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The Paper Trail

Even in down year, UF football boosts local businesses

TYLER JETT
Alligator Staff Writer

At the corner of University Avenue and NW 13th Street, inside the Holiday Inn, on a lime green chair in the lobby, sits Kim Layton, class of '85. Kim is a former military brat, moved around a lot as a kid, came to UF in part because no one knew her. She stayed in town 13 years.

Now, she works as a paralegal outside Atlanta, but she owns season tickets. She is in Gainesville today to see Florida play Furman with her husband, Skip, and another couple. Last night, they ate at Leonardo's Pizza. They also shopped at the UF Bookstore in the Reitz Union.

Kim shopped for her brother, Scott, an alumnus and a Phi Delta Theta. Her sister, Tamara, was a Delta Delta Delta. Kim was a Phi Mu. She and Skip picked up car decorations, shirts and Christmas ornaments. Every time she is in town, Kim shops.

"You've got to," she says.

Kim, 48, is a pale woman with glasses and short, auburn hair. She is wearing a blue-and-white checkered button down with a small Gators logo on the chest.

"You gotta come down and see all the old buildings and feel connected to the school. We're still connected."

Those ties, pulling thousands of alumni back to Gainesville for a handful of weekends each year, provide a boost to local businesses, even when the economy is down, even when the Gators are worse.

In 2009, home football games generated about \$106 million in the economy, according to a study by UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Football doesn't create nearly as much money as the university's healthcare services or day-to-day operations do, both of which generate north of \$2 billion annually. But those things go on all year. Football is for seven weekends.

The team's 6-5 record has suspended interest and, to a degree, sales, though the extent of that affect is only subjective.

Early afternoon games lead to less money, as do opponents from college football's cellar. If Florida is playing at noon, a lot of fans will drive to and from Gainesville on Saturday rather than stay at a hotel, which often demands customers pay for two nights, says John Pricher, tourism development director for Alachua County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

The Swamp Restaurant saw significantly less customers for last Saturday's 1 p.m. game than it normally does, office manager Israel Mendez said. And of 24 hotels called, including the Holiday Inn, only the 36-room Reitz Union Hotel was booked 10 days before the FSU game.

Still, football season is busier than any other time. Among those 24 hotels, the median cost for a room with two beds for Saturday's game against Florida State is \$189 — an 82 percent hike from a non-football weekend.

And even though sellouts have been inconsistent this year, fan

support has not fallen off dramatically: average attendance has only dropped 2 percent compared with the previous two seasons. Some business owners say the team's performance isn't as important as the time of the game — Florida hasn't played a primetime home game since its Oct. 1 clash with Alabama. This Saturday's game kicks off at 7 p.m.

But regardless of the time, regardless of Florida's record, regardless of the attendance drop and fan expectations and the opponent, game days are still better than any other Saturday.

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It is a little after 10 a.m., and while Kim chats in the Holiday Inn lobby, Troop 614 Scoutmaster Jason Chamberlain directs cars into the open lot on the other side of 13th Street. Chamberlain and a group of volunteers in matching orange shirts are selling spots for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the local boy scouts chapter. On an average game day, they sell 450 spots.

Going west on University Avenue, about 10 people pace back and forth for three blocks, tickets held above their heads. Open-market scalping laws have been in place in Florida since 2006. Standing in front of the Gator Wesley Center, two men hold signs advertising tickets

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Kim Layton
class of '85

for sale. A group of five fans walk by. Nobody takes the bait.

"Too many motherf***** seats today," says an old white man in calf-high tube socks, muddy New Balances and a trucker hat.

"I still got six," a bulky black man in dreadlocks and sunglasses replies.

Three blocks over, at the Florida Book Store across from Keene-Flint Hall, DJ Eff-150 from 100.5 The Buzz is roasting Furman fans from atop the store's overhang while "Can't Stop" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers plays.

Fridays on game weekends are twice as profitable as on other weekends, assistant store manager Taryn Emswiler says, Sundays three times as much. Saturdays, of course, are the busiest days.

are twice as productive as any other day.

Jacquelyn's back is to 101 Cantina, where an outdoor tailgate with seven bars, a stage and a sound system has been set up — home games pay the bills for the whole year, bartender Tyler Fawbush says.

Dee Dee Ricks, class of '90 and the subject of a recent HBO documentary, is at the entrance promoting a cancer awareness non-profit when a woman in a gray Gators sweatshirt approaches her. The woman is talking and laughing and nodding her head all at once. She recognizes Dee Dee from TV.

On the other side of NW 17th Street, UF Plaza looks like a market. Gator Shop has erected a pair of tents covering its merchandise: sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats, license plates, lanyards. The works.

At the Copper Monkey tent, employees are setting up six tables while a sign advertises cheeseburgers and fries and liquor and Jell-O shots and beer.

In front of Relish stands a bouquet of 136 beer cans: Heineken, Bud Light, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Stella Artois.

"It's like a parking lot party," Gator Shop co-owner Joi Bass says. Even with a bad team, alumni still shop because they can't find Florida gear back home, she says.

A couple doors down, about 25 people are drinking in the Salty Dog Saloon. An hour from now, the place will be more crowded. An hour earlier, the doors had just opened and general manager Keith Singleton was confused. He had been at the bar since 7:30 the night before.

"Who am I supposed to be calling?" he asked a female employee, small bags under his eyes.

"Chris," the woman said.

"He's missing out on so much business right now," Keith responded, dryly.

The bar is empty at 9 a.m., save for a couple other workers. Keith says he doesn't know why Salty Dog opens so early. He used to be doing game-day shots with the regulars at 9 a.m. But the regulars graduated, and nobody took their place. He blames President Bernie Machen, who raised admission standards and weeded out the Salty Dog crowd.

"It's nothing like it used to be. I'm the manager; I don't deal with customers as much as the rest of these guys," he said, eyeing the rest of the workers. "Really, I mostly have to deal with people who are getting in fights, getting thrown out. That never happens anymore. That's good, I guess. But still, this place is nothing like it used to be."

Two doors down, Balls experiences a similar traffic flow: empty at 9, small group at 10, crowded by 11.

At Italian Gator, the usual two-person crew in the cramped quarters is replaced by an assembly line of four or five workers, none of them moving more than two feet to either side as they relay slices and pies to each other.

Today's game won't be as prof-

itable as next week's, general manager Damon Bailey says. Even so, the price for a slice is 50 cents more than a normal day, and sales usually double.

The sidewalk at midtown is crowded. Fans, scalpers and vendors are walking toward the stadium.

Past XS, past Gator City, past Dunkin' Donuts and another merchandise tent and the St. Augustine's Church, where the Catholic Gators Student Ministries are selling hats and T-shirts and hoodies — "Real Champions Pray!"

Past a tent selling Italian sausage, polish sausage, cheesesteaks. Past Lulu's Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade booth. Past the eight-story condo project still under construction. Past the Delta Upsilon house and University Lutheran.

As the game draws closer, scalpers become desperate — doesn't anyone want this ticket?

■ ■ ■

Next to the Pi Kappa Alpha house, facing Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, inside the white tent with five Gators flags on top, Henry Cummings watches fans shop. He has been here since 8 a.m.

Cummings, 59, is a tall black gentleman with a gray goatee. He ran track at Florida from 1971-74, and he has been working at Jacksonville-based Sports Mania for five years.

He will keep the portable store open for about two hours after Saturday's game. He usually does.

Like most vendors, though, he is looking forward to next week. More people will be here. He will sell Florida State gear, too. And after night games, he sometimes gets to open back up on Sunday mornings.

Business is never really that bad, though, he says. Sports Mania makes between \$5,000-\$15,000 each Saturday.

Inside the tent, one girl walks out with a pack of wristbands, and a woman shows off some blue Gators slippers.

"People are gonna shop, regardless," Cummings says. "This is the Gators we're talkin' about."

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INJURY REPORT

OUT
CB Jeremy Brown (knee)
CB Marcus Roberson (neck)

QUESTIONABLE
OL Chaz Green (ankle)

PROBABLE
OL Dan Wenger (ankle)
LB Lerentee McCray (shoulder)

TE Jordan Reed (ankle)
OL Xavier Nixon (undisclosed)
RB Chris Rainey (ankle)

INJURY REPORT

OUT
C David Spurlock (undisclosed)
DT Darius Cummings (hand)

Economic Impact of UF Athletics (2009)

Sport:	Impact:
Football	\$106 million
Baseball	\$5.66 million
Basketball*	\$3.30 million
Track**	\$2.46 million
Gymnastics	\$1.24 million
Softball	\$723,289
Volleyball	\$468,091
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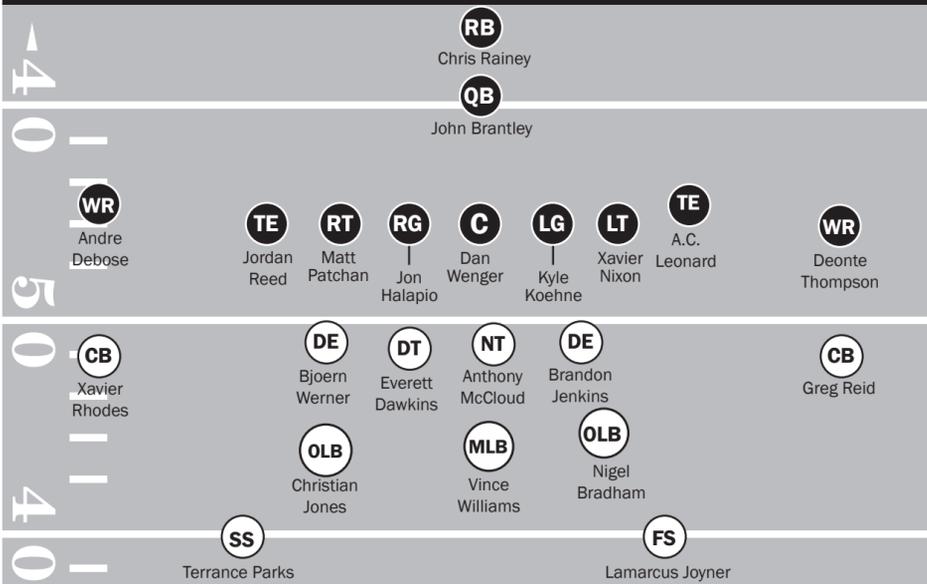
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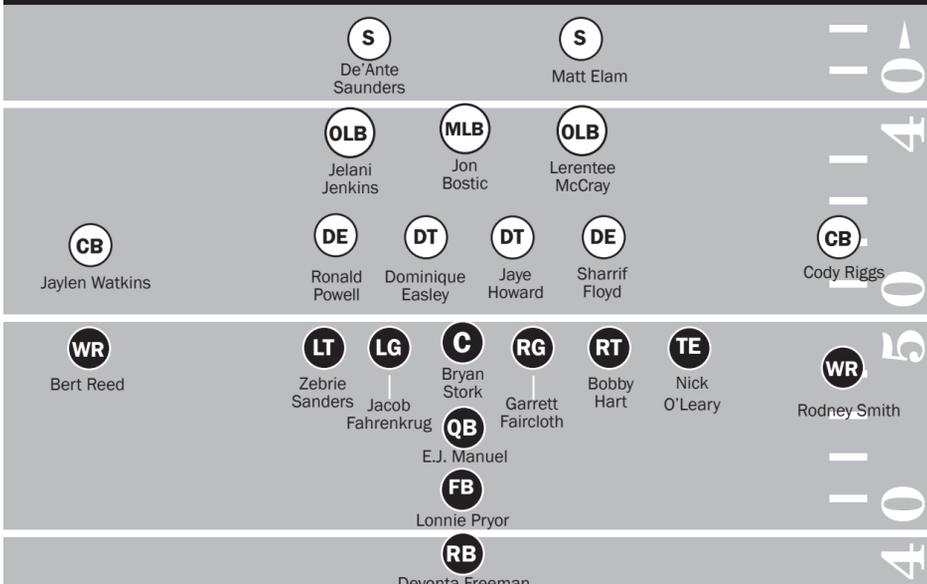
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UF offense vs. FSU defense



UF defense vs. FSU offense



The Gators rank second in the nation in threes but are still searching for balance on offense. See story, page 14.



Alex Catalano

Kubisz's Spider

Jacob Kubisz's scientific art display "Vital" sits on display as part of the "Codified: Art + Genetics" exhibit on the third floor of the UF Cancer and Genetics Research Complex. The exhibition runs through Tuesday, and is free for the public.

Grooveshark sued by major music company

▶ THE COMPANY IS ACCUSED OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Grooveshark's parent company, Escape Media Group, is being sued by Universal Music Group over a claim of copyright infringement.

A 93-page complaint filed Friday in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan said Grooveshark.com, a music-streaming website headquartered in Gainesville and started by UF alumni,

used songs owned by Universal Music Group without its permission. The music in question includes songs by Elton John, Lady Gaga and Jay-Z.



Elton John

The complaint also said that Escape Media Group executives and employees illegally downloaded about 100,000 songs to add to the company's library. The complaint stated Universal Music Group is asking \$150,000

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PUBLIC SAFETY

UPD to up security Saturday

MORGAN WATKINS

Alligator Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials will be out in full force Saturday for the annual UF-Florida State University football game.

The University Police are teaming up, as usual, with the Gainesville Police, Alachua County Sheriff's Office and Florida Highway Patrol for gameday, said Maj. Brad Barber, UPD public information officer.

Between 250 and 300 officers patrol typical gamedays, but a full force of about 300 officers are working this Saturday's game, he said.

"We still recognize that this is a very competitive and heated rivalry game," he said, "and given that it is also a night game, we're preparing for it accordingly."

During rivalry Gator football games this season, officials have made more arrests and ejected more people from Ben Hill Griffin Stadium than during non-rivalry ones, according to UPD news releases about home games.

For example, 15 people were ejected at the UF-Furman University game Saturday, and 102 people were ejected and seven were

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Gainesville traffic will be heavy as people head out of town
Archer Road, Newberry Road are the most crowded

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Peter Andriotis spent Tuesday afternoon on the highway, but he couldn't set his car in cruise control like he usually does.

Andriotis, a 20-year-old anthropology junior, is among those who left Gainesville to spend Thanksgiving with family

and friends.

Like other students, he faced holiday traffic.

"It's not terrible, but it's noticeable," said Andriotis, who drove to Tampa.

Chip Skinner, city public works spokesman, said the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving are normally days with heavy traffic, particularly

"Saturday will definitely be worse than Friday."

Chip Skinner

city public works spokesman

on Archer Road and Newberry Road as people head to Interstate 75.

For drivers who want to avoid heavy traffic when leaving town, he suggests taking Williston

Road and avoid driving toward I-75 during the afternoon and early evening.

He said traffic during the days before Thanksgiving usually lightens up around 7 p.m.

Friday is generally the best day to return to Gainesville to avoid heavy traffic, Skinner said.

People will be on the road Friday in order to get to Gainesville

in time for the game against FSU, but the roads will still be clearer than Saturday or Sunday, he said.

On Saturday, he recommends getting on the road early.

Around 4 p.m., drivers who live in Orlando and other nearby cities will hit the road, making traffic worse.

"Saturday will definitely be worse than Friday," he said. "It's going to be very busy on Sunday."

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UF Performing Arts presents "My Fair Lady," the musical by which all others are measured. The show's 1956 Broadway production set a new record for the longest run of any major theater production in history. Student tickets are \$20. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

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Social media model used to predict animal movements

Study performed by UF scientists

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Scientists used the same statistics that decide your "suggested friends" on Facebook to predict how well an endangered species population can travel from one habitat to the

next.
The study, performed by scientists at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, tested statistical models and compared them to actual movements of species.

For example, if you have a friend who has a friend, statistical models can predict the

likelihood that you know that third person, determining "suggested friends," said Brian Reichert, a graduate research assistant and Ph.D. candidate who worked on the study.

Instead of using friends, the study took potential habitats of an endangered species and used the social network model to predict where a species would move. The ability to move, called connectivity, can help a species survive.

The predictions were very accurate when compared to the true movements a species made.

"Connectivity affects the long-term persistence of a population," Reichert said. "If a population is well-connected and can move throughout points easily, there's a chance it can interbreed better and be healthier. If it can't get from place to place, it will go extinct."

Students document football team in transit

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In 60 minutes, the Gators football team produces 80 pounds of dirty clothes.

For one away game, 200 sets of uniforms for 70 players must be transported.

Nike provides each Gators player with five different styles of cleats.

Thirteen UF students and two UF professors spent their semester working on a project to explain, using multimedia, everything that goes into transporting the Gators football team to an away game.

"It doesn't all magically appear," said Jillian Rogers, a 22-year-old journalism senior and external communications coordinator for the project.

The group is premiering its project, called Team in Transit, online throughout the Thanks-

giving holiday weekend.
The group decided to document this season's trip to Auburn University.

"This is the start of what's to come."

Jillian Rogers
external communications coordinator for Team in Transit

The website, teamintransit.com, will have videos and photos from the trip to Auburn, Ala., on Oct. 15.

Most of the students who worked on the project are in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. The project is the first to come out of the college's 21st Century News Laboratory.

"This is the start of what's to come," Rogers said.

Alligator staff members have been involved with the Team in Transit project.



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Team in Transit, a student documentary project about what goes into transporting the football team to away games, will premiere throughout Thanksgiving weekend.

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Roads were closed because of smoke

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MORGAN WATKINS
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida Highway Patrol closed a couple of roads temporarily Tuesday due to a dangerous combination of fog and smoke from a brush fire that started more than a week ago.

U.S. 301 was closed between State Road 20 and State Road 26, and State Road 20 was closed from U.S. 301 to Putnam County. Florida Forest Service is calling the brush fire, which closed roads due to visibility problems, the Olive Fire. The fire started about 35 miles east of Gainesville.

"This morning they had to close ... a pretty broad section of 301, which can make a huge difference to people commuting to work, to school, for truckers [and] for people traveling through the area trying to get somewhere for the holi-

days," said Ludie Bond, wildfire mitigation specialist for the Florida Forest Service.

The roads were opened later that afternoon. The Florida Forest Service first responded on Nov. 15 to the fire, which started in Levy Prairie, just east of the Alachua-Putnam county line, Bond said.

It has grown to about 700 acres, and 70 percent of it is contained, but the fire is still going. It has caused closures on State Road 20 and State Road 21 in the Interlachen, Hawthorne and Melrose areas, according to a news release.

The scent of smoke was noticeable through most of Alachua County during the weekend as winds blew in from the east.

Florida Highway Patrol posted smoke warning signs on roads as a caution to drivers.

Bond said some rain Tuesday around the fire-affected area helped with smoke management. A perimeter has been set up around the fire where tractors plowed the ground down to contain the flames.



Emily Doyle / Alligator

Mass on the Grass

Students gathered on the Plaza of the Americas at noon Tuesday for a Mass hosted by the Catholic Gators.

Ticket scalping could cause problems

SAFETY, from page 1

arrested at the UF-University of Alabama game.

Kickoff for the UF-FSU game will be at 7 p.m.

Liquor law violations are among the most common gameday issues. As police have done throughout the football season, they will issue civil citations to people who violate open-container laws at the stadium, Barber said.

Anyone younger than 21 in possession of alcohol will be given a notice to appear in court. People

stopped for driving under the influence are usually arrested.

Ticket scalping could be a problem on Saturday, and officials will be looking for this violation as well, he said.

Reselling tickets on the UF campus is against the law. The selling of counterfeit tickets could be a problem at the FSU game like it was at the UF-Alabama game, another big football rivalry.

Barber suggested fans should be cautious about whom they purchase tickets from.

Grooveshark: Claims based on false, anonymous blog comment

GROOVESHARK, from page 1

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Grooveshark responded to the allegations in an official statement.

"Universal's claims rest almost entirely on an anonymous, blatantly false Internet blog comment and Universal's gross mischaracterization of information that Grooveshark itself provided to Universal," the statement read.

The complaint, which is the first step in a lawsuit, includes emails from Sina Simantob, who is identified in them as the Escape Media Group executive chairman.

Universal Music Group stated the emails prove Grooveshark knew it was taking songs without permission.

The anonymous comment was posted to a blog, Digital Music News, and comes from a self-identified Grooveshark employee.

"We are assigned a predetermined amount (sic) of

weekly uploads to the system and get a small extra bonus if we manage to go above that," stated the comment from "Visitor."

The person refused to give his or her identity when pushed by other people who commented on the blog post.

According to Grooveshark's statement, the company feels it will prevail in the suit.

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HEALTH

Social media, reality TV could help reduce teen pregnancies

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Thank Maci, Farrah and the other stars of MTV's "Teen Mom" — they may be the reason teen pregnancy rates are decreasing.

According to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teen birth rates in the U.S. dropped last year to the lowest they have been in about 70 years.

Teen birth rates have been decreasing for the past three years. Since peaking in 1991, they have dropped 44 percent.

MTV shows such as "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" depict the realities of being a pregnant teenager and a young mother.

These scenarios could encourage teenagers to think critically about the consequences of pregnancy, said Bruce Floyd, social media specialist for UF University Relations.

"Footage shown from the MTV shows could help educate people how teen pregnancy is not glamorous and can change your life dramatically," Floyd said.

In 2010, there were 34.3 births per 1,000 teenagers and young adults ages 15-19, according to a Nov. 17 Reuters article. That's a 9 percent drop from the previous year. In 2009, the rate was 39.1 births per 1,000 women in that age group.

Social media platforms could have also contributed to the lower teen pregnancy rate, Floyd said.

Facebook and Twitter can be effective because they al-

low people to engage in dialogue and help organizations connect with their followers.

The CDC has a special link for social media and teen pregnancy on its website. Among other features, links and images to promote talking to teens about sex or preventing teen pregnancy are on the website. CDC website visitors also can post cut-and-paste messages on their Facebook pages, providing information on teen pregnancy prevention.

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Staci Fox, CEO of Planned Parenthood of North Florida, said she thinks social media helps prevent teen pregnancy because it allows young adults to speak in a familiar and comfortable medium. Teenagers can still speak with their partners about sex and protection without having to be face to face, which can make it less awkward.

She also said TV shows that display teen parenthood could help prevent unplanned pregnancy.

"At first, as a movement we were worried exposure would sensationalize the issue," she said, "but instead it has brought it home for teens."

Campus and local sex education programs also could

have contributed to lower teen pregnancy rates.

Educating teenagers on safe sex measures like birth control gives them the tools to prevent pregnancy, said Samantha Evans, sexual health educator for GatorWell.

Evans said she likes to teach all methods of prevention, not just abstinence but also barrier methods, hormonal contraceptives and emergency contraceptives. She teaches to large groups of students in classrooms and organizations, and she advises students one-on-one or in couples.

Fox said she thinks sex education has come a long way.

Schools supporting teenagers after they become pregnant or give birth could be another contributor to the lower teen pregnancy rate.

Eastside High School is re-implementing a program after January called Partners in Adolescent Life Support, or PALS, school nurse Georgianna Beveridge said. The program will serve as a support group for students who are pregnant or have had a child, she said.

The goal is to teach the students to prevent any future pregnancies they could have while they are still teenagers.

Fox thinks teen pregnancy happens when teenagers can't communicate about sex and can't get access to preventative measures.

While she said she thinks teen pregnancy will continue its decline, she thinks the issue will never be eradicated because there will always be teens who can't get the help they need to prevent getting pregnant.



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Editorial

Lying about Liberty Republicans need to do some re-evaluating

Most conservative Republican candidates claim that they believe in individual liberty and freedom — at least when it's convenient. A closer examination of the policies supported by Republicans, specifically candidates in the current presidential race, tells another story.

Of course, topping the list is the candidate that signed a law mandating (through force of law) that citizens of Massachusetts purchase health insurance. Mitt Romney has also offered a solution to immigration in the form of a national biometric ID card that all Americans will use to prove their citizenship in order to obtain a job. Romney claimed that only immigrants will have to carry this card, but how are employers supposed to know the difference unless everyone has one?

Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed a law mandating that girls in his state obtain a vaccination for HPV. While the vaccine does not cause "mental retardation," the mandate exemplifies another impediment of individual liberty. Then you have Michele Bachmann, who is just so upset that roughly 53 percent of Americans pay almost no income taxes. Well, there is also the payroll tax, FICA, state sales taxes, state income taxes, excise taxes and user fees for obtaining a number of government services, but that's not enough for Bachmann. She thinks that every American needs to pay at least some federal income tax — or else.

Of course there are issues on which almost all Republicans, with a few exceptions, fall against the side of liberty.

Most of the candidates support the Defense of Marriage Act as well as a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. If you were really concerned about freedom, you wouldn't be trying to tell people with whom they can and cannot form a voluntary agreement.

On the same accord, most mainstream conservatives abhor the idea of legalizing drugs. They do not support the decriminalization of marijuana, a stance that has become increasingly popular among Americans.

The classic Republican cop-out to opposing increasing social freedom is states' rights. Most responses sound like "Well, I wouldn't support that on the federal level, but I think states should be able to decide on the issue." But if you truly support "freedom," should individual rights not trump those of the states?

When it comes down to it, these candidates should be held accountable for their claims supporting individual liberty.

This is not to say that the Democrats are any better when it comes to violating freedom. But the Democrats are not making contradictory assertions about their policy goals.

Republicans should either re-evaluate their policy positions or change the way they frame the debate.

At the end of the day, nothing supports the idea that they are lovers of liberty and freedom.

Reader response

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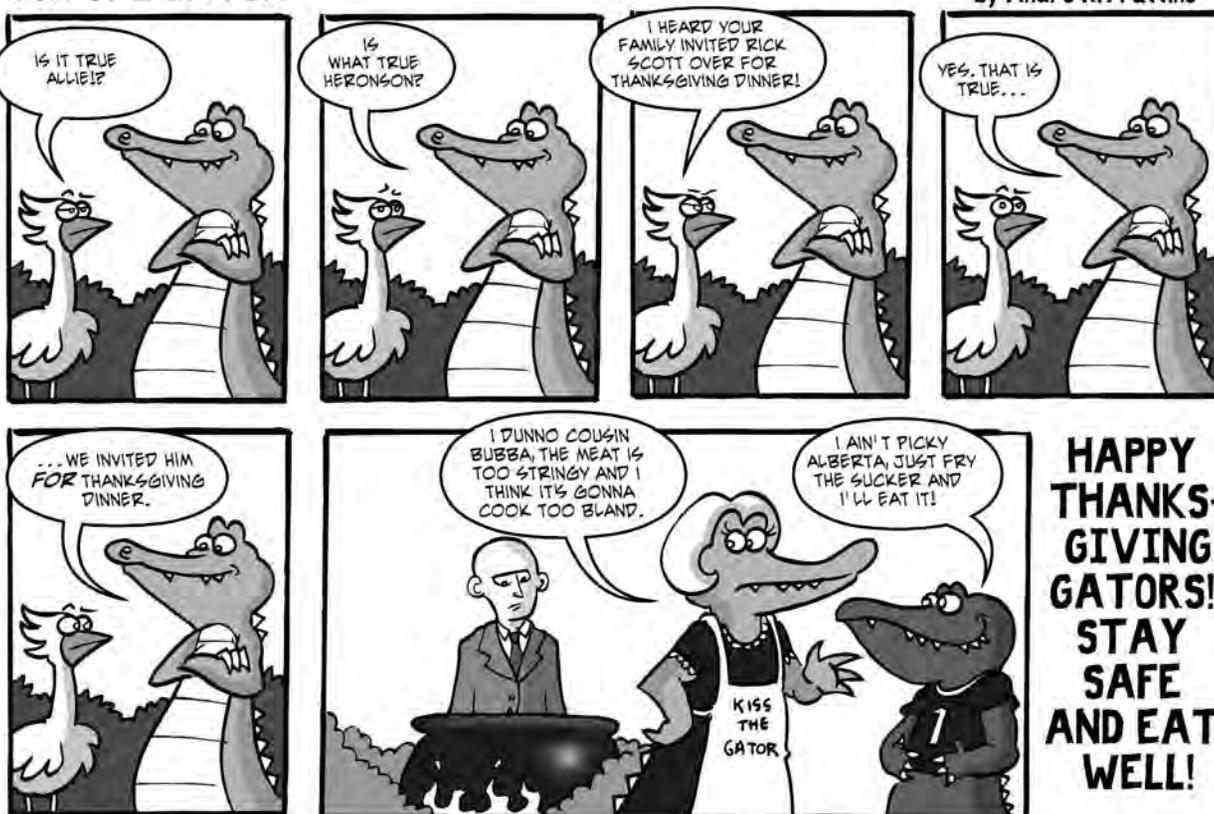
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Assad's resignation not the answer for Syria

On Nov. 12, the Arab League voted to suspend Syria from further involvement with the Arab-state coalition until the bloodshed soaking the country ceases.

Just days after the announcement, King Abdullah II of Jordan called for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to step down.

"Whenever you exert violence on your own people, it is never going to end well," Abdullah said, the first Arab leader to call for Assad's resignation.

There is no doubt that Assad's violence against his own people is an atrocious act against humanity, but is the immediate resignation of Assad the best option for Syria and the rest of the Arab world?

Assad has to be removed from power, but a quick transition of power is not in Syria's best interest, especially if those dying are doing so in the name of democracy and transparency.

As we've seen in the cases of Iraq and Afghanistan, democracy can take a lot of time and effort to implement.

It's not just a system of elections; democracy requires an entire shifting of the national thought process.

Yes, elections are necessary, but they're not sufficient. Institutions need to be put in place, the market economy needs to be redefined and corruption needs to be erased.

All these things take time to do, and a quick replacement of Assad doesn't ensure that Syrians will be better off.

While the majority of the population in Syria is Sunni, there is still a significant population of Shiites, namely President Assad himself, as well as millions of Iraqi refugees.

Iran, a Shiite-dominant country and home for Shiite terrorist groups such as Hezbollah, will undoubtedly lobby for Assad to stay in power.

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In the instance he is ousted, Hezbollah and Iran will probably do whatever it takes to maintain their influence in the region.

Any skeptic of religion's role in the matter should look at the Arab League voting results.

All but three countries voted for Syria's suspension: Lebanon, which is run by the terrorist group Hezbollah; Yemen, which has close ties to Iran and has a significant Shiite minority; and Iraq, which abstained from the vote (most likely for the reasons mentioned above).

If anything, Assad's refusal to step down is giving appropriate and much-needed time for his opposition to centralize itself.

While Assad's resignation remains unlikely, concessions might be a more viable option, especially in light of Turkey's call for Assad's resignation.

Turkey, currently supplying Syria with power, has threatened to cut them off.

Contrary to what the media and some international organizations have been saying, Assad does have a place in Syria and is a necessary part of the country's transition to democracy.

Assad needs to open up the floor to dialogue and create a committee dedicated to a new constitution and election policies.

I'm sure Assad would like to live peacefully in Syria to a ripe age, but at this rate, Assad's fate will be similar to that of Mubarak or even Gaddafi.

History will remember Assad as the stubborn tyrant who killed 3,500 of his own people, but he still has the opportunity to save face and show the world that democracy can exist in the Middle East.

The time for amends is now.

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

Letter to the Editor

City regulations reflect growth

I am a second-year law student and lifelong Gainesville resident. I think you should publish some counterpoints to Travis Hornsby's column about city ordinances.

Until recently, a growing student population at the university has driven development in Gainesville. Because the UF student population has stopped growing, the city must now refocus its efforts on retaining students after they graduate.

We need jobs and we need a community that makes talented graduates want to stay. That is what Innovation Square and our land development code are all about.

Development regulation could certainly be streamlined in terms of procedure, but the substantial requirements of our planning documents reflect the type of community that I believe will attract and retain both businesses and our alumni. They reflect a shift from Cabana Beach to less auto-dependent projects like The Continuum in a vibrant downtown.

In Portland, Ore., a streetcar sys-

tem stimulated more than \$2 billion dollars in development within a redevelopment district. RTS is pursuing funding to establish a transit system in Gainesville. Can you imagine the impact of a streetcar route from downtown to campus along Southwest Second Avenue?

As for our taxes, Alachua County ranks below the state average in terms of total property taxes levied per capita. That is a fact that might be even more surprising in light of the fact that much of the most valuable property in the county — the UF campus — is off the tax rolls. Unlike many other counties in the state, Alachua County has no local option sales tax dedicated to transportation. We make up for that with a higher millage rate.

Our leaders in local government are taking the steps necessary to ensure continued economic growth in Gainesville. We should not allow that progress to be derailed by hyperbolic arguments and conspiracy theories.

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Recent polls show communism more popular than Congress

There are very few people who would argue America is a huge fan of communism.

After half a century of political tension and some propaganda, isn't too surprising.

Whether it was truly communism doesn't make a difference — the damage has been done to the American psyche. This is obvious when you hear those on the right decrying some of the left's actions because they're "communist." The intent is to merely connect it with something most Americans despise.

So, it's surprising to find something Americans like even less than communism: Congress.

According to a recent Gallup poll, Congress' approval rating is sitting at only 13 percent, continuing a historic low point in popularity. Because it is so unpopular, some have taken it upon themselves to compare this to the popularity of other subjects.

One such person is Senator Michael Bennet, D-Colo., who created a chart to help explain just how low these numbers are. Although Gallup puts Congress' popularity at 13 percent, Bennet uses a recent New York Times/CBS poll which found it at 9 percent.

As previously mentioned, one of the subjects

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was communism — specifically America becoming communist. According to a Rasmussen poll performed this year, 11

percent of people polled were OK with the idea of America going communist.

If that doesn't cause a surprise, some of the other numbers should help. After the oil spill in the Gulf, BP stood at 16 percent approval. Nixon held 24 percent during Watergate, and banks were still hovering at 23 percent as of this year, all according to Gallup polls.

Clearly, Congress isn't very popular right now.

While these are numbers Congress should heed, they are not things to which we should lend much weight. Despite some people saying they dislike Congress just because it's a popular viewpoint, the low numbers seem far more likely an indication of faulty polling.

Twenty-five percent isn't asking much. If Nixon and the banks can pull it off, surely this Congress should be able to as well.

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6 In ___ land
10 Flew the coop
14 Happen next
15 "Doctor Zhivago," e.g.
16 ___ Lackawanna Railway
17 Home of the City of 1,000 Minarets
18 Ben Stiller's mom
20 Best Supporting Actress winner for "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"
22 Beehive St. capital
23 Aqua Velva alternative
24 Military division
28 Classic sports cars
29 Casino area
30 The Columbia R. forms much of its northern border
31 Edit menu command
34 General's level
38 Night sounds
40 Kilmer of "The Saint"
41 ___ flu
42 Quaint storage pieces
45 Animal rights org.
46 Arles "A"
47 "___ Day Will Come": 1963 #1 hit
48 Set down
50 Household attention getter
52 Ancient Dead Sea land
54 Org. offering motel discounts
57 Major oil conferences (they're found, in a way, in 20-, 34- and 42-Across)
60 Where many tests are given
63 Indian princesses
64 Lie low
65 Price-limiting words
66 Playing marble
- DOWN**
1 Wranglers and Patriots
2 Theater supporter
3 Backstreet Boys contemporary
4 Con
5 Long-distance flier's complaint
6 Jumped
7 Sleep disorder
8 Omar's "Mod Squad" role
9 Harsh, as criticism
10 2007 "Dancing With the Stars" contestant
11 Gibbons
11 Horse and buggy ___
12 Christmas buy
13 Afternoon cup
19 Longtime Pennsylvania congressman
21 Spirit ___ Louis
25 "Honest!"
26 Zagreb native

- 27 Natural dye
28 Bit of dust
29 Skin
31 "Sure"
32 Nary a soul
33 Beardless Dwarf
35 Partner of out
36 Ballerina's step
37 Glimpse
39 News exclusives
43 Funny-sounding bone
44 Plumlike fruit
49 Pacific Surfliner operator
51 Walk casually
52 Overact
53 Mischievous kid
54 Year's record
55 Turns target
56 Beasts of burden
58 Make do
59 Rival of Cassio
60 Ally of Fidel
61 It may be flipped
62 Insert

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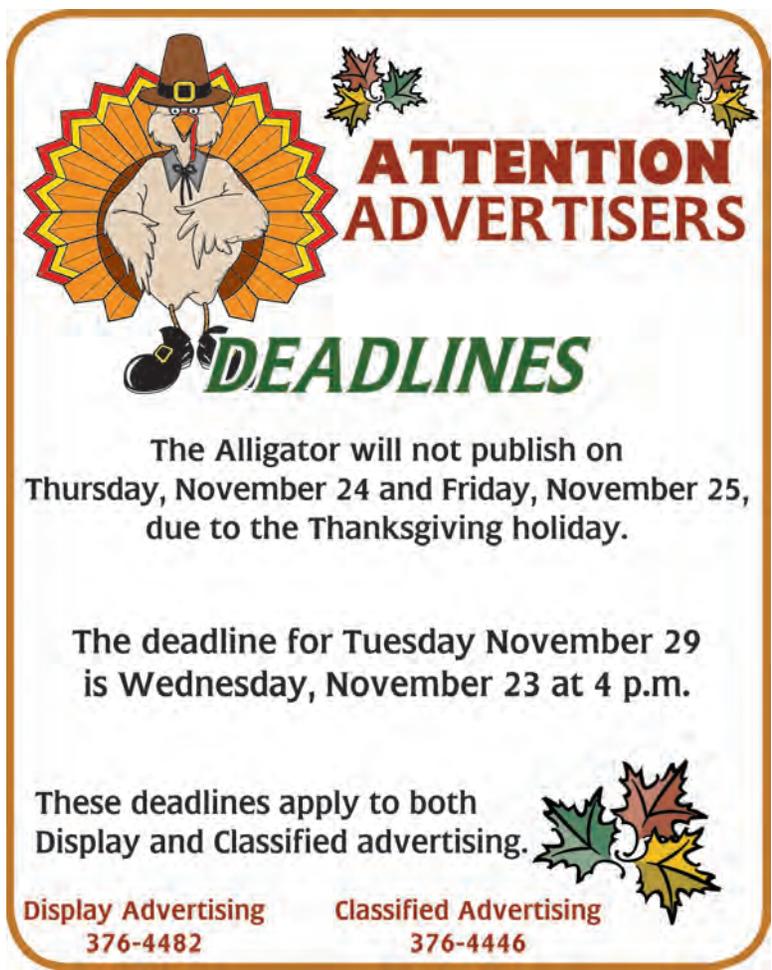
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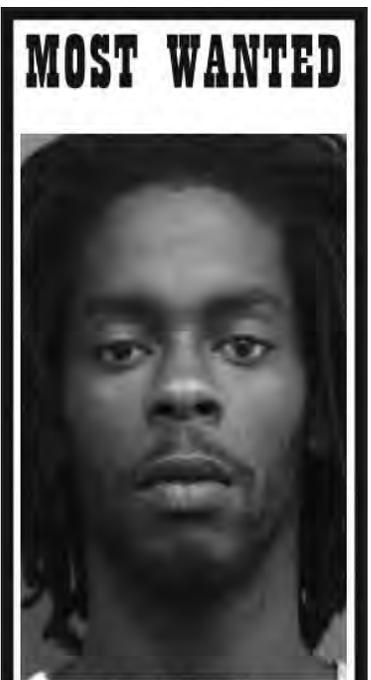
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George's double-double leads Florida past Hampton

► UF WON 63-46 AT HOME.

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

After a disappointing performance in a season-opening loss to Michigan, Florida junior forward Jennifer George knew something had to change. Now, with three additional games on the stat sheet, it's looking like the transformation didn't take long.

"I just had a different mentality," she said. "In the Michigan game, that wasn't me. I had to come out and be more consistent for our team and just play better."

On Tuesday night, George recorded her fifth career double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds to lead UF (3-1) to a 63-46 win against Hampton (2-1) in the O'Connell Center.

The Gators' win was a reversal of last year's outcome when they traveled to Virginia to play the Pirates and lost a first-half lead as part of a disappointing defeat.

Tuesday's first half was not for the faint-hearted. Florida stumbled out of the gates with its worst half of shooting of the young season. The Gators shot just 25 percent from the field and fell behind 12-2 early, shooting an anemic 0 for 9 from beyond the arc and just 50 percent from the free-throw line.

Florida turned the ball over on its first three possessions and didn't register a basket until its fifth possession.

"It was the play of Lanita Bartley," coach Amanda Butler said. "Not that the three turnovers were all her fault, but I put a lot of responsibility on our point guards and didn't think she set

the tone for us the way that we all know she's capable of."

Luckily for UF, Hampton was struggling with many of the same issues. While the Pirates made 2 of 4 from three and were perfect from the charity stripe, they managed to shoot just 27.6 percent from the field, collapsing toward the end of the half to let the Gators back in the game.

Florida came out with a renewed focus in the second half due in large part to smarter play by Bartley. Instead of three turnovers, the team had six points and a 26-22 lead after its first three possessions.

George took over in the second half, racking up eight points and eight rebounds to cap a stretch in which she has scored double digits in three straight games for the first time in her UF career.

After providing a defensive boost in the first half en route to a four-block performance, center Azania Stewart chimed in after the break with eight points after she was held scoreless in the opening 20 minutes of play.

"[It's] just good timing and good defense and just staying disciplined," Stewart said.

Florida's offense picked up, with the exception of a woeful three-point shooting performance. While it was Jordan Jones in the first half, Jattera Bonds and Brittany Shine took the load in the second half, combining to go 1 for 7 as part of a 6.7 team shooting percentage from long-range.

"We know that we're a good shooting team, but we also know that that's not why we're going to win ball games," Butler said. "We know we're capable. We also know we're capable of missing a lot of shots."



Audre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Florida junior forward Jennifer George (32) finished with her fifth career double-double in UF's 63-46 win against Hampton on Tuesday. George led a dominant post game that helped the Gators erase last year's loss to the Pirates.

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Gators still seeking balance on offense

► TEAM IS SECOND IN NATION IN THREES.

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

Through four games this season, it has been easy to guess where the Gators are going to find their offense.

On 108 shots, Florida's 47 made threes are the second most in the nation, trailing only Purdue's 50.

But while long-range shots again made up the majority of UF's field goals in a 78-65 win against Wright State on Monday, they didn't allow Florida to pull away from an overmatched opponent.

"There's a real fine balance there," Donovan said. "In the second half we were way too predictable on offense."

After being outscored by the Raiders 36-34 in the final 20 minutes, Donovan called the Gators "stagnant" and "easy to guard" due to a lack of awareness of both their opposition's foul trouble and his own players' shot selection.

Though Florida led by as many as 16 points earlier in

the second half, Wright State was able to cut the deficit to nine with five minutes left to play. The Gators hoisted 11 of 19 shots beyond the arc after halftime and made just four.

"There's a real fine balance there. In the second half we were way too predictable on offense."

Billy Donovan
UF coach

"Erving (Walker) had a wide-open look on the break and it rattled in and out, and then the next possession, (Mike) Rosario comes down, the ball gets thrown to him, and he lets one go that's kind of a half-way decent shot," Donovan said. "We just shot a three, we missed it, we had a pretty good look. Put the ball on the floor a little bit."

As Florida's starting point guard, Walker had nine points on 1-of-6 shooting from behind the arc, the second-most attempts behind Kenny Boynton's 22 points on nine threes.

While Donovan said

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David Carr / Alligator

Florida point guard Erving Walker struggled with his shot against Wright State, finishing with nine points on 1-of-6 shooting from three.

VOLLEYBALL

Florida wraps up season against South Carolina

MEGAN WALSH
Alligator Writer

While many volleyball teams around the NCAA have already wrapped up their regular seasons, Florida's players have one last test against South Carolina tonight in the O'Connell Center before they can enjoy a quick Thanksgiving break.

Then the Gators can get back to what they've been preparing for all year long — the postseason.

"We're kind of excited," freshman defensive specialist Holly Pole said. "It's our last home game and whatnot and then we'll all have Thanksgiving, but it's definitely good that we get to play this one last game, where as a lot of teams around the country

are already done. We're just ready to get out there and give it our best effort."

After sweeps of Georgia and Auburn at home last weekend, the Gators' match against the Gamecocks will be the final step in their confidence-building finish before the NCAA Tournament.



Pole

And that's exactly what coach Mary Wise had planned for this three-game stretch.

One last win against South Carolina will be important in determining Florida's seed in postseason play.

"Our goal is just like [last] weekend," Wise said. "Because neither of those teams

would be regionally ranked, it was really important that we beat them, so we're playing for a lot [tonight] besides it just being the regular end of the season."

When the Gators traveled to South Carolina earlier this season, Florida's 3-0 victory was one of the last before a shaky stretch of losses stripped UF of its chance to play for the Southeastern Conference title.

"We kind of let off the gas a little bit, especially that weekend at Kentucky and Tennessee, but since then we've really been playing a lot of 6-on-6 in the gym and competition drills and games," Pole said. "I think it's really helped us become a better competitive team."

The Gators are now rolling on recent

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Picks Column



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W here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column are feeling the holiday spirit.

We may be spread thin with everything we have on our plates this season (and surely even more on them Thursday), but we still have plenty to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

A few days off from the daily grind? Yep.

A chance to see our families and loved ones? You know it.

The obscene feast of turkey, stuffing, delicious side dishes and pumpkin pie awaiting each of us on Thursday? Damn straight.

But there's one thing we are especially thankful for this year: college football rivalries.

Nothing quite rings in the beginning of the holiday season like some historic — and hate-filled — college rivalries. State and regional bragging rights are on the line all across the nation this weekend. And if that's not enough to get you amped up, how could you forget some of the awesome rivalry trophies at stake?

So with that in mind, we let two of our columnists debate one of this weekend's healthy rivalries.

Virginia Tech (-5) will feast on Virginia because...

The Hokies are going to win this one for the millions of turkeys sacrificed on Thanksgiving this year. Why Virginia Tech's mascot is a turkey is anyone's guess, but this is one group of turkeys that will thrive this weekend.

Aside from not being served on a plate, the Hokies have something else to be thankful for: their dominance against the Cavaliers. Since Virginia Tech joined the Atlantic Coast Conference the Hokies are 7-0 against their in-state rivals.

That won't change this weekend.

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Quarterback John Brantley said he does not have any regrets as his senior season comes to a close.
See story, back page.

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— **TOM GREEN**

Virginia (+5) will eat all the leftovers this weekend because...

This ain't your ancestors' Cavaliers, and they don't care about history or respect.

Virginia, historically, is a bad football team. But just like deep-frying that holiday bird, tradition has gone right out the damn window.

After losing 17 games the last two years, who could have predicted such a quick turnaround for the 8-3 Wahoos? Even Athletic Director Craig Littlepage admitted he couldn't have envisioned Saturday's matchup being a play-in game for the ACC Championship.

But it is. And the Cavaliers are going to carve up some Hokie and pile on the gravy. Wah-hoo-wah!

— **MATT WATTS**

Now, on to the picks!

In first, with a 56-38 record, is The Associated Press' Mark "It's funny because you're fat" Long, who couldn't resist reaching for the low-hanging fruit when Charlie Weis said Thanksgiving is his favorite holiday. Hey Mark, did you drive in the fast lane when you covered NASCAR last weekend ... because it looks like your hair didn't keep up!

Holding strong in second with a 52-42 record is al-

ligatorSports writer Greg "I got scooped on my own thoughts" Luca, who cemented his moniker of "worst reporter in Alligator history" during the weekend when a colleague was able to disseminate Greg's thoughts to the masses before Greg could even formulate them.

Nipping at Greg's heels with a 51-43 record is alligatorSports assistant editor Matt "Put me out of my misery already" Watts, who can't handle watching the Jaguars anymore. Trying to make sense of Jack Del Rio's coaching decisions this season, Matt has aged about three years, moving him right into middle age.

In fourth with a 48-46 record is alligatorSports writer Tyler "I made out with a girl, I think" Jett, whose escapades at a Neon Liger event in Gainesville ended with some ambiguous promiscuity. Jett says he came with, and left with, a person of the opposite sex, but when it comes to getting a heaping helping of dude tongue, he's not so sure.

Climbing to fifth at 47-47 is ESPN's Mike "Need a hand?" DiRocco, who asked an athlete Tuesday if he ever needed assistance going to the bathroom while he was battling an injury earlier in his career. Always the Good Samaritan, Mike was willing to lend a helping hand if no one else did.

Falling to sixth with a 46-48 record is FightinGators.com's Cody "I'm really happy for the rest of you, but Taylor Swift is the best female country singer with a face that looks like that of an anteater OF ALL TIME" Jones,

who gave a standing ovation from his living room while watching Swift at the American Music Awards. She's the cheer captain, Cody, and you're on the bleachers.

In seventh with a 44-50 record is InsideTheGators.com's Kyle "Mushrooms are out of this world" Maistri, who spent his Friday night trying to convince the rest of us that mushrooms are organisms brought to earth by aliens thousands of years ago. We think you may be watching too much "Ancient Aliens," Kyle.

And in dead-ass last with a piss-poor 40-54 record is alligatorSports editor Tom "Where'd you get your jokes, the joke store?" Green, whose side-splitting humor has had us all rolling lately. Sike. (See what we did there?) Tom, your references to Jay-Z's rhymes and other rap lyrics have got to stop, for everyone's sake.

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Arkansas (+13) at LSU	LSU	LSU	ARK	ARK
Georgia at Georgia Tech (+6)	UGA	UGA	GT	UGA
Alabama at Auburn (+21)	BAMA	BAMA	AU	BAMA
Penn State (+15) at Wisconsin	WIS	PSU	PSU	PSU
Virginia Tech at Virginia (+5)	VT	VT	UVA	VT
Clemson (+4.5) at South Carolina	CLEM	SCAR	CLEM	CLEM
Notre Dame (+6.5) at Stanford	STAN	STAN	ND	STAN

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Beal's aggressiveness leads to career high

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Walker struggled to find quality shots on his off night, he was encouraged by how the 5-foot-8 senior stayed involved with seven assists and five boards.

"Those are areas that we have to get better at, at least I do, of just illustrating those points, explaining those points and helping them get better," Donovan said. "Because I think there was times in the game when we're up 15 or 16 points and we self-sabotage."

Despite making just one three for the second game in a row, freshman Brad Beal

exemplified Donovan's wish for better decision-making by scoring a career-high 22 points mostly off the dribble. Beal had five strong drives to the basket, with three layups and two dunks.



Donovan

"He told us to attack the basket more because they were going to start closing out because we were hitting shots," Beal said. "So we had to start attacking the basket more to try to get to the free throw line."

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Mann, Pole making most of opportunity

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success and a revamped starting rotation.

Since those losses, both Pole and sophomore Chloe Mann have found their way into the Gators' starting lineup.

Although Mann's recent prowess at the middle blocker position has been an adjustment for Casandra Anderson, who previously started in that role, Anderson has responded with nothing but praise for the new rotation, and Mann in particular.

"She always has a great attitude," Anderson said.

"And to basically come off of not playing for however many matches and come out and ball out like that? We all love Chloe, and she has been playing great."



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Since sophomore middle blocker Chloe Mann (10) joined the Florida starting rotation, the team has won six straight matches.

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Brantley, Thompson have 'no regrets' as final home game looms

► UF HOSTS FSU ON SENIOR DAY.

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

When John Brantley and Deonte Thompson first met, the future seemed incredibly bright.

Standing in The Swamp on a recruiting trip during Florida's 2006 season, Brantley — a Texas commit with the long, flowing brown locks he has since trimmed — and Thompson discussed their eventual decision to go to UF. It was the beginning of an enduring friendship.

But for as close as they have become off the field, the connection never materialized in games.

The No. 3 pro-style quarterback and No. 8 wide receiver recruit in the country, according to Rivals.com, were supposed to be college

football's next great pass-catching combination in the mold of Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija at Notre Dame or Troy Smith to Ted Ginn at Ohio State — duos that departed just before Brantley and Thompson's freshman year.

But, in the four years since, Brantley's career has been marred by time on the bench, initial struggles and injuries, while Thompson has become known more for his drops than his catches.

"Sometimes it doesn't pan out," Brantley said. "There's no real good answer for that. It's hard to say."

Said Thompson: "We made the best of what we can do and it was pretty good. It was fun."

Saturday the senior duo will take the field at The Swamp for the last time as Florida (6-5, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) faces off against Florida State (7-4, 5-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) at 7 p.m.

In 2010, Brantley's first year as the starter,

Thompson led UF with 570 yards on 38 catches, the lowest totals by Florida's leading receiver since 1989. What stood out more than his receptions were his drops, as Thompson seemed to continually struggle with wide-open passes in critical situations.

This year he has taken a step backward, recording just 19 catches for 237 yards and one touchdown.

Brantley's career has followed a similarly disappointing arc, as he struggled through 2010 and has been hampered by injuries for most of 2011.

"Everything ain't play out our way," Thompson said. "A couple different offenses, different coaches and stuff. Happens that way sometimes."

Despite Thompson's shortcomings, coach Will Muschamp sees reason to believe football

might not be in his rearview mirror just yet.

As his role in the offense has decreased, Thompson has become a bigger part of Florida's special teams, contributing to the coverage and punt-block units.

"I wasn't a good special teams guy, but I took it upon myself to get on some and try to help the team win," Thompson said.

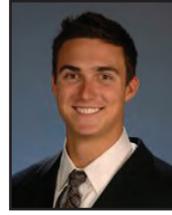
Coupled with his speed, physicality and athleticism, his experience on special teams could earn him consideration during April's NFL Draft.

"I think he's really helped himself as far as those things are concerned," Muschamp said. "He's doing all the right things."

Regardless of where their football paths finally end, neither Brantley nor Thompson expressed second thoughts over deciding to come to Florida.

"No regrets at all," Thompson said. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

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Brantley

TELLING YOU WATTS UP

Lacking leaders, Gators need to grow up to get out of hole

There was no chain slung around his neck. There was no ferocious glare on his face. There was no energy, no passion.

Dominique Easley was the last player to emerge from Florida's locker room Saturday against Furman. He didn't run to the sideline. He hardly jogged.

After the game, after the Gators pulled out just their sixth win of the season, Easley looked lethargic. While his teammates rushed to the corner of the north end zone to celebrate the victory by singing the alma mater with the band, Easley slouched behind.

Florida, our Alma Mater ... Thy glorious name we praise ...

He hung back, behind reporters, behind team personnel, behind families.

All thy loyal sons and daughters ... A joyous song shall raise ...

One of those families asked to take a picture with Easley. He took a break from pretending to care about the celebration, draped his long, tired arms over the shoulders of two kids beaming at a chance to meet their hero.

'Neath the Orange and Blue victorious our love shall never fail...

Easley forced a smile. Click.



Matt Watts
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Against Furman, Easley and the rest of the underachieving Gators played with the same apathetic attitude. They walked onto the field with a sense of entitlement. They believed they were great, they believed that their natural abilities and the cursive script on their helmets was all they needed.

But they were flat-out wrong. And that's why they are where they are: at 6-5 and the lowest point in Florida football in the last 25 years.

There's no other name so glorious...

"We've got some young guys that think you're going to roll your hat out there and win games and that's not the way it works," Will Muschamp said Monday.

While part of the blame lies with Muschamp, he does not suit up on Saturdays — although I'm sure he wishes he could. At the end of the day, it's players, not plays or coaching. And the players on this team don't get it.

They saw Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin light up the scoreboard, winning games and national championships like it was easy. They saw their own names on websites like Scout.com, touting their talents and anointing them

as stars before they even played a down of real, big-time football.

But when they saw that they couldn't stack up, that their mettle would be tested down after down, game after game, they backed into a corner.

And they don't have anywhere to turn. After a while, players start to tune out their coaches' motivational speeches. They need leaders, and this team is experiencing a shortage in that regard.

With a miniscule, nine-member senior class, leadership this season has been inconsistent, and that's unacceptable. Younger players like Easley, who are in the spotlight deservedly or not, are not pulling their weight.

"Leaders don't have bad days," Muschamp said. "One might be a little tougher than the other one, but leaders don't have bad days. They step up every day and they bring it every day. In a younger guy, that's harder to understand."

Against Furman, Easley and a vast majority of the team had a bad day. But if they want to live up to the reputation of the name on their helmets, those days must come to an end.

All hail, Florida, hail.

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