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In Silent Protest

Family, youth and community sciences senior Brianne Umhoefer, 21, right, and civil engineering senior Josh Brewer, 21, protest on the Plaza of Americas on Tuesday. The students wore red tape over their mouths with "Life" written on them in memory of aborted fetuses.

Class of 1961 donates \$35 million

► THE MONEY IS A TOTAL OF DONATIONS IN THE PAST 50 YEARS.

JULIA GLUM

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF alumnus Sam Militello's fondest memories of college are of current students' least favorite activity: doing homework.

Before graduating in 1961 as a civil engineering major, he pulled all-nighters with peers to meet design deadlines. After finishing the projects, they would go out for beers.

This past weekend, Militello, 74, had a chance to reconnect with his class at his Grand Guard 50th Reunion. UF's Alumni Association sponsored the annual three-day event, which drew 146 guests.

Class chairman and UF pharmacy and

psychology graduate Robert Levitt, 72, presented a class check of about \$35 million to Alumni Association President Kelly McKibben. The check represents the cumulative total of the class's donations to the UF Foundation over the past 50 years.

The weekend of nostalgia and memories celebrated the 1,350-member class of 1961, said Jasmin Robinson, associate director of

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Cooler temperatures make semester debut this week

Starbucks sees increase in business due to cold

MINA RADMAN

Alligator Writer

Mary Reyes doesn't like spending money at Starbucks.

But when the temperatures dip, the 20-year-old journalism

sophomore layers her clothing, eats a bowl of tomato soup and buys a pumpkin spice or gingerbread latte.

"If it's going to be in the 40s, I may have to give into temptation," Reyes said.

Until Sunday, temperatures will dip into the low 40s and will not exceed 77 degrees, said Al Sandrick, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Jacksonville.

It is the first major cold front

of the semester. Lower temperatures, however, are normal for this time of year.

As the weather cools down, Starbucks locations on campus see an increase in business, said Jill Rodriguez, marketing program manager for Gator Dining Services.

Students order more hot, sea-

sonal drinks like white mochas, peppermint mochas and chai tea lattes.

Darrel Ambrosini, a 21-year-old business senior, said he spends more time and money at Starbucks when the weather is cold.

"I just associate the cold with hot drinks," Ambrosini said.

STUDENT LIFE

Coed dorm rooms still years away

JESSICA OLIVER

Alligator Contributing Writer

While other universities are considering the introduction of coed dorms, UF students shouldn't hold their breath waiting for this change on their campus.

As administration at the University of California at Los Angeles talks about the possible addition of gender-inclusive housing, some students at UF are wondering if the same will happen here.

The University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University already have gender-inclusive accommodations.

UF has policies in place to address special accommodation requests from individuals on a case-by-case basis, including transgender students. However, not all students currently have the option to room with the opposite sex.

If student interest in this type of housing were to increase, housing staff would gather input from involved staff, student leaders and administration to review existing policies and procedures, said Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs.

However, since interest is limited, men and women will not be rooming together in undergraduate residence halls in the near future.

It could take a minimum of three years to get the option of having gender-inclusive dorm rooms, Blansett said.

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SG officials promote Reitz renovation

The plan will go before the Board of Trustees in December, pg. 8.



News Today

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's edition of the Alligator, an article about a simulation of the United Nations Human Rights Council incorrectly identified the titles of UF Model U.N. members Samantha White and Rachel de Leon. White is director of external affairs, and de Leon is vice president.

In Tuesday's edition of Alligator, an article incor-

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rectly stated that Ward's Supermarket gave Occupy Gainesville a line of credit and was providing produce for protesters. The store has no such connection to the movement.

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UF grad starts compost service for local restaurants

ALYSSA HUBBELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Waste: It's what we do every day.

One local resident is doing his best to turn waste into something valuable.

Turning food leftovers into topsoil, Chris Cano, a 23-year-old UF graduate, started Gainesville Compost: From Waste to Food, a business initiative that works with local restaurants to improve their sustainability. Created when organic scraps are recycled and decomposed in a controlled way, compost provides soil with nutrients that stimulate plant growth.

Gardening since high school, Cano said he used to spend a lot of money on expensive organic fertilizers. He started doing research and read about compost and how people call it "black gold" because it is so useful.

"I learned that you could essentially recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen and turn it into a nutritious medium for your garden," he said.

The current pilot program started in September and involves five local restaurants: Midnight, Reggae Shack Cafe, Jones Eastside, The Bull and Karma Cream. These were the first local businesses to hop on board, and they are working toward the Gainesville Compost vision of having a pedal-powered community compost network.

The pedal-powered compost bucket pick-up and delivery service moves away from fossil fuel-dependent transportation. The waste is collected from the restaurants one to three times each week, depending on the amount of scraps collected.

Cano said he puts the 5-gallon buckets of waste into the trailer attached to his bicycle, pedals to his house, adds the materials to the compost and then returns the buckets.

"When I leave the restaurants carrying these heavy buckets, I feel good about the fact that we're diverting waste from the landfill and turning it

into something valuable," he said.

As long as it is economically feasible, he said he does not plan on charging for the pick-up service. Cano believes that he and the restaurants have a mutually beneficial relationship.

As a source for income, he aims to eventually sell compost to local gardeners and community members. Another goal of Gainesville Compost, he said, is to help restaurants set up their own organic gardens that are "powered by the very compost they are contributing to."

Midnight will be the first restaurant Cano will build a garden for. He described the plan for the garden as "art with a food function." He said reclaimed wood will be used for the frame, beer bottles will contain the plants and beer caps will be used as decoration.

"I learned that you could essentially recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen and turn it into a nutritious medium for your garden."

Chris Cano

creator of Gainesville Compost: From Waste to Food

Jason Twist, a 30-year-old co-owner of Midnight, said he likes the idea of not only having something beautiful for the community to enjoy but also having something that can actually be used.

"Chris is a very driven guy," he said. "He's got a lot of things on his plate but also a lot of enthusiasm."

As a website developer, Cano said he was looking for a job that was more rooted in the Gainesville community. He said this small-business initiative has given him a chance to play a small part in building the local economy in a sustainable way.

"Every morning I wake up, and I go to my garden, and it kind of grounds me," he said. "Any gardener will tell you there's nothing like eating a homegrown vegetable."



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Chris Cano gives 5-gallon buckets like these to businesses to fill with scraps. Cano runs Gainesville Compost out of his home.

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Comedian Ralphie May to perform on campus

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Jacksonville-based comedy club paired with a UF fraternity to bring comedian Ralphie May to campus tonight at 8.

Comedy Zone is bringing May to the University Auditorium before he does a three-day performance in Jacksonville.

Tickets to the show cost \$29. They can be purchased online through Ticketmaster or at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m.

May was a finalist on the first season of "The Last Comic Standing." He has also had various specials on Comedy Central, such as "Ralphie May: Prime Cut" and "Ralphie May: Girth of a Nation." His comic style crosses social, ethnic and cultural barriers, according to Comedy Zone.

"Gainesville is the perfect market for Ralphie," said Fred Pozin, the owner of Comedy Zone. May

has performed in Jacksonville and at other universities, such as the University of Central Florida. This will be his first time at UF.

May will be the first comedian Comedy Zone brings to Gainesville, but Pozin said he won't be the last.

"The university is hungering for more comics," Pozin said.

Pozin has been in the comedy business for more than 20 years, but Gainesville is a new market for him.

Pozin's son, business administration sophomore Noah Pozin, 19, is a brother of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, which helped publicize the event.

The Comedy Zone is using May as a springboard for other high-quality comics it hopes to bring to Gainesville.

The intention is to see how this event goes and bring other big names to the university, Noah Pozin said.

PHILANTHROPY

Dogs, owners to run 5K for charity

MAGEN WETMORE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Last year's slowest runner was a basset hound.

Saturday, dogs will be able to run alongside their owners again at the 30th Annual Dog Days Run hosted by the UF College of Veterinary Medicine and the UF Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The proceeds from the 5K run and 1-mile Fun Run will go to the Global Alliance for Rabies Control and the Alachua County Humane Society.

The event will also include contests for awards such as best costume, smallest dog and best dog-

and-owner look-alike.

"My favorite part is seeing the variety of dogs that come out," said Megan Manzie, second-year student at UF's veterinary school and this year's event coordinator.

She said one of the most memorable costume contest winners from last year was a man dressed up in a hula outfit and his dog, which sported a grass skirt and a coconut bra.

The 5K run will start at 8 a.m. at Westside Park followed by the Fun Run at 9 a.m.

Participants can register online before the event or between 6:45 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. Saturday morning. Registration for the run is at dogdays5k.webs.com.

Construction job fair has low turnout

► THE NUMBER OF RECRUITERS ALSO DECREASED.

KATHLEEN BIRKHIMER

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Building Construction Career Fair invited students and recruiters to mingle from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

The fair has changed little since previous years, said Kim Stanley, the Rinker School of Building Construction's job placement coordinator.

However, the number of recruiters that attended decreased to 43 this year from 47 last year, and Stanley said student turnout seemed lower this year, too, but she did not know exact numbers.

"It's the lowest number of companies we've had, but more people are hiring full time," Stanley said. "[There will be] a huge job placement push in two years, and we're not going to have enough students."

Brian Bleakly, a recruiter from The Shaw Group, also spoke positively about the future of the construction industry.

"[In] any economy that's brought back up, it's done through construction," Bleakly said.



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Wizards World

Psychology junior Ana Gutierrez, 20, donned a blond wig to become Draco Malfoy for RUB's A Trip to Hogsmeade. Gutierrez lays on the ground awaiting the results of the costume contest, which was won by a student dressed as Luna Lovegood.

Student views vary on coed dorm issue

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The process would involve an exploration process, writing proposals, gaining approvals and moving to new policies and procedures.

Student opinion on the matter varies.

Tanya Naravane, a 21-year-old microbiology senior, said gender-inclusive dorm rooms wouldn't be a good idea. "Guys and girls live differently," Naravane said. "It would be awkward trying to dress, and it could cause issues."

But Carlo Claudio, a 21-year-old sports management senior, believes UF students should have the option of living in gender-inclusive dorms.

"I think it would be awesome," Claudio said. "I don't think it is a big deal or see any reason why not."

Sixty-five alumni were inducted as Grand Guards of UF this year

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alumni reunions and special events.

It's heartwarming to see these Gators "who are still very much bleeding orange and blue," Robinson said.

While sharing stories, the alumni recalled things that inspired them on campus and influential professors.

"It's just amazing to see the love and passion these Grand Guardians have for their university even 50 years later," Robinson said.

Activities included a UF history presentation, a class seminar on Alzheimer's disease research and a tailgate party for

Saturday's football game against Auburn University.

Levitt reminisced with friends he had not seen since graduation.

"Everyone who was there had an interesting story to tell," Levitt said.

"It's just amazing to see the love and passion these Grand Guardians have."

Jasmin Robinson

associate director of alumni reunions

The weekend's focal point was the Grand Guard induction ceremony Friday night.

To be a Grand Guard member, a person must have received his or her first degree at UF 50 years prior, Robinson said.

This year, 65 alumni were inducted by representatives of their former colleges. Inductees received a medallion, a lapel pin, a certificate and a copy of a video montage.

Levitt was impressed with the size of the check because it shows that "everybody gave something," he said.

The amount shows how generous people can be, said physical education graduate Judy Ford.

She took a picture with the check and sent it to her grandson in high school.

"I told him he wouldn't be getting any money from me because I gave it all to the university," Ford said.

Party to raise funds for autistic kids

A \$10 donation is required

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

Ariana Angel likes to line her teddy bears up in a row in the middle of her room.

The 5-year-old won't eat anything gooey, sticky or wet. She's a voracious reader who memorized "Goodnight Moon" after hearing her dad read it once, but she sometimes has trouble remembering not to tear up her books when she's done with them.

A high-functioning autistic child, Ariana was diagnosed with the disorder at 2-and-a-half years old.

"She's an incredible kid," said her dad, Josh Angel. "She has her own way of thinking and understanding things, and it's frustrating for her when we can't understand what she's trying to say."

Angel, 32, is the organizer of the Angels & Devils Autism Fundraiser Dance and Costume Party on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Dance Association hall, 308 W University Ave.

The evening will begin with a \$5 dance lesson from professional swing dancer Patti Jobst.

At 8:30 p.m., two dance floors will open. Angel will be playing West Coast swing music on the main floor, and DJ Chad "Big Daddy" Young will be playing a mix of Latin, ballroom and swing music on the second floor.

A minimum donation of \$10 is required to attend, and all proceeds will go to the UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.

CARD provides free services such as consultation, training and referrals for parents

and caregivers of children with autism.

Cathy Zenko, coordinator for education and training programs at CARD, said Angel's event couldn't have come at a better time as the center received a 20 percent budget cut this year and is expecting another 10 percent cut in 2012.

"Fundraisers have become critical to us now," she said. "They're really keeping us afloat so we don't have to go to more drastic measures like cutting staff."

The dance party is part of a larger initiative to give back to CARD, Angel said.

He has teamed with the SunShine Eagles Club to create monthlong fundraisers throughout October to benefit the center.

The total amount raised will be sent to the club's national headquarters in Ohio, where Angel said he hopes the donation will be matched.

Hillel hails soldier's freedom

ISRAELI SOLDIER GILAD SHALIT WAS RELEASED FIVE YEARS AFTER HIS CAPTURE.

CLAIRE MILLER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Songs and cheers could be heard Tuesday night from outside of UF Hillel on University Avenue. About 30 people gathered to celebrate the release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, smiling and crying just like Israelis in Mitzpe Hila in the northern Galilee in Israel.

Shalit was captured five years ago by Hamas, a U.S. State Department-listed terrorist organization, while patrolling the border of Gaza.

His tank was ambushed, and two of his comrades were killed. He was incarcerated, malnourished and had no contact with the outside world aside from the few interviews he was forced to videotape in Arabic.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu announced last week that there would be a swap: More than 1,000 Palestinian Hamas prisoners, most of whom had been convicted on trials of terrorist plots, would be traded for one Israeli soldier.

On Tuesday, Shalit was flown to a Tel Nof air base.

Josh Kahn, Jewish Agency Israel programming director at UF, said the return was an opportunity for the community to join and rejoice in Shalit's freedom.

"In Israel, there is this social contract between mothers and the army," Kahn said. "The deal is, we send our kids to you, and you have to bring them back."

Kahn was a sergeant from 2007 to 2009 in Infantry Nahal, 50th Airborne Battalion.

Frederick Rosenbluth, a Jewish studies and family, youth and community sciences junior, said Shalit is a hero.

"If I had one-eighth of his strength, I'd be a proud man."

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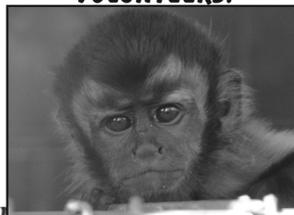
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Editorial

Bad Samaritans

People have no excuse for bypassing little girl

At some point during your college career, you might have heard a classmate or even a professor utter a phrase to the likes of "there is no such thing as right or wrong, just cultural differences."

"How can we be so ethnocentric and judge the actions of another culture based on our own moral prejudices?"

The 18 people in China that walked by the injured 2-year-old girl Yue Yue, lying in the middle of a street after being run over by two vans, are all morally reprehensible. Their cultural identity doesn't matter.

We understand that accidents happen. The two drivers of the van should certainly be held responsible for running over the poor girl. But their actions pale in comparison to the disgusting behavior of those who walked right past her.

The surveillance footage captured a man on a bike who, after noticing the girl, slowed down and looked, then continued on his way.

An atrocity like this would never happen in the U.S. There are countless stories of bystanders lifting burning cars off of people involved in accidents.

Sure, we cannot expect that one person has the ability to lift a bus, but if a girl is lying in the street, no one would pass by her without trying to call for help.

We have no background in anthropology, sociology or psychology, so it is hard for us to make assumptions about why this happened.

We can, however, judge this situation as being downright evil on the part of the bystanders. But how can we explain the "why?"

We are often taught that eastern cultures tend to be more collectivist than in western countries. So why did it take the 19 people to see the girl before someone called for help?

To be clear, we aren't saying that Chinese people are inherently evil or that they are worse than Americans. However, there is something wrong with the individuals who were caught on tape walking by Yue Yue.

Blaming this incident on China's economic boom or some sort of newfound "opportunism" or "materialism" in which all morality is suddenly lost seems too simplistic of an explanation.

There has to be more to it than this.

Were people afraid to help her? Were they afraid they would be framed for hurting her, given the surveillance cameras in the area?

According to the U.K. Daily Mail, "high-profile law suits have ended with good Samaritans ordered to pay hefty fines to individuals they sought to help."

Let us hope that Yue Yue, who is currently in a coma, will make it through this terrible situation.

Let us also hope that she will never have to see this sort of behavior in her community again.

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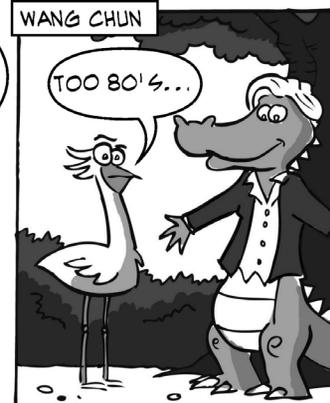
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Column

Quitting can sometimes be a good thing

From as early as we can remember, we are told, "Quitters never win. Winners never quit."

The phrase, as cliché as it is, has been ramrodded into the American psyche because of our history of tenacity and vigilance.

Is that really true? Think about it. Is there ever a point in our lives when it is okay to give up or throw in the towel?

Americans need to learn to be better quitters. However, that is not to say people should forgo their labors and investments when everything goes south.

Persistence should be heralded as a virtue. It paves the way for innovation and progress, but eventually, some pursuits should be left by the curb with the rest of the trash.

As any musician would tell you about tempo, quitting is all about the perfect timing.

Economists refer to the investment and time spent on a particular project, whatever that may be, as the "sunk cost." This concept also goes hand in hand with "opportunity cost," which is the loss of potential benefits that could have been received if you had chosen alternative ventures other than those pet projects to which you have been devoting your entire life to.

Businesses do this when they try to develop new technologies and innovations in their respective fields. They develop hundreds of ideas but use only two if they are lucky.

Great businesses know when to cut and run. Why would you spend all of your energy and time on something that will not work out.

To be candid, I am the biggest quitter I know. If I do not like something or, if after a while, I decide that crunching a bunch of numbers is not for me, I drop it faster than if my hands were on fire.

Growing up playing baseball taught me how much I do not have patience for being unproductive. Baseball is slow and boring, and I simply do not care about filling a position in the outfield on the off-chance a ball might come my way.



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Unfortunately, my mother would not let me quit until I reached the age of 14, which I did not appreciate because my once-naïve love of sports had long since been six feet under.

In a tournament, the coach benched me and my brother. We played outfield once in an inning;

that was the extent of our play time. It embarrassed me. I was being forced to play baseball, which consisted of me being forced to watch other kids play baseball.

I did not understand the reason I was here — to learn persistence or work ethic?

My brother and I quit the next day. Thankfully, an understanding and loving mother let that happen. She spearheaded the move.

I could not have been happier. My brother reciprocated the feeling. No more wasted afternoons of playing catch on the field. Naturally, I allocated my time to more pressing matters like defeating Bowser in "World 8" for the 11th time.

In all seriousness, it is as necessary to know when to stick something out as it is to just drop the ball and walk away. Our lives are not only constructed by the things we do, but also by the things we do not choose to pursue.

Students are coerced by outside sources to pursue goals and majors that do not personally resonate with them.

It is okay to quit. In fact, I encourage you to quit, especially those freshmen who are in the weed-out classes. Move on.

Quitting should not be looked down upon as a sign of failure or shame. Quitting can sometimes open up opportunities you might have otherwise never had.

After all, the late Steve Jobs was a quitter.
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The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Letter to the Editor

Oregon takes steps in right direction

Oregon's Court of Appeals recently overturned a long-standing rule that banned firearms on university campuses. This ruling is yet another data point on the trend toward restoring the rights of licensed, of-age individuals to defend themselves while pursuing their education.

The original suit was filed by the Oregon Firearms Federation on behalf of Jeff Maxwell, a student and U.S. Marine, who was arrested for carrying a small derringer pistol on campus for personal protection. The charges were later dropped, but Maxwell was suspended from school for violating the ban on firearms.

The most recent verdict stated that the university policy was an attempt to regulate firearms not authorized by the legislative assembly and, therefore, is preempted by state law.

This decision follows efforts in more than a dozen states over the past year to repeal restrictions on campus carry, many of which had support in the legislature, but were defeated by technicalities and opposition in committees. Another bill in Arizona made it through the Legislature but was vetoed by Gov. Jan Brewer on the grounds that ambiguous language still left firearm owners at risk of persecution.

However, in a sweeping move, Wisconsin went from being one of only two remaining states with no provisions for carry to allowing concealed carry, including on university campuses. In the general public, there is still much debate over the need to restore the right of self-defense on college campuses, but much of the opposition is based on fundamental misunderstandings of the goals of the campus carry movement and mis-

information on the subject of gun rights in general. Providing education and explanations on the subject is one of the main tools used by student and community groups such as Students for Concealed Carry to garner additional support for their cause.

One of the most common concerns is that campus carry would cause every student on campus to suddenly be armed. However, the truth is that Florida law still requires individuals to be 21 years old and pass a series of background checks to obtain a concealed carry permit. About one percent of Florida's population currently holds a carry permit, which would result in about 500 lawfully armed citizens on campus. These same citizens currently carry in grocery stores, movie theaters and restaurants without incident, so campus would be no different.

Rulings like those in Oregon take es-

sential steps toward the elimination of "defense-free zones" where university and state rules ensure that the only people who are armed are those who intend to break the law in the first place.

The fact that we trust and rely on students like Jeff Maxwell to defend our country and walk the streets of Fallujah with an M16 assault rifle and then deny them the right to defend themselves when they pursue higher education is both ironic and sad.

In a time and place where security and police are not able, nor required by law, to protect every individual student and faculty member, denying them the ability to defend themselves is reckless and irresponsible.

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Students for Concealed Carry at UF

Guest column

Ranked voting system would give more power to the voters

The protests of the "99 percent" occupying Wall Street and the rest of the country are inspiring because they showcase the frustrations of the American people — how they have been screwed over by the upward vortex of wealth-sucking via manufacturing and customer-service jobs going overseas, and the growing disparity between the income of your average CEO and your average worker (now 475-1 in America).

They will not, however, effect any real change that ordinary Americans really desire until legislation forces the hands of the greedy haves.

The Occupy Wall Street movement must get organized, form a political party and use the strength of its voting power. Otherwise, after the dust settles and the 99 percent go home or get arrested, it will just go back to being business as usual in the good ol' U.S.A.

This is a difficult prospect because Americans continue to seem strangely apathetic about straying away from the traditional two-party system, despite the recent gridlock in Washington and the economy going down the poverty tubes.

Although certain honest and noble independent candidates would often be a voter's first choice in an election, people are largely afraid to vote for such candidates because they feel doing so would likely take votes away from their second-choice on either side of the traditional political fence. Independent

Greg Allard
Speaking Out

candidates are often only seen as spoilers as opposed to realistically viable options.

There seems to be something intrinsically wrong with this in the face of the American spirit. Couldn't there be a system that opened up elections to more than just two parties, in which voters don't feel encumbered if they simply wish to vote their conscience? Of course, as you may have already suspected, there is such a system — the only question that naturally arises is why it is not being implemented.

Actually, it is, but only on some local levels like in Minneapolis and Oakland. Ranked voting basically works by ranking candidates in descending order when you vote.

I, for example, voted for Barack Obama during the Democratic primaries of 2008, but I really wanted to vote for Dennis Kucinich. Kucinich had already dropped out of the race by then, possibly because people who liked him weren't voting for him because they possessed the very same mentality that I had — they were afraid to cast a spoiler vote and thus get who they perceived to be the worst of the other evils elected.

Now, in the face of greedy banks and corporations draining America dry, it looks like a honest and valorous stand-up guy like Dennis Kucinich, who actually knows the facts, would have been golden right about now.

A ranked voting system would really help to satisfy the hunger of the 99 percent because in such a system, wealthy business interests can't so easily control the public's voting habits through the stranglehold of the two-party system. Once that's done, the public could vote its conscience without fear of casting spoiler votes and hopefully be able to elect honest politicians (a seeming oxymoron these days) who are not bought and sold by the lobbyists of these giant corporations.

Ranked voting gives each voter the ability to cast first, second and even third-place votes, in order to successfully avoid this quagmire. It can also be used to provide a percentage-based representation in Congress, as opposed to the winner-take-all system.

Conspiracy theorists have been claiming that the Republicans and Democrats merely represent different sides of the same coin for their wealthy shadow masters for years, and they have been labeled nuts by the mainstream.

Well, of course, some of them probably are nuts, but many of them have valid viewpoints that should be considered on their individual merits. The more each and every one of us becomes a critical thinker, however, the closer we'll get to holding the real key to creating tangible positive economic and political change in America through the only thing we really have: our voting power.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG executives voice support for Reitz renovation

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

Student Government executives spoke in support of the proposed Reitz Union renovation at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

Student Body President Anthony Reynolds said renovating and expanding the building would be "phenomenal," and he asked Treasurer T.J. Villamil to explain the project to the Senate.

UF's Local Fee Committee recommended last Wednesday that the Reitz Union be renovated and expanded. The project would be funded by leftover student-fee money, fees that students already pay and outside funding.

Villamil said the renovation and expansion would not require extra student fees. The committee has recently raised fees by 5 percent yearly, a practice Villamil said will continue.

Villamil said after the meeting that the idea has garnered support from students and student organizations, especially if students don't pay an extra fee.

He said he wanted to fully explain the financing of the project to senators.

J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers Chairman Sean Fahy plans to present the proposal at next week's Senate meeting. Fahy said he will also speak to other student organizations before the UF Board of Trustees votes on the recommendation in December.

Fahy said the expansion would benefit all students and student organizations. The expansion would likely include lounge and study areas, and more space for student organizations.

"This is not something that one party really supports," he said.

District C Senator Carly Wilson said some areas of the Reitz Union need to be changed, but she said the yearly 5 percent fee increase doesn't need to happen. Wilson suggested re-examining the SG budget, where she said funding could be found.



Rebecca Barnes / Alligator

Student Body Treasurer T.J. Villamil urged student senators at Tuesday night's meeting to support the movement to renovate and expand the Reitz Union building. The UF Board of Trustees will decide whether to approve the proposal in December.

County department moving into Seagle Building Annex



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

After 11 years, the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is moving its office to a new location at the Seagle Building Annex.

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Alligator Staff Writer

The employees of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department are moving on.

After 11 years, the organization is leaving its headquarters at the Union Street Station on Southeast Second Avenue.

While it is changing offices, it is keeping its location downtown. After the move, the EPD will be located in Suite 106 of the Seagle Building Annex at 408 W University Ave., according to an Alachua County Communications Office news release.

The move, prompted by a time of tight economic budgets, should save the department about \$25,000 a year, said Chris Bird, the EPD director for Alachua County.

That figure takes into account the one-time costs of the move, which include moving costs to physically transport office items as well as technical costs for setting up the computer system in the new office.

"We are all dealing with funding issues," Bird said of his department as well as other local agencies.

Although the new office is cheaper in the long run, it is also smaller. Compared to the EPD's current headquarters, which spans about 8,500 square feet, the new office is about 7,000 square feet.

The department also no longer uses workspace that it has subleased from the St. Johns River Water Management District for about 15 years, he said. The latter organization eliminated its Gainesville office, which it shared with the EPD, because budget cuts.

The move will take about a week, as office furniture and equipment are taken to the new location.

UF, Spain launch research satellites

JENNA BOX

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More than rain is over Spain's plains.

A collaboration between Spain and UF initiated research in small-satellite technology Friday in Madrid.

Florida Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll and Spain's Minister of Science and Innovation, Cristina Garmendia, signed a letter of understanding on Friday, according to a Space Florida news release.

The collaboration is to initiate technological development for agriculture in food and the aging population.

"[The satellites] have the potential to enable rapid turnaround and low-cost experiments in space," said Eric Ford, 33, an associate professor in astronomy.

Spain has been building its own small satellites for years but had to launch from Russia and France due to lack of launching resources.

Kennedy Space Center will help integrate UF's experimental satellites with Spain's satellites, according to an agreement signed in September.

In an effort to cut costs, satellites will be attached to larger spacecraft sent by entities like the Defense Department.

The first launch could happen as soon as February 2012, said astronomy department Chairman Rafael Guzman in a news release. He was in Spain over the weekend and could not be reached for comment due to his travel schedule.

Once in place, the satellites, which range in size from about 4 cubic inches to 3 cubic feet, will be able to detect and monitor crops for diseases.

The UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences will lead in trying to find a new technology to help growers. In Spain, a similar agency will begin parallel research, according to the Space Florida release.

The agreement offers more access to space for UF and Spain to continue these projects.

"Going to space is a big deal," Ford said. "This could benefit the commercial space industry in Florida."

Carroll said she hopes the research will create jobs in the industry as well.

"As space technologies move from the laboratory toward the commercial market, more than ever collaboration is needed," she wrote in an email.

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- MONEY: What is the standard currency of Vietnam?
- FAMOUS PEOPLE: Who was Time Magazine's Person of the Century in 1999?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Baltic Sea located?
- ANATOMY: What is "necrosis"?
- NATURAL WORLD: Where is the geyser Old Faithful located?
- MOVIES: What 1970s film's theme song was titled "Evergreen"?

Answers

- Quran
- 1815
- "Mission: Impossible"
- Stringed instrument played with hammers
- Dong
- Albert Einstein
- Northern Europe
- Death of body tissue
- Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
- "A Star is Born"

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- Black Panthers co-founder
- Entered carefully, as a highway
- With a leg on each side of
- Pope of 903
- Periodic weather disruption
- Crêche figure
- Apple for the teacher?
- Mild oath
- Wrigley slugger
- "Not my problem"
- Go along with
- Whistle bead
- Fish lacking pelvic fins
- Half-___: coffee order
- Some steak orders
- Go public with
- New girl in gown?
- Some Caltech grads
- "___ of Our Birth": Isle of Man national anthem
- Negative conjunction
- Some Spanish escudos were made of it
- Pond accumulation
- PBS benefactor
- Blacktop material
- Tbsp. or tsp.
- Yellow-flag carrier
- Emma's portrayer in "The Avengers"
- Chance upon
- Wearrying grind
- Joe Greene or Lynn Swann, notably
- Focal points
- Wiped clean
- Calculator figs.
- Crayola's "burnt" color
- Soap box?
- Chug-a-lug
- Platte River tribe
- Grand Ole Opry st.
- Put a roof on
- Key below the tilde
- Diciembre ends it

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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xwordeditor@aol.com 10/19/11

DOWN

- Wishing one hadn't rocked the boat?

By Jack McInturff
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This season, team up with the Alligator and St. Francis House, and you could win a \$75 gift certificate

To enter, drop off your holiday donations totaling five (5) points from the following list of foods at the the Alligator, located at 1105 W. University Ave.

1 pt each Canned Goods:

- Green Beans
- Corn
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberries
- Fruit Cocktail

2 pts each Thanksgiving Favorites:

- Stuffing Mix
- Mashed Potato Mix
- Shredded Coconut
- Marshmallows

All items must be unopened and not expired.

St. Francis House is also in need of frozen turkeys, which can be donated independently to SFH at 413 S. Main St.

Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. November 2. Bring goods to the Alligator, located at 1105 W. University Ave. to fill out an entry form. Five points required for one entry form. Multiple entries allowed. Turkey donations do not count toward points. Winners will be chosen by random drawing. Winners will be notified Thursday, November 3. Winners will be announced in the November 4 Homecoming edition. Positive ID required to collect winnings. Officers, directors, employees of the Alligator & their family members, or affiliates of the contest are not eligible to enter contest. You do not need to be present to win. Grand prize cash value: \$750. Prizes are non-transferrable. Gratuity and sales tax not included. Prizes must be claimed by November 11, 2011. No purchase necessary to enter.

St. Francis House, Inc.
#HOMELESS SHELTER AND SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.

St. Francis House is in need of donations such as personal hygiene items and household cleaners such as bleach and liquid Lysol. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephanie Breal at (352) 378-9079 or by e-mail at sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfcoxmail.com

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13 Wanted

European professional couple is looking for an egg donor. The husband is originally from Florida, the wife is European, and the couple resides in England. Potential donor must be between 21-26 years old; Caucasian, in good health; a current student with good grades or a graduate of a university. A Russian/Slavic background preferred but other backgrounds would be gladly considered. FINANCIAL REWARD is negotiable and will depend on a donor's qualities but will be SUBSTANTIALLY higher than standard clinical rate of 3,000 dollars. Treatment (standard IVF) will take place at a UF hospital, will require a few weeks but will not be interruptive to donor's everyday life. The cost will be fully met by the couple. Candidates should email a brief description of themselves and a recent photo to nvm.donor@yahoo.co.uk Full confidentiality guaranteed. 10-25-11-7-13

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Brantley not practicing, status for UGA uncertain

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Though he remains hopeful that John Brantley will be ready for the Georgia game Oct. 29, coach Will Muschamp said Tuesday that Florida's starting quarterback will not practice this week.

Brantley, who suffered a sprained ankle Oct. 1 against Alabama, has not practiced since the injury occurred. He was on the sidelines in a walking boot this past weekend, when Florida played Auburn.

"[Brantley is] doing everything he can do to get back. It's been very frustrating for him and us."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

Brantley will throw this week, but Muschamp said the redshirt senior won't be ready until his side-to-side movement improves — an action that puts stress on the ankle.

"He's living in the training room," Muschamp said. "He's doing everything he can do to get back. It's been very frustrating for him and us."

Asked whether Brantley would be allowed to play if still limited, Muschamp said that decision would be between the quarterback and the trainer, Anthony Pass.

This week, freshmen Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel will split repetitions. Brissett played the first half at quar-



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Florida starting quarterback John Brantley was still wearing a walking boot Saturday, but coach Will Muschamp said he hopes Brantley will return to practice next week.

terback against Auburn, and Driskel took snaps in the second. Neither was effective, as the Gators managed just 128 passing yards.

Earmuffs: Muschamp apologized Tuesday for using profanity on the sidelines Saturday. After running back Chris Rainey muffed a punt in the first quarter against Auburn, Muschamp could be heard on ESPN ripping the referees.

The blog sportsgrid.com posted a video of Muschamp's rant with isolated field audio minutes after it happened Saturday night, and the clip has since gone viral.

After calling for a fair catch, Rainey bobbled the ball, and Auburn recovered. As Rainey was trying to field the ball, a Tigers player ran close by, and after the play Rainey signaled to the refs that he thought kick-

catch interference should have been called.

Muschamp also argued with the refs, and he continued to berate them after calling a timeout.

The coach came to Gainesville with the nickname "Coach Boom," a label he earned because of his dramatic sideline demeanor at Texas and Auburn. Muschamp has

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Rosario more than ready after redshirting

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Last season, Mike Rosario went from being the leading scorer on a Big East team to a practice player.

After transferring from Rutgers in April 2010, Rosario was forced to spend games biding his time on UF's bench. When the Gators needed a big shot, he could only be a cheerleader.

In just more than two weeks, Rosario will have a chance to change that role. Following a year in limbo, he's looking for a step forward in his playing career, not another setback.

"It feels like I have waited a decade, two, three decades to play," said Rosario, a redshirt junior. "That's how long it felt. But I'm

excited, and it's here. It's time, and

all of that hard work I did through that whole year I had to sit out, it's going to pay off now."

Last year was a humbling experience for a sharpshooter who scored a team-best 16.7 points per game his last season with the Scarlet Knights. Rosario was the program's first McDonald's All-American and just the second sophomore in Rutgers' history to reach 1,000 points.

"He could've got mad or frustrated by sitting out, but he was always cheering us on," junior guard Kenny Boynton said. "And in practice, he worked hard and he pushed us."

Before coming to Florida, the 6-foot-3 Rosario, who can play both guard positions, said he had never gone more than two weeks in his career without playing an actual game.

That's not to say he still didn't get a workout on the sideline

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END OF GREGULATION

Guard-heavy Gators must go back to roots

After an 8-year period of mostly grind-it-out play, the 2011-12 Florida basketball season will finally mark the return of Billy Ball.

With three vaunted frontcourt seniors heading out and two more talented guards coming in, the Gators are going to have to pick up the pace and force teams to fight for every inch of the 94-foot court.

"Because we have speed and quickness in the backcourt, we really need to try and get up the floor and try to be a more full-court defensive team," coach Billy Donovan said.

To the naked eye, that style may have



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always been there. But a look at the numbers shows otherwise.

Since 2002-03, only one Florida team has ranked in the top 45 percent of the country in tempo rating — a metric that estimates a team's playing speed by calculating possessions per minute

Even that group, which won the 2005-06 national championship, had just a 67.9 rating, placing it near the middle of the pack

in Division I. And the Gators only slowed things down from there.

That trend reached its lowest point last season, when Florida's 64.1 tempo rating was 290th of 345 Division I teams, according to Kenpom.com. With Florida's best attack options on the interior, the Gators all but abandoned the run-and-gun style. Rather than jacking threes in transition, UF let Vernon Macklin set up on the blocks for his patented hook shot.

That was all well and good, but Macklin and Co. are gone.

Of the nine most talented players on this

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Guard Jaterra Bonds played a large role for the Gators last season, making the Freshman All-Southeastern Conference team. See Story, Page 16.

Sturgis Honored

Florida place kicker Caleb Sturgis was named to the CBSSports.com Midseason All-America Team on Tuesday. Sturgis leads the nation with 15 field goals and is tied for third in points by a kicker (64).



Quotable

"We're not that far away."

Will Muschamp
UF coach
(on the state of his team)

Bonds works to build on strong freshman year

► SHE AVERAGED 9.9 POINTS AND 2.5 ASSISTS PER GAME LAST SEASON.

JOE MORGAN

Alligator Writer

During a trying season, Jatterra Bonds helped the Gators hold it together.

Florida added six players to the fold last year, leading to a season filled with growing pains.

Turnovers and blown leads proved costly as the Gators spent the season adjusting to their new teammates' playing styles and in-game tendencies.

Luckily for Florida, Bonds contributed from the get-go.

"She really has ... a toughness about her," coach Amanda Butler said. "(She has) a presence that, as a coach, you better go and find it in recruiting, because it's something that I don't think we can put in them."

Bonds ranked second on the team with 27.1 minutes, 9.9 points and 2.5 assists per game last season, and she set a freshman school record by appearing in 34 games.

Perhaps her finest stretch came during Florida's 6-2 run to end the season.

In those eight games, Bonds averaged 14.9 points per contest, including a then-career-high 22 in a 74-71 upset victory at home against then-No. 22 Georgia.

She surpassed that mark nearly one month later, leading Florida with 23 points in a season-ending 81-77 overtime loss to Charlotte in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Bonds' play earned her a spot on the 2011 Southeastern Conference All-Freshman squad.

"That made her hungrier for more," Butler said. "She's definitely the type of competitor — especially at the point guard position — that you have to have if you're going to have a team that's going to do some special things."

Bonds echoed her coach's sentiments, admitting she wants "bigger and better things" this season.

One aspect of her game that Bonds has worked on is the precision of her passing, which she believes will improve now that she is more familiar with her teammates.

Bonds also said she has placed an increased focus on defensive intensity, a skill the entire team worked on during the summer.

"We're (like-minded) when we start talking about things like toughness and how we want to be perceived," Butler said.

With 10 players returning from last season's squad, the Gators expect to be a team worthy of an NCAA Tournament bid come March.

Butler's plan to get Florida back to that level, put simply, is to "win more games."

The Gators won five more games last season than they did during the 2009-10 campaign, a feat that, if repeated, should get them back to the Big Dance.

Florida has the experience to get there. But as the point guard, Bonds will have to set the tone.

"We kind of panicked and didn't expect certain things to happen (last year)," she said. "You don't ever want to forget (a mistake) because you don't want it to happen again."



Guard Jatterra Bonds was a spark for Florida last season, averaging nearly 15 points per game as the Gators finished the season on a 6-2 run.

Parrish back to form after bike crash

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Blood trickled down his face. Gravel dug into his wounds. His swollen ankle seemed to be hiding a baseball.

Mark Parrish's first week of school was tougher than yours.

Friday morning, Aug. 19, the sophomore UF runner rode his racing bicycle down University Avenue on his way to a more challenging area for riding. But there was no bigger challenge than when he was struck by a turning car.

The vehicle was turning into a shopping plaza, but the woman driving never looked to see if there was



Parrish

someone in the bicycle lane. There was nothing for Parrish to do but brace for impact — and hope it wouldn't affect his season.

"I knew it was going to happen," Parrish said, "but there was nothing I could do about it, which was the worst part."

He gathered himself and stood to see what concerned him most at the time — his bike.

"I actually looked down at the bike and said, 'Ah man! My bike is messed up,'" he said.

His focus quickly shifted when he returned to the Lemerand Athletic Center with his coach, Todd Morgan, to hear his ankle might be broken.

"When someone tells an athlete something might be broken, it's a really scary thing," Parrish said.

Morgan was just happy Parrish was OK — at first. Then it hit Parrish: he was "not OK running-wise."

Finding out Parrish's injury was a sprain was a relief in some sense, but Morgan still wanted to be cautious.

"He just had to be patient. It had to heal," Morgan said. "I kept reassuring him he was still fit and the meet that counts were still a long time away."

It didn't take long for Parrish to be back at 100 percent, as just a month later he finished seventh overall at the Gators' home meet. Three weeks later, he led his team with a career-best 8K time. His performance in Wisconsin on Friday earned him co-Southeastern Conference Men's Runner of the Week honors.

Two weeks of intense rehab, which included pool and bicycle workouts, gave Parrish a reason to be discouraged. But he and Morgan agree that positivity was key to Parrish recovering rapidly.

"As an athlete, you have to be able to face that kind of diversity and challenges," Parrish said. "And that's what makes an athlete; it's not just the guy who can train the best."

The SEC Championship is his next challenge, but the best part for Parrish: no cars.

Gators' total team effort brings home title

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The Gators entered Tuesday with a 10-stroke lead. Turns out the cushion was more than enough.

Florida went 3-over in its final round to hold on and win The Bake at the par-72, 7,344-yard Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, S.C. The tournament victory is the team's first of the season.

The Gators finished with a score of 858 (291-276-291, -6), 11 shots ahead of UAB.

Coach Buddy Alexander said he was proud of how his team rebounded after a disappointing

showing at the rain-shortened Inverness Intercollegiate on Sept. 27.

"For them to bounce back and play well here was pretty cool," he said. "We've worked pretty hard all semester, and it's nice to get that first win of the year on a great golf course. This was a very positive couple of days. I'm not incredibly shocked or surprised, since I knew we were certainly better than how we played [the last two events]."

Junior Tyler McCumber shot a 211 (-5) but fell to No. 2 in the individual standings after tallying two bogeys and a double bogey on his final five holes. He sat atop

the leaderboard for most of the tournament, but UAB's Sam Love (-7), who made four birdies on his back nine, jumped McCumber to earn the individual title.

"Tyler is a very talented player," Alexander said. "He'll learn and get better from this, but I'm proud of the way he's played all year. This is the first tournament where he's ... hit the ball with a lot of confidence."

Adding to his impressive third-place tournament finish, junior T.J. Vogel used three birdies and 13 pars to card a 1-under

71 on Tuesday. Junior Tommy Mou shot even par and recorded a team-high 14 birdies during the two-day span.

Vogel finished with his second top-five result of the season, while Mou tied with five other golfers for seventh. In all, four Gators finished inside the top 20.

"Tyler and T.J. have been carrying us around a little bit this year, and they got some help," Alexander said. "Two guys can't do it by themselves."

"The bottom line is that we got some stuff from some other people this week, and the results were obvious."

UF Golf

Rosario trying to overcome back injury, time off

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during the Gators' Elite Eight run.

"There was times where I was so sweaty," Rosario said. "I'm not gonna lie: so sweaty from jumping around, but I knew it was for the better and it was to help my team."

Like former UF center Vernon Macklin, a transfer from Georgetown, Rosario felt the toughest part of the season was when conference play started.

He would look at the scouting reports, eat the pregame meal and watch his teammates get pumped before tipoff, but he wasn't a part of the action. Workouts were Rosario's version of a game.

"Oh, man, I wanted to grab a uniform so bad sometimes," he said.

Since the preseason, Rosario has had another obstacle placed between him and the court: a disc problem in his lower back. The injury caused numbness and tingling down his legs, but Rosario said he is feeling much better after treatment.

Coach Billy Donovan said Rosario's back injury won't require surgery, and he doesn't think it will affect his playing time this year.

"Because he understands his back, I don't see Mike just dealing with the pain and not saying anything," Donovan said. "I think he understands in order for him to get treated that it's only going to get

worse if he does that."

As the only player other than Erving Walker entering his fourth year of college basketball, Rosario believes he will bring leadership to the team. He also didn't place as much emphasis on scoring this summer; instead, he tried to improve as a defender.

After a "really, really bad" first practice defensively, Donovan said Rosario

made strides later in the weekend and should contribute immediately for Florida.

"I think I'm too excited, actually," Rosario said. "I might need to like take a cold shower before my first game, because I'm so hyped to get out there and play."

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Guard Mike Rosario sat out last season after transferring from Rutgers, and he is fighting an injured back and a deep roster for playing time this year.

Muschamp will not change demeanor

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been criticized at times this season for the same antics, though he made it clear Tuesday he does not plan to change.

"It's hard when you got a 6-year-old and a 10-year-old at home," he said. "You got to go home and explain to them what you said. ... As far as the sideline stuff is concerned, we're going to be who we are. I'm just apologizing for the language. Nothing else."

Injuries: Cornerback Jeremy Brown (sprained knee) will take reps in practice this week, Muschamp said. Brown has been sidelined since the first week of training camp in August.

The coach also said running back Jeff Demps (left ankle), wide receiver Andre Debose (leg), running back Mike Gillislee (unspecified), Buck linebacker Ronald Powell (unspecified), kicker Caleb Sturgis (strained leg) and guard Dan Wenger (lower leg) will practice this week.

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year's roster — Brad Beal, Kenny Boynton, Erik Murphy, Casey Prather, Mike Rosario, Erving Walker, Scottie Wilbekin, Will Yeguete and Patric Young — there is just one true center and one true power forward.

That will result in a lot of three- and even four-guard lineups, which can mean only one thing: The Gators will run. A lot.

And that's right up Donovan's alley.

In his first six years at Florida, from 1996-97 to 2001-02, his slowest team played at a tempo of 71.6 (2001-02). The

fastest was the 1997-98 team at 75.4. For perspective, that team would have ranked as the third-fastest squad in the nation last year.

"Being that we have a lot more depth and knowing that in the past coach Donovan liked to press a lot, I think we'll be a much more fast-paced team," Walker said.

Wilbekin and Boynton, perhaps the team's two best defenders, said they would like to see that shift.

"We'll be a trap team," Boynton said. "We're going to press and we're going to run. ... I like that."

Said Wilbekin: "I love playing defense. I love running, so it sounds good to me."

Prather, who ranks next to Boynton and Wilbekin in dis-

cussions of defensive ability, said the press would be a good way to use his athleticism.

Even Florida's bigs have bought into the idea. Well, sort of.

"As long as I'm in the back of the press just chillin' I'm fine with that," Young said, joking. "I run pretty well, I think. I'll be able to go along with that pretty well."

Murphy said he's in the best shape of his life, and Yeguete said he loves playing defense up and down the floor.

All of Florida's players seem to be on board, and that's a good thing.

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After putting extra emphasis on digging the past two weeks, libero Taylor Unroe has recorded 43 digs in the Gators' last three games — all UF straight-set wins.

Florida finishing teams quickly

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For Florida's volleyball team, there's something about third sets.

The question of exactly why the third frame has been so kind to the Gators in 2011 can garner mixed reactions.

"I'm not really sure why we do it, to be honest," redshirt freshman libero Taylor Unroe said.

What she's referring to is a sense of dominance the Gators have carried in three sets for much of this season. In 18 matches, Florida has lost the third set just twice — once in an eventual 3-1 win against Kentucky on Sept. 23 and another two days later in a five-set loss to No. 20 Tennessee.

No. 13 Florida (15-3, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) will try to keep that success going tonight at 8 as it takes on South Carolina (10-9, 1-8 SEC) in an away game that will be televised live on ESPNU.

"No matter how much preparation we do prior to a match — showing the players video and all — there's nothing like when you're on the court and you get into a rhythm," coach Mary Wise said.

Third-set success has been most apparent for Florida in its last three victories, helping to extend the team's current six-match winning streak.

Against LSU, Ole Miss and Alabama, Florida out-hit its opponents .403 to minus-.073 in the third set. The Gators have won the three sets by a total of 43 points. While the offense has certainly played a role, a large part of the credit goes to the backcourt play of Unroe.

In the past three games, Unroe has recorded 43 digs. She picked up 21 in the three games before that. All six matches were straight-set victories.

"The numbers say it," Wise said. "What we see in Taylor is execution, but also I think there's a different mindset."

After Unroe put an emphasis on raising her dig numbers a couple of weeks ago, Florida's libero said she is pleased at her latest numbers but tends to be more critical when looking at herself.

"It's good to see numbers go up, but there's still a lot more learning and improving I can do," she said.

"What we see in Taylor is execution, but also I think there's a different mindset."

Mary Wise
UF coach

Aside from Unroe's play, Wise and players alike lean toward Florida's combination of senior leadership and youth as to why third sets seem to be the Gators' time for easy wins. Wise expects players to make appropriate adjustments during the first two sets of the match.

"Players with high volleyball IQ should be that way," Wise said. "When you've got young players, you're just hoping they're in the right position."

But according to Unroe, the biggest key to third-set success might simply be the Gators' recent penchant for quick wins.

"We feel like we have nothing to lose since we're up 2-0," she said. "That's a big comfort zone for us."



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