wasn't her usual response to her finicky phone. Jim started to worry.

The attacker ordered her to take a shower. When she went back into the main room, he was leaving. Just like that.

"Close the door after me," Christine recalled him saying.

And he was gone.

Christine scrambled to put on her Victoria's Secret pajamas and ran to her car.

She drove the few blocks to Jim's dorm and, since her phone had been stolen, screamed at his window until he rushed outside.

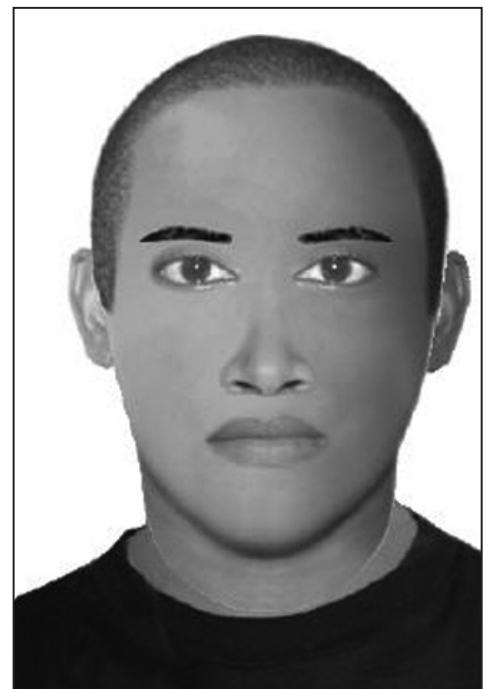
She broke down in his arms.

She cried for a few days after that, but she hasn't cried much since. She said she doesn't see the point in it. She said she isn't depressed or furious anymore.

She just wants to let it go.

No, they haven't caught him. Yes, there could be a court case one day. Sure, she may have to see his face and tell this story to the jury, the judge and the lawyers.

"It would just be a madhouse. It'd just be



Courtesy to Alligator

This digital composite depicts the suspect.

terrible," she said. "I don't want to have to look at his mother."

As strange as it is, Christine admitted, the rape actually made her relationship with Jim stronger. She said she supposes it was a make-it-or-break-it situation.

Since the attack, she said, Jim has made it clear he wants a future with her. He's helped her keep her life together, even though there seems to be roadblocks around every turn.

Christine's dad canceled her lease at her Southwest Second Avenue apartment near campus.

GPD officers initially acted like they suspected Jim, which Christine said made her furious.

She said GPD officers kept pestering her, asking her if she was sure her attacker was African-American and not another minority. Police still have a swab of Jim's saliva for possible evidence.

"It just seemed like they didn't want to find anyone," she said. "They just wanted to close it as soon as possible. I think that somebody, somewhere probably knows who this guy is. ... I wish they would focus on this a little more. Because the next [victim], she's not going to get away."

Cpl. Tscharna Senn of the Gainesville Police Department said forensic evidence usually solves cases that have run cold.

"It is a horrible crime," Senn said. "If it happens, we are 100 percent committed to finding the person who did it."

Christine's academic adviser was one of the most understanding people about the incident, Christine said. She told her adviser what classes she wanted, and it was taken care of.

Jim has been there through it all, but he doesn't like talking about the incident, at least not with anyone except his closest friends.

After it happened, Christine said, a sense of guilt clawed at him because he wasn't there to protect her. So they drove to South Florida to enjoy a weekend with Jim's family and cook dinner together.

It's the little things like that, she said, and the big things like Jim's love that got her through the rough times. She said she can carry herself the rest of the way.

"If I keep letting it bother me, it's going to drive me insane," she said. "It happened, and it sucks a lot, but I can't change it."

Researchers use Bod Pod to study body fat measurement

Study meant to promote healthy lifestyles

DANA BURKE

Alligator Contributing Writer

A white, 5-foot-5-inch orb-like structure sits out of place among the scales, measurement tools, shelving units, computers and common office materials in Room 227 of UF's Food Science and Human Nutrition building.

Although it looks like something from a sci-fi movie, the instrument, called the Bod Pod, measures body composition through air displacement, said Karla Shelnutt.

nutt, a human nutrition assistant professor.

Although there are other Bod Pods on campus, Shelnutt said, researchers currently are using the instrument in the nutrition building for two studies regarding body fat.

This Bod Pod cost about \$45,000 and was funded through research money and grants, Shelnutt said.

The first study considers body mass index, or BMI, while the second looks at a new measure, body adiposity index, or BAI.

BAI is considered more accurate than BMI, according to a recent article in the journal *Obesity*.

Shelnutt's two-part study will look to see if the measurement is accurate for college students.

The BAI and the BMI measurements will be compared against those of the Bod Pod, which currently is the "gold standard" of body fat measurement, Shelnutt said.

BMI doesn't work for lean athletes and people with high muscle mass, said 23-year-old Blake Bartholomew, a nutrition master's student who has been working on the study.

Bartholomew was [30]," Bartholomew said. "If you look at that on the BMI scale it would say that he is obese, which he clearly is not."

Having excess body fat increases the risk for diabetes, heart disease and other conditions, Shelnutt said.

She said the goal of the study is not about weight loss.

"It's about healthy lifestyles, eating better food and being more physically active so students can be healthier and live a longer and better life," Shelnutt said.

The study is open to all students, Shelnutt said.

Participants will receive a print-out of their body composition on the spot, Shelnutt said.

Bartholomew was curious to use the instrument not only because of its accuracy but also because he thought it looked interesting.

He compared the inside of the Bod Pod to the inside of an egg but with a window.

"It looks like a spaceship and an egg mixed together," he said. "It's odd looking."

For more information on the Bod Pod and participation in the studies, email ufbmistudy@gmail.com.

UF RESEARCH

Galaxy not as large as originally thought

MINA RADMAN

Alligator Writer

UF astronomers have uncovered new details about the formation of the Milky Way galaxy with the help of the world's largest telescope.

Third-year astronomy graduate student Jesus Martinez and chairman of the department of astronomy Rafael Guzman led the team in the Canary Islands, Spain. There, they used the Gran Telescopio Canarias, the world's largest telescope, to discover that galaxies like the Milky Way are not as large as astronomers originally thought.

UF owns 5 percent of the \$180 million telescope, which was first used in July 2009.

Until now, astronomers had believed galaxies were more dense and compact but had transformed into a large, scattered mass at some point in time. However, astronomers had no explanation for the theory.

Martinez, Guzman and their team discovered why. The UF researchers found that four of the dense galaxies were six times less massive than previously thought.

"We used a different technique that was much more

accurate," Martinez said.

The team used a method called spectroscopy to break the light gathered by the telescope into separate components, Martinez said.

"When you break light, you study features that are revealed in a much more accurate way," Martinez said.

The Gran Telescopio Canarias can gather more light than other telescopes, and the more light gathered, the farther the distance into the universe astronomers can see.

The use of spectroscopy allowed the team to view the characteristics of the galaxies differently than previous astronomers.

"The big impact is that we're going to trust less of the previous techniques," Martinez said. "People will be more careful."

This latest discovery will not change the face of astronomy or affect the average person's view of the universe, Martinez said.

"It just helps the global picture of galaxy evolution," he said.



Guzman

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procedures.

"This wasn't enough," Mason said during deliberations.

The fall SG Senate elections procedures came into question when the Students Party filed complaints that the results were flawed because some students may have voted in the wrong district.

Fall elections are based on location, determined by ZIP code or residence hall.

Students who only had their permanent addresses filed with the registrar, not their Gainesville addresses, would have been placed in District E. District E is for commuter students and includes all ZIP codes except those specified in Districts A through D.

Early in the afternoon of the first day of voting, Sept. 27, the voting screen for District E was changed so that students were required to fill out an address affidavit before voting.

Prior to this change, the pre-voting screen listed the voter's district and presented the option to either vote in that district or fill out an af-

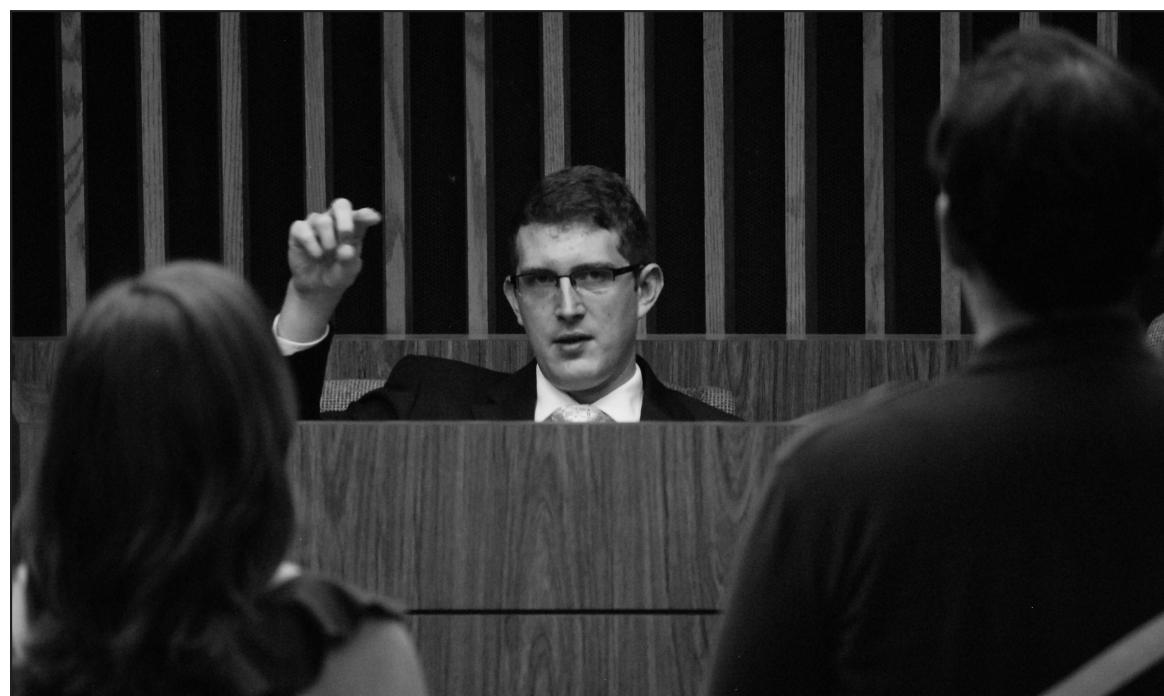
fidavit to change addresses.

In the 2010 fall elections, 65 students voted in District E. That num-

ber jumped to 535 students for the 2011 fall elections.

Ossip used those numbers in his

argument for an elections redo. Ossip said he wanted to disregard the "blame game" and focus instead on



Jacob Romoser / Alligator Staff

UF Supreme Court Associate Justice Tim Mason questions members of the Election Commission during Monday night's hearing. The Court decided to lift the injunction that had postponed the Student Senate's vote on whether to validate the Student Government elections.

students' right to fair elections and on the voting numbers.

"The numbers simply do not lie about what the average voter experienced," he said.

Ossip and Leytham plan to appeal the decision to the administration, Leytham said.

"I think that the court's decision was shameful," she said. "And I think that it was purely political."

At the hearing, members of the Election Commission presented the investigation report that the Supreme Court ordered them to prepare. The petitioners and respondents, as well as the justices, were able to question the present commissioners.

After the petitioners and respondents made their closing arguments, the justices questioned them and deliberated their decision.

Unite Party Senator Joe Pardo spoke on behalf of the respondents, including the Senate and Supervisor of Elections Toni Megna. Pardo said he expects the Senate to validate the elections results tonight.

"I'm completely satisfied with the court's decision," he said.

Pardo said he plans to work with Students Party senators to come up with guidelines for future elections.

Opinions

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Editorial

Power of One Don't judge protesters by same picket sign

This weekend, an Occupy Wall Street protester was captured in a photograph defecating on a police car in New York City.

For those who want to immediately categorize the Occupy Wall Street movement as disrespectful or uncivil, please wait before you make such sweeping assumptions.

Some have called the "Occupy" movement a left-wing response to the tea party.

The current level of civic engagement on both sides of the ideological spectrum is encouraging, but the actions of a few outliers have been used to categorize the attitudes, thoughts and feelings of each movement.

For some, the tea party is just a bunch of racist, old, white Christian Southerners who want to shoot guns and read the Bible all day.

Morgan Freeman and Samuel L. Jackson recently criticized members of the tea party movement as being racist against President Barack Obama.

Many have used pictures of signs comparing Obama to a primate or the misspelling of the N-word to illustrate the racist tendencies of members of the movement.

But can we really come to acceptable conclusions about a movement based on a minority of its members?

Every movement, whether it's on the left or on the right, has its outliers.

Earlier this year, a video surfaced of a protest in California of the infamous Koch brothers, entrepreneurs and philanthropists who donate to conservative interest groups. A couple of the protesters were caught on tape calling for the hanging of (African-American) Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for his involvement with Koch-sponsored organizations.

Were these individuals representative of everyone at this protest? Absolutely not. It would be intellectually dishonest to make that claim.

Of course, there will probably be many who criticize this editorial by saying that one side is really more racist or crazy than the other.

But in the end, if we truly look at the majority of people in these political movements, we will find that they are normal.

They are people in your classes, your neighbors and possibly even your close friends. Chances are they don't have malicious or violent motives.

It seems that both groups can simply be categorized as frustrated. Their frustration may be directed at the government or corporations or both. They also might have different goals or outcomes they would like to see from policy-makers.

However, speculating that the motives of the members of these movements are based in racism, Marxism or any other "-ism" out there is foolish and childish.

We can all debate possible solutions, but let's be grown-ups about it.

You can certainly disagree because debate is healthy; just be decent.

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Column

Fun and focus is better than worrying

It's super easy to get caught up in the mood of a situation. I don't know about you guys, but I can tend to be melodramatic sometimes.

Don't worry, I'm not outspoken about it. I keep my occasional dreary mentality and thoughts inside.

When did we all get so jaded and cautious? Was it after our first missed assignment? Was it after our Internet connection died right as we needed to submit a paper online? Could it have been after someone made fun of us in elementary school?

No, I'm actually asking you. Because I definitely don't have an answer. I just know we all tend to be a little moody sometimes and get in our heads about things.

As the late Dr. Jack Shephard once said, "We have to go back."

So yeah, let's go back to the mentality we had as children. That mentality seems to be really carefree and unassuming — two traits I wish I could exemplify more.

Please don't read this column as a whiny-boohoo piece. Believe me, I'm not complaining about life, not even about my life in particular. I've just been noticing a trend lately in myself and some of my friends — we've had to be "grown-ups" or "adults," whatever those are.

Being an adult doesn't mean you have to be mad and sad all of the time. Yes, now we have bigger problems to deal with, but that doesn't mean we have to let them affect us negatively.

Recently, I was able to perform an improvisational comedy show, also known as "improv," for a group of middle schoolers. After our brief show, we ran a workshop for them.

All we did was a few warmups and played a few games with them, but it was enough to remind me of what it was like to learn something for the first time.

Trust me: Learning improv can be a scary and terrifying thing — if you let the mood affect you.

I started learning improv with Theatre Strike Force



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three years ago during my freshman year. I joined without even really knowing what improv was and certainly not what it can become. I've learned that improv is all about trust. You have to trust your capabilities as well as those of your partners.

The best moments in improv — and also in life — are when you clear your mind and just simply react to the world around you.

The kids didn't give a crap about what they looked like on stage, something I know my improv colleagues often do. They knew they were not going to be improv experts, but they didn't care. They just wanted to get out there and have a fun experience.

It's important to keep trying new things with your whole heart. Commit to the situation, and trust your instincts.

Wouldn't life be so much more enjoyable if we worried more about those things instead of how dumb we look?

I know we all have deep situations to deal with. I know we're all entitled to countless feelings and emotions.

As UF enters midterm exam season, where academic stresses can shove themselves into other facets of our lives, let's try to face the world with a smile instead of a frown.

We need to be like those pretty cool middle schoolers! Just try your hardest to do your best, and everything will fall into place. That sounds like a much better plan than worrying all the time about everything, right?

So thank you, Hoggetowne Middle School. You have a really cool outlook on life — teachers and students alike.

I'll try to bring more positivity into my routine, too. A balance of fun and focus sounds pretty ideal to me.

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UWire

Palin shows she cannot commit by declining to run for president

Fox News commentator and former Gov. Sarah Palin announced Thursday in a statement she would not be running for the Republican nomination in 2012.

Her supporters were not thrilled. After months of tireless organizing, fighting back on Palin's behalf and hoping against hope that all the signs pointing against a run were false, her supporters experienced a painful blow. The candidate whom they sincerely believed was the GOP's best hope in 2012 let them down.

Palin claimed it was her dedication to her family that prevented her from mounting a run, an argument that is difficult to make, seeing as America already knows all there is to know about them. All the attacks that could have been slung their way, unfortunately, have been. Ever since she entered the national stage in 2008, she and her family's personal lives have been a target. None of that will disappear now that she has decided not to run. Gossip about her will be clumped with information about soap operas, former child stars and miracle medicines, and her life will continue to be a source of interest for those who find her views and lack of a record amusing.

And that is precisely why she should have run. Running would have given her a chance to set the record straight, to impress in debates and make serious statements on policy. She could have given America another opportunity to see her as something other than an SNL caricature of question-

Humza Bokhari

UWire

able intelligence. I am not saying she could have won. But she could have restored her image. That isn't exactly what one would call a "legitimate" reason to run for the highest office in the nation, but Sarah Palin and legitimacy are less than synonyms.

But she chose not to run. Perhaps she prefers the easier path — playing rabble-rouser for the right rather than holding serious jobs with serious responsibilities. Even her excuse for stepping down as governor in 2009 seems far weaker now — she is simply reinforcing what her opponents said all along. Is it, as Jon Stewart has mentioned, that she simply does not appreciate that being "president," like being "governor," is more than a title, but an actual job?

If elected, would she have been willing to serve?

In 2008, Palin was handed a microphone and called up on stage. America since turned that microphone off, but Palin hadn't been willing to leave. She kept voicing her concerns on national issues, acting as a sort of pseudo-spokesperson for the right even when much of the right no longer took her seriously. But now, she has money. She can build herself her own stage, possibly covered with a grizzly-bear pelt, a giant American flag backdrop and a cubic zirconium-encrusted podium right in the center, a megaphone placed neatly on top.

She can do what she loves — being "unshackled" and saying what she wants — without worrying about "consequences." If she isn't worried about her national image, she can continue to cater to a small fan club that will continue to write her checks. Her career as a commentator is alive and well. But her political career — and though I would ordinarily be wary of such statements, I make one now — is over. The also-ran-for-second-place from What's-it's-name, Alaska, couldn't possibly mount a presidential run in 2016 or later. She could potentially run for lower office at some point, build a resume and get back in the game, but her reluctance to do any sort of real government work over the last three years indicates she has no plans to do so. Had she run in 2012, she would have had some sort of national political resume to speak of down the line. Not anymore. She'll keep ghostwriting more and more books that will sell fewer and fewer copies. Her contingent of die-hard fans, which already took a major hit today, will shrink. The country will remember little more about her than that she was, for McCain, The Great Mistake of 2008.

And now, though she has loitered around the corner of the national stage for some time, the cue has come for her to exit — naturally, to the right.

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UWire

Spread the word, stand against those who seek to abolish liberty

In the modern world, it seems absurd that you could be put to death for your faith, right? Such a barbaric practice took place in the Middle Ages, but surely not now.

Yet, that is exactly what is happening right now in Rasht, Iran. A 34-year-old Christian pastor by the name of Yousef Nadarkhani may be facing death by hanging if he does not renounce his faith.

He was arrested in October 2009 while registering his church in an attempt to offer an alternative to the Islamic educative monopoly present in Iran. Nadarkhani wanted the option to have his two boys educated without the state's mandatory instruction in Islam. For challenging the government's absolute control, Nadarkhani was imprisoned.

More recently, in September 2010, Nadarkhani's original charge of protesting was changed to those of evangelization of Muslims

and also apostasy, a turning from the faith. Both are crimes punishable by death in Iran if so decreed by a religious fatwa. While fatwas, unlike the constitution of Iran, are not binding, the courts may draw on them when making a decision, as they did in Nadarkhani's case.

The claim of apostasy arose because of Nadarkhani's Muslim parentage and his later conversion to Christianity at the age of 19. The 11th branch of Iran's Gilan Provincial Court states that because of his Muslim parentage, he was a member of the Islamic faith before he turned to Christianity and is accordingly guilty of the crime of apostasy.

Last week, the court gave Nadarkhani a chance to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ, and in doing so, spare his own life. Nadarkhani refused. He was offered two subsequent chances later in the week, on Sept. 27 and 28. On both occasions, he remained unyielding.

Sam Novack
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The severity and blatant injustice of the case has stirred the global community to come out in force, demanding Nadarkhani's unconditional release.

The White House issued a message as well, calling on Iran to "demonstrate a commitment to basic, universal human rights, including freedom of religion."

But not everyone has the luxury to live under the mantle of liberty. Around the world are people who are denied what most would view as universal rights. Such suppression of freedom is abhorrent. The faces of those who seek to abolish liberty are many and various, but each should be met with the same outrage, resolve and determination to set things right.

The global outcry that has begun to sway the Iranian judges in the case of Nadarkhani

came from ordinary people, who saw such blatant injustice and immediately rebelled against it.

Now, you can fold this paper up and never think another thought about it. But if this story captures your attention as it did mine, then I encourage you to find a way to get involved in the movement against this infringement upon human freedom.

Just spread the word, and let people know what is going on right now in Iran. Publicity through any medium can send a powerful message. If you are ready, if you feel the same sense of obligation that I do to help protect the basic rights enjoyed by millions around the world, and if you are finished reading, then you can hand this paper to the person sitting next to you.

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Local 'solar tour' to educate about benefits of solar energy

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As public concern over fossil-fuel dependence increases, many are turning to the sun.

UF's American Solar Energy Society exists to promote the benefits of renewable solar energy. The Gainesville Solar Tour is scheduled for Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

Organizers aim to educate residents, business owners and students about the long-term advantages of solar energy.

The free event will allow participants to meet with professional contractors, Gainesville Regional Utilities and the local chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council

to gather information about solar energy.

Those who attend will also have the opportunity to tour the homes of local homeowners who have installed solar panels.

"Our goal is to demonstrate to students and residents what Gainesville has to offer..."

Alejandro Palomino
director of the Solar Tour

Anna Prizza, the director of UF's Office of Sustainability, will be the featured keynote speaker.

Alejandro Palomino, a fifth-year mechanical engineering student at UF, serves as the director of the Solar Tour.

Gainesville has the most solar per capita in this state, which no one knows. This event shows why," he said. "Our goal is to demonstrate to students and residents what Gainesville has to offer as far as solar energy and energy efficiency. This is the best event in the city for people who are interested in installing a new system in their home."

UF's ASES chapter is the oldest and most recognized branch in the nation, Palomino said.

"Students most often don't have money for solar panels, but it's a chance for students to learn something new," he said.

For more information, visit www.ufases.org.

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Treasurer vetoes \$28,000 cellphone charging stations

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Two Student Senate bills have recently stalled due to lack of specifics.

Student Body Treasurer TJ Villamil vetoed the Senate-approved bill for six cellphone charging stations.

He said he thinks the stations are a good idea, but he wanted more specific information, including reassurance that there would be six charging stations.

Villamil also wanted to make sure that the Senate would have to give its approval if the project costs at least 10 percent more than the estimated \$28,800 that will come from Student Government reserve funds.

The Senate can override Villamil's veto if they pass the bill again by a two-thirds vote.

Villamil said he hopes senators will

make changes to the bill.

Dave Kratzer, associate vice president for student affairs, sent back a bill taking \$90,000 out of SG reserve funds to use for three upcoming events.

Kratzer wrote in an email that the bill simply needs to be in line-item form in order to conform to statutes.

In an email to senators, Villamil proposed breaking down the proposed transfer.

Of that \$90,000, \$15,000 would go to the Florida International Step Show, \$4,000 to Soulfest and \$71,000 to Student Government Productions for the Goo Goo Dolls' Gator Growl performance.

Kratzer is required to sign off on all reserve fund expenditures.

Seven survive 20 hours at sea clinging to cooler, capsized boat

► A 79-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS MISSING AND PRESUMED DROWNED.

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MARATHON — Four hours into a family fishing trip, rough waves flipped a 22-foot boat off the Florida Keys, tossing eight people overboard. Seven of them, including a 4-year-old girl, survived by clinging to their capsized vessel and a small blue cooler for almost 20 hours, suffer-

ing exhaustion, jellyfish stings and hypothermia.

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The family left Layton in the Middle Keys around 8 a.m. Saturday to fish in less-than-ideal conditions. It was raining, seas topped 7 feet and winds were whipping up

to 38 mph. After they anchored 3.5 miles off the island chain, two waves hit suddenly, capsizing the vessel.

The women grabbed the girl and the 2.5-foot cooler. One of the men tried to rescue his mother, but she slipped through his grasp and disappeared into the water.

Almost immediately, the two groups — the three women and girl and three men — drifted apart.

Nearly a day later, they were rescued when a commercial fisherman spotted the men Sunday morning and alerted the Coast Guard, which found the women and the blue cooler several miles away in the warm waters.

The women said the boat turned over so quickly that there wasn't time to grab life jackets for anyone except the child, said Kendra Graves, a seaman with the Coast Guard.

Florida law requires children 6 or under on a boat 26 feet or less to wear a life jacket if the boat is moving. If the craft is anchored or docked, they don't have to wear a life vest.

As the weather improved Sunday, fishing boat captain David Jensen headed out with customers to catch live bait. Off in the distance, he saw a large object floating in the water.

As he turned the boat to get closer look, he saw a man waving. At first, he said, he thought there was only one person holding on to the sunken boat, its bow protruding just a few feet out of the water. When he got closer, he realized there were three men.

"I tried to get them to swim to the boat, but they said they didn't know how to swim," Jensen said. "Then I had the mate throw them life jackets. One guy put on the life jacket and swam to the boat. The other two guys wouldn't get off the boat. ... They said they didn't know how to swim."

One of Jensen's customers jumped in and swam over. He tied the boats together and helped the other two men, one at a time, back to Jensen's boat.

"They were exhausted. One guy overnight had lost his mother," Jensen said. "He was very visibly upset, which was a little tough because he was the one who spoke the best English."

Zaida San Jurjo Gonzalez died. Her son, Jorge Alejo Gonzalez, survived along with his wife, Tomasa Torres, the elderly woman's daughter, Elena G. Gonzalez, and her boyfriend, Juglar Riveras.



AP Photo

This Oct. 9, 2011 photo released by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shows a capsized boat in the waters off the Florida Keys. The boat capsized in stormy weather on Saturday. Seven people, including a 4-year-old girl, were found by a commercial fishing boat after 20 hours in the ocean. A 79-year-old woman is presumed dead.

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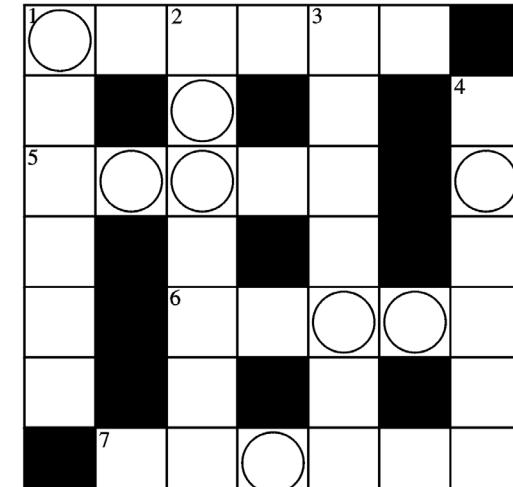
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Brissett the starter for now, Driskel will practice, compete

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

Jacoby Brissett is still UF's starter at quarterback, but Jeff Driskel will have an opportunity to capture the job this week.

Driskel, a freshman, sat out Saturday's game against LSU because of an ankle sprain he suffered the previous week against Alabama.

That opened the door for Brissett, another freshman, to take the reins of the offense.

But coach Will Muschamp said Driskel is expected to practice this week barring an injury setback, and performance will determine who plays Saturday against Auburn.

"We'll work with Jacoby as being the starter at this point," Muschamp said. "We'll work through the week and progress to see who practices the best."

Muschamp added a caveat: If Driskel's injury limits the number of reps he can take in practice, Brissett will have a leg up in the competition.

With John Brantley out again this week, the two normally would split the practice snaps evenly, but Driskel's injury could change that.

The majority of Florida's game plan is set after Tuesday's practice, allowing the team to focus on third down and the red zone on Wednesday. Thus, Driskel will need to practice from the get-go to have a shot at the opening.

"As we move further in the week I'll know more, obviously, of how much he'll be able to go and compete for the job,"

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Defensive shakeup likely thanks to poor tackling

UF ALLOWED TWO 100-YARD RUSHERS IN LAST TWO WEEKS.

MATT WATTS
Alligator Staff Writer

Changes on defense are likely after the Gators have given up 464 rushing yards in back-to-back losses against Alabama and LSU.

The stark regression from the beginning of the season, when Florida was one of the best in the nation against the run statistically, can be attributed mainly to missed tackles, coach Will Muschamp said Monday.

The team has worked extensively on technique since fall camp, even doing live tackling drills during game weeks to

ready the defense. Still, it remains an issue, and Muschamp said there could be changes coming.

"If you don't want to stick your face on somebody, [we will] find somebody else," Muschamp said.

While it has been an issue across the board, Muschamp pointed to the secondary as the weakest link. He said tackling has been "a big problem" for the unit, especially against dominant running teams like Alabama and LSU.

"Have we worked on it? Yes. Have we worked on it enough? No, obviously not," he said. "We're going to look at some different guys to see if they'll tackle better."

After the loss to LSU on Saturday,

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida freshman quarterback Jacoby Brissett started against LSU last week, completing 8 of 14 passes for a touchdown and two interceptions. Brissett will compete with fellow freshman Jeff Driskel this week in practice.

THE TOM GREEN SHOW

With their backs against the wall, time is now for Gators

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"When you face adversity, you find out a lot about where your leadership and where your football team is," coach Will Muschamp said Monday.

Florida's season has played out the way most people expected it to so far: a 4-0 start against inferior opponents, followed by losses against two of the best teams in the nation.

But what happens next, and how Florida responds with games against No. 24 Auburn and division-rival Georgia, is when we learn what Florida is really made of, and who is going to lead this team away from a repeat of 2010, when UF finished 8-5 after starting 4-0.

Muschamp said Monday that handling adversity boils down to mental toughness,

something his team lacks right now, and it starts with him.

"At the end of the day, adversity causes two things," Muschamp said. "It causes you to unify, it causes you to divide



Tom Green
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— one of the two."

Down a starting quarterback, banged up and demoralized after two blowouts, this is the time when we find out if Florida is going to unify, or if players are going to do their own thing — something that was a problem Saturday against LSU.

Florida's defense, which looked impenetrable the first month of the season, has faltered. The secondary can't make tackles, linebacker

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Florida center back Kat Williamson has played every minute of the team's past six games. See Story, Page 15.

Larson Reinstated

Coach Billy Donovan reinstated Gators forward Cody Larson on Monday after he was suspended following an April arrest. A South Dakota court ruled he would not face jail time on a probation charge.

The Mailbag

Submit questions for this week's mailbag column on Twitter: @alligatorSports. We're accepting anything Gators related, so fire away.

Early event win helping to prepare Gators swim teams

UF WON ALL-FLORIDA INVITATIONAL.

ALEX PECKHAM

Alligator Writer

Florida's goal is to win a national championship.

The team views every practice and every event along the way as preparation on the road to the NCAA Championship meet.

The All-Florida Invitational was a grueling event held over three days that included, for each event, preliminary heats in the morning and a final swim in the evening to decide a winner.

"I'm really tired right now, but it'll help us in the long run," said freshman Matt Elliott, who excelled in the format, notching three wins and one second-place result as an individual.

"It helps show us the type of shape we need to be in later in the season."

Last weekend's meet in the O'Connell Center provided a unique opportunity for the Gators to prepare for the NCAA Championships in a more focused way.

Although the meet was against competition that isn't considered championship-caliber, the event's format gave the Gators a taste of the grind they will face in March, as well as the urgency necessary in every race to succeed in February.

A maximum of three swimmers from each team could qualify for an event's final

heat, an aspect of the meet that made every race, even the preliminaries, carry a sense of urgency for competitors.

"That puts a lot of pressure on our team to be very good in the morning. [Instead of] spending all year badgering them about where we want to be at the end of the year and how tough it is to be good at the NCAA meet, we put them in a dynamic where they have to get up and go."

Gregg Troy
UF coach

"We had a few places where we qualified our top six," coach Gregg Troy said. "That puts a lot of pressure on our team to be very good in the morning."

"[Instead of] spending all year badgering them about where we want to be at the end of the year and how tough it is to be good at the NCAA meet, we put them in a dynamic where they have to get up and go."

Troy felt this was especially important for freshmen swimmers who are used to easier preliminary competition in high school meets. He was pleased with how those swimmers, competing in their first collegiate meet, responded to the challenge.

"We had nine freshman guys stand up and swim extremely well," Troy said. "We've still got some holes, but the future is bright."

Muschamp said tackling is a matter of desire.

"You either want to do it or you don't," he said. "[We have to] find guys who want to tackle."

Linebacker Jelani Jenkins was pulled against LSU and replaced with freshman Michael Taylor, and three safeties saw work opposite Matt Elam, including little-used red-shirt freshman Josh Shaw.

Changing scheme: Muschamp said the defense has been more successful when playing a one-gap technique, in which the defensive linemen attack the space between two offensive linemen, rather than the two-gap technique, where they must read the play and react to the blocking assignments.

"That's something we haven't played as well and something we may look at not playing as much of," Muschamp said of the two-gap schemes.

Gillislee to get more work: One of the few bright spots from Saturday's loss was the play of running back Mike Gillislee, who rushed nine times for a team-high 56 yards.

Muschamp said Monday that Gillislee would be in line for a larger role going forward.

"He's one of the guys we realized that recognized the way we needed to play with some toughness," Muschamp said. "We need to get him some more touches."

Fellow running back Chris Rainey said he's excited to see Gillislee receive more playing time.

"He brings a lot to the table," Rainey said. "I love when he runs the ball. He's probably going to be playing a lot more now, so I can't wait to see that."

Injury update: After leaving the LSU game early due to undisclosed injuries, defensive end Ronald Powell and safety Josh Evans should be ready for Saturday's game against No. 24 Auburn, Muschamp said.

Running back Jeff Demps was also limited Saturday with an ankle injury, and quarterback Jeff Driskel (sprained ankle) was not in uniform.

Cornerback Jeremy Brown (sprained knee) remains out.

Contact Matt Watts at mwatts@alligator.org.

Driskel may be limited in practice with ankle injury suffered against Alabama

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Muschamp said. "That will determine the reps and obviously determine the starter."

Last week, redshirt senior running back Chris Rainey said he knew by Wednesday or Thursday that Brissett would start based on the number of snaps each quarterback took in practice.

"It looked like he was more ready," Rainey said. "He was ready to step up."

Brissett completed 8 of 14 passes for 94 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions against LSU. His offensive repertoire consisted mostly of checkdowns and deep bombs in between being subbed out to let Rainey or Trey Burton take snaps in the Wildcat formation.

Still, Rainey said Brissett looked calm throughout the game, keeping his poise and looking for receivers downfield in the face of pressure from the nation's No. 5 defense.

If Brissett starts again this weekend, Muschamp said the Gators

would likely expand the offensive playbook to include more than it did against No. 1 LSU.

"Certainly we've got to do some more, something else, offensively," Muschamp said. "When you continue to do the same things you get the same results, so we need to change it."

The majority of Brissett's production came from his 65-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Andre Debose; a play where the defender stumbled and Debose came from out of bounds to make the catch.

Still, Muschamp gave Brissett's performance a strong review.

"I thought he managed our offense really well, and what we asked him to do he did very well," Muschamp said. "He's a very composed young man. He's very intelligent, athletic, he's smart, he wants to — he works extremely hard since he's been here as far as learning the offense and learning what to do and how we want to do it and manage our football team. We're pleased with his progress."

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Gators changing defensive mindset; Gillislee to see more touches

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Muschamp said tackling is a matter of desire.

"You either want to do it or you don't," he said. "[We have to] find guys who want to tackle."

Linebacker Jelani Jenkins was pulled against LSU and replaced with freshman Michael Taylor, and three safeties saw work opposite Matt Elam, including little-used red-shirt freshman Josh Shaw.

Changing scheme: Muschamp said the defense has been more successful when playing a one-gap technique, in which the defensive linemen attack the space between two offensive linemen, rather than the two-gap technique, where they must read the play and react to the blocking assignments.

"That's something we haven't played as well and something we may look at not playing as much of," Muschamp said of the two-gap schemes.

Gillislee to get more work: One of the few bright spots from Saturday's loss was the play of running back Mike Gillislee, who rushed nine times for a team-high 56 yards.

Muschamp said Monday that Gillislee would be in line for a larger role going forward.

"He's one of the guys we realized that recognized the way we needed to play with some toughness," Muschamp said. "We need to get him some more touches."

Fellow running back Chris Rainey said he's excited to see Gillislee receive more playing time.

"He brings a lot to the table," Rainey said. "I love when he runs the ball. He's probably going to be playing a lot more now, so I can't wait to see that."

Injury update: After leaving the LSU game early due to undisclosed injuries, defensive end Ronald Powell and safety Josh Evans should be ready for Saturday's game against No. 24 Auburn, Muschamp said.

Running back Jeff Demps was also limited Saturday with an ankle injury, and quarterback Jeff Driskel (sprained ankle) was not in uniform.

Cornerback Jeremy Brown (sprained knee) remains out.

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff
Florida coach Will Muschamp cited poor tackling as one of the main reasons the team struggled against the run in games against Alabama and LSU, when the defense allowed 464 rushing yards and two 100-yard rushers. Muschamp said changes in personnel could be on the horizon.

Gators looking for help along back line to spell Williamson

► THE CENTER BACK HAS PLAYED EVERY MINUTE IN THE LAST SIX GAMES.

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Kat Williamson could use a breather.

In six straight matches, the Gators' starting center back hasn't so much as sniffed the sideline or seen the bench until the final whistle has been blown. She has played 547 consecutive minutes.

Ever since fellow redshirt junior Katie Kadera's season-ending ACL injury on Sept. 30, this has been Williamson's role. She is described as the team's anchor on defense and the emotional leader of the Gators. Now, she is needed more than ever.

But with a three-game road trip on the horizon, and Williamson's own history of injuries to worry about — she suffered an ACL tear as a freshman — UF coach Becky Burleigh is trying to lighten the workload for her All-America defender this week.

"We would love for her to get some rest because, obviously, that's a demanding job," Burleigh said. "But at the same time, she's a tough person to take off the field, especially in tight games."

Though it's painful to play Williamson for anything less than a full 90 minutes, Burleigh is looking for one of the team's non-starters to emerge as a reliable substitute.

At every other position group the No. 11 Gators (12-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) are one of the most bench-friendly teams in the league.

"We've been working on it," Burleigh said. "We've been playing some different people at different positions in practice, and we're going to continue to do that this week, too."

The Gators generally allow their two defenders

on the flanks, Maggie Rodgers and Jazmyne Avant, to flow freely up the field as an offensive possession progresses. Rodgers was a forward her freshman year before switching positions this offseason.

"We need more depth in our entire back line," Burleigh said. "Even Jazmyne and Maggie playing as many minutes as they're playing is a lot. Especially with the way we play our outside backs, that's a big role."

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Becky Burleigh
UF coach

Before Kadera's injury, her fourth ACL tear since high school and second at UF, the Gators enjoyed an ideal three-player rotation at center back, with freshman Annie Bobbitt coming off the bench.

"[Katie] hasn't started most of her career; she [was] starting this year and has worked hard to get that done," Burleigh said. "She'll still be able to contribute to our team in different ways...but it's really a tough injury for her and for our team."

Burleigh said Kadera has taken on a mentoring role and is trying to help Bobbitt adjust to life as a full-time starter.

The first-year defender had a trying performance Friday against Auburn, with two turnovers deep in Florida's defensive third. The Tigers were able to take a 1-0 lead in the 34th minute off an errant pass by Bobbitt that was intercepted by AU midfielder Katy Frierson

Two days later, though, Bobbitt rebounded nicely with 83 mistake-free minutes in Sunday's match with Alabama, helping hold the Crimson Tide scoreless in the second half.

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Florida center back Kat Williamson has played all 547 minutes of the No. 11 Gators' last six games.

Murphy's unselfishness opens up attack for No. 13 Florida



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Florida senior Kelly Murphy recorded 83 assists and 27 kills in the last four games while playing a hybrid setter/outside-hitter role for the No. 13 Gators.

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There is more to Kelly Murphy than offense.

Florida's most heralded volleyball player is also its most versatile athlete. It's the reason she has 26 career triple-doubles, but it's also the reason why her overall stats don't always jump off the page.

"You understand that she gets only half the reps in setting or only half the numbers the hitters get hitting because of the way the offense is run," UF coach Mary Wise said. "She understands that there's a lot more asked of her."

Wise calls Murphy the "busiest player in Division I women's volleyball," and the title is well deserved. As something of a setter and right-side hitter hybrid, Murphy plays every rotation for the Gators and leads the team in assists and service aces. She's also second on the squad in kills and digs.

"It's almost like there's not enough sets to go around," Wise said. "We were not able to change the rules that Kelly could set herself and hit it."

Florida's last four games, all straight-set victories, have shown how much Murphy can open up the offense without ever scoring a point.

During that span, Murphy has 83 assists and 27 kills. Her unselfishness has opened things up for players like junior Betsy Smith, who has 23 kills in those four games while playing a much lighter set load than Murphy. Smith's .418 hitting efficiency would rank first in the Southeastern Confer-

ence if she were eligible — you must have three attacks per set to qualify; Smith has 2.6 attacks per set.

"I just don't know what it is," Smith said. "I think it's (that) we're finally all clicking together on all cylinders — on offense, at least."

Ferrell improving, dealing with injury: Florida is asking a lot more out of senior outside hitter Stephanie Ferrell than it has in the past, and the results have been largely positive.

In a new role that requires more defensive play and serve-receive abilities, Ferrell has shown bright spots, including a .375 hitting percentage and 11 kills in Sunday's win against LSU.

"Her top end is in front of her," Wise said. "She comes in every day early for extra reps."

On Sunday, Florida experienced a brief scare when Ferrell rolled an ankle she had hurt in the past. Wise said Monday it

was being evaluated, and she did not yet know the extent of the injury.

"I've had a lot of history with this ankle," Ferrell said. "But it's better. I'll be fine."

Back-row defense improves: Placing an emphasis on it last week, Florida's backcourt had a 52-dig day against LSU. But Wise was more excited about a nearly complete performance.

"When you combine serving, blocking, transition digs — that's how you keep teams from siding out," she said. "That's how you keep teams from scoring. ... We did that at a very high level."

UF Volleyball

Will claims grand slam title at ITA All-American



Alligator File Photo
Florida tennis player Allie Will won the singles title at the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

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Junior Allie Will has spent her last few months jumping back and forth between two worlds of tennis.

After a national championship season as the 2011 South-eastern Conference Player of the Year capped in May, Will worked up to a summer on the pro circuit before making her way back to Gainesville for fall practice.

After Sunday's performance, Will, No. 2 in the ITA individual rankings, can add her first collegiate singles grand slam title to her list of recent accomplishments after winning the main singles draw of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

"It's a mighty big event to win," coach Roland Thornqvist said. "The best players in the country are all there, and it's at a beautiful venue in Riviera Country Club, so it doesn't really get much better than that. It just proves to you that you've got what it takes."

Will defeated No. 11 Jacqueline Cako from Arizona State for the title in a 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-3 victory to become the first Florida tennis player to win a national singles title since 2005.

Thornqvist said much of Will's success came from combining her physical talent with a more composed mental game.

"I don't think she's ever put it all together over the course of four days before," Thornqvist said. "The will is always there, no pun intended, and she's always had a great desire. Sometimes that great desire has gotten in her own way. She wanted it too much. This week she was maybe a little more matter-of-fact about it."

Will also finished her time across the country with a runner-up finish in the tournament's doubles draw with sophomore Sofie Oyen. The pair dropped the doubles championship to Stanford's No. 11 pairing of Mallory Burdette and Nicole Gibbs in a 6-2, 7-6 finish, but the No. 4 pairing of Oyen and Will had not played together in a competitive match since the spring season.

Also, Oyen's doubles play was the first time she had served after suffering a front shoulder strain this summer and dropping her first singles match in the tournament.

"She's got phenomenal hands, great touch and compact strokes, and she likes targets, so her game is perfectly suited for doubles," Thornqvist said of Oyen. "The fact that she was able to just jump in right away with Allie was a little bit of a surprise to me. But they won the indoors last year, so I know that they have that kind of talent level to win these championships."

UF Tennis

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Jelani Jenkins was benched in favor of Michael Taylor in the second half against LSU, and opponents have accumulated 464 yards and seven scores on the ground the last two weeks.

The offense hasn't done much better.

No receiver has more than 10 catches on the season. The running game isn't what it was through the first four games. The offensive line has been porous and overmatched, and the Gators' quarterback situation has more twists than an M. Night Shyamalan film.

The Gators slipped out of the AP Top 25 this week, and the road ahead isn't much easier, with Gus Malzahn's offensive scheme and running back Michael Dyer at Auburn this weekend. Then running backs Isaiah Crowell of Georgia and South Carolina's Marcus Lattimore are waiting on the horizon.

Unless Muschamp makes the proper adjustments from a coaching standpoint, and unless Florida finds players to step up and straighten things out on the field, the Gators will go winless in October and sit at 4-4 entering November.

"We have a lot of guys that want to be a leader, then the next day they want to step off the podium and let someone else do it," Muschamp said. "That's not part of the deal. When you want to be a leader, you step up and positively affect everybody in the organization every day."

So who is going to step up as a leader when this team is in a free-fall?

Because, to borrow a phrase from LSU cornerback Tyrann "The Honey Badger" Mathieu, who called out full-back Trey Burton on Twitter: Florida is soft as cotton right now.

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