

Florida's lack of effort on defense has been a focal point heading into tonight's home game against Georgia. See story, page 14.



AROUND GAINESVILLE

Shelter requires police clearance

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
 Alligator Writer

Three months ago, when the meal limit at St Francis House was lifted and replaced with a meal time, officials added a police clearance requirement to use any service at the shelter and soup kitchen.

While meal time at St. Francis House is more peaceful and not as crowded, some believe it has created more opposition in the Gainesville community.

"We needed more accountability when the meal limit was lifted."

Kent Vann
 executive director of
 St. Francis House

Kent Vann, the executive director of St. Francis House, said he added the police clearance requirement in his management plan when he asked the city to replace a 130-meal limit with a three-hour time limit. The St. Francis House serves lunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The police clearance requirement falls under a safety standpoint," Vann said. "We needed more accountability when the meal limit was lifted."

The policy has created more problems instead of solving them, said Joe Jackson, legal skills professor at UF's Levin College of Law.

"It is mostly minor nuisance-
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Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

Bob Adams eats at the St. Francis House, 413 S Main St., on Monday morning. New regulations require people using any service at the shelter and soup kitchen to obtain police clearance.

Driver in accident in stable condition with spinal fracture

▶ TWO MORE SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES AND WERE RELEASED THE SAME DAY.

TYLER JETT
 Alligator Staff Writer

Three people who were injured in a car crash at the intersection of University Avenue and Southwest 34th Street on Sunday afternoon are recovering.

Riley Sullivan, 20, is in stable condition after having surgery at Shands at UF, said Cpl. Angelina Valuri, Gainesville Police spokeswoman. Sullivan has a spinal fracture.

Barry Guertin, 49, and Caline McDermott, 32, were taken to North Florida Regional Medical Center after suffering minor injuries in the crash. A GPD news release Sunday afternoon incorrectly stated that four people were injured in the crash.

Alachua County Fire Rescue Services drove Sullivan to Shands at UF with life-threatening injuries, according to Gainesville Police. Gainesville Fire Rescue drove McDermott to North Florida Medical, and a family member took Guertin there.

Guertin and McDermott were treated for injuries in the emergency room and released the same day.

The crash happened when Sullivan, driving a silver Kia Optima, sped north at around 4:30 p.m. Sunday on Southwest 34th Street toward cars parked in both left-hand turn lanes. The Optima hit the left rear side of a green Mitsubishi Eclipse and the driver's side of a silver Chevy Cobalt, according to Gainesville Police.

The Optima continued moving forward, slamming into the back of a white Honda Odyssey.

Student Senate to present revised elections procedures

Changes come after complications in fall election

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
 Alligator Writer

Changes to Student Government's elections procedures will be presented at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

The changes come after complications with the fall's new electronic voting system caused some students to be placed into location-based districts that didn't re-

flect their Gainesville addresses.

In November, Senate President Andy Mason formed a specialized committee to examine and modify the rules.

Committee co-chair and Unite Party Sen. Katie Waldman said some codes are outdated and apply to paper ballots, not the new electronic ballots.

For procedure changes to apply to the spring elections, the Senate must approve



Mason

them six weeks before the election cycle, she said. It takes the Senate two weeks to read through the changes, and spring elections are Feb. 21 and 22.

"We want to accurately reflect the voting system we now use," Wald-

man said.

The electronic system was first used in the Fall 2011 elections, and the problems with it prompted the UF Supreme Court to investigate the elections process.

Students Party Sen. Carly Wilson attended the committee meetings though she is not a committee member. She said she hopes the changes will reflect a more flexible democratic process for individual students.

"My fear is that the changes will reduce what students know about elections," Wilson said.

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Toastmasters meeting

Tuesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Entomology Building
Room 1031

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings in Room 1031 in the Entomology Building, 970 Natural Area Drive. Meet members and learn about Toastmasters, an international organization that provides a positive atmosphere to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills in a group setting. For details, visit <http://talkinggators.freesthost.biz> or call 352-870-2267. Talking Gators Toastmasters Club also is on Facebook.

TED Club meeting

Today, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Stuzin Hall, Room 103

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STATE

Muslim man from Kosovo charged in Tampa bomb plot

TAMPA — A Kosovo-born man was charged with plotting to attack Tampa-area nightclubs and a sheriff's office with bombs and an assault rifle to avenge wrongs done to Muslims, federal authorities said Monday.

According to a federal complaint, 25-year-old Sami Osmakac recorded an eight-minute video shortly before his arrest explaining why he wanted to bring terror to his "victims' hearts" in the Tampa Bay

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area. Osmakac is a naturalized American citizen.

In the video, Osmakac is seen cross-legged on the floor with a pistol in his hand and an AK-47 behind him. Osmakac said in the video that Muslim blood was more valuable than that of people who do not believe in Islam. He said he wanted "payback" for wrong that was done to Muslims, according to the complaint.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony Porcelli ordered Osmakac held without bail. If convicted on the single count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, Osmakac could face life in prison.

Osmakac was arrested Saturday — the day officials said he was planning his attack — after he allegedly bought explosive devices and firearms from an undercover agent. The firearms and explosives were disabled before the sale.

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Florida sheriff says DNA leads to arrest in cold case

SANFORD — A central Florida sheriff's office says DNA has helped crack the case in a fatal stabbing that had gone unsolved for about 20 years.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office tells the Orlando Sentinel that it has finally solved the 1991 killing of 50-year-old Betty Clair Foster.

Foster was working alone at a computer store near Casselberry on Jan. 31, 1991, when she was killed.

The sheriff's office said Monday that DNA found at the scene was recently matched to 50-year-old David Hedrick of Apopka.

Hedrick was recently convicted of tax fraud. The sher-

iff's office said Hedrick was arrested Monday and charged with first-degree murder.

Jail records showed Hedrick was being held without bond and had a court hearing scheduled Tuesday.

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NATIONAL

Beezow Doo-Doo Zopittybop-Bop-Bop arrested in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. — Authorities in southern Wisconsin are facing a tongue twister thanks to the arrest of Beezow Doo-Doo Zopittybop-Bop-Bop.

The unusually named 30-year-old man was in jail Sunday in Madison. Police say he violated his bail conditions from a previous run-in with the law.

Court records show that his name used to be Jeffrey Drew Wilschke.

He legally changed it in October.

The Capital Times reports that Zopittybop-Bop-Bop was arrested last week after residents complained of excessive drinking and drug use near Reynolds Park in Madison. Authorities say he was arrested in another local park last April after police found a loaded handgun in his backpack.

He's tentatively charged with carrying a concealed knife and possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

Jail records don't list his bail amount or an attorney.

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Students bowl, play billiards at Reitz's Back to School Bash

► STUDENTS COULD BOWL FOR \$2 A GAME AND PLAY BILLIARDS FOR \$3 AN HOUR.

MATT BOLES

Alligator Contributing Writer

While some students stood in line to buy textbooks or waited for classes to open up on ISIS on Monday, others enjoyed bowling and playing billiards during the first Back to School Bash at the Reitz Union Game Room.

The event lasted from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Students held their cue sticks steady at the billiard tables while bowling balls crashed into pins just a few yards away.

Music blared as game room employee Chris Carrion surveyed the scene.

Carrion, a mathematics junior, has worked in the game room since this summer.

He said he thinks it's cool that students can unwind in

the game room if they have a break during the day.

Regular rates in the game room are \$3.50 per game per person for bowling and \$6 per hour for billiards, but on Monday, students bowled \$2 games and played billiards for \$3 an hour. Students also competed in a trivia tournament.

Charlotte Dare, manager of the game room, said many similar events are planned for this semester.

"We're ramping it up," Dare said. "We want to have about two events every month."

The next event will be an eight-ball tournament Jan. 21.

Accounting senior Gzhi Xiang was one of the students playing billiards during the event.

He said he likes to play about once a week and relax in the game room between classes.

"Study hard, play hard," he said.



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Finance junior Christopher Howard, 21, bowls in the Reitz Union Game Room on Monday night during the Back to School Bash event, which featured discounted bowling games for \$2 per person.

UF's in-state tuition considered second-best value in US

JULIA GLUM

Alligator Writer

For the seventh year in a row, UF nabbed the No. 2 spot on Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of the 100 best in-state values in public colleges last week.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill topped the rankings, and five other Florida colleges made the list: New College of Florida at No. 5, Florida State University at No. 18, University of Central Florida at No. 39, University of North Florida at No. 63 and University of South Florida at No. 87.

UF came in at No. 8 for best out-of-state value.

Kiplinger's ranks colleges by examining factors like cost, financial aid, competitiveness, graduation rates and academic support.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said this ranking is good news for students and parents.

"People are paying close attention to the value for their money, particularly with a lot of talk about the rising cost of public education," Orlando said. "We're always mindful of making sure that students are getting the best education they can."

"For undergraduate education, why wouldn't I try to be more cost efficient?"

Sebastien Goodman

applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore

Of the top 10, only UF and New College charge less than the national average for in-state students. A year at UF costs a total of \$15,526, and the national average is \$17,131, according to Kiplinger's website.

Even UF students who graduate with debt tend to save money.

Orlando said students have an average of about \$16,000 in debt, compared to about \$20,000 nationally.

This is due in part to Bright Futures scholarships and the Florida Prepaid College Plan, he said.

Applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore Sebastien Goodman, 20, said cost was a big factor when he chose UF. He said he takes out about \$3,000 in loans each semester and also receives money from Bright Futures.

"For undergraduate education, why wouldn't I try to be more cost efficient?" he said.

Goodman said he thinks UF's value could improve by lowering the current student-faculty ratio of 21-1.

Orlando said the university is working to improve that number.

Shands employee arrested, charged with domestic battery

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

A Shands at UF employee was arrested at work Friday night on domestic battery charges.

When Tiffany P. Hobdy told Benjamin T. Lewis on Friday she could not return rent money to him, their argument turned violent, according to a Gainesville Police report. Lewis pushed Hobdy onto a bed and began to choke her. The confrontation took place in the Cobblestone Apartments com-

plex on Northwest 23rd Boulevard.

Lewis was arrested at Shands at 8:47 p.m. Friday. He was charged with preventing Hobdy from talking to law enforcement and domestic battery by choking her, both third-degree felonies. He was also charged with resisting a police officer without violence, a first-degree misdemeanor.

Lewis and Hobdy have lived together on and off for about two years. The couple has a 2-year-old daughter together, Lewis said.

During the couple's argument, Hobdy threatened to call 911, but Lewis snatched

the phone and threw it downstairs, according to the arrest report. The two scrambled for the phone, but Lewis got to it first. He then snapped the phone in half.



Lewis

Officer Daniel Beans found a TV and a DVD player smashed on the floor. He later found Lewis at Shands, where he works as a linen technician. The report states that Lewis told Beans he was actually

a security guard, but Lewis said Monday he did not mislead the officer.

"This is all news to me, man," Lewis said. "What you're seeing is what I'm seeing. I don't know why they're saying I'm a security guard."

Before he was arrested, Lewis confirmed to Beans he had pushed Hobdy on the bed and "hemmed her up," according to the report. He also said he took Hobdy's phone after she threatened to call the police.

On Monday, Lewis said he never gave a statement prior to his arrest.

ON CAMPUS

SERU survey: UF students happy with campus experience

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Staff Writer

Even if UF students aren't satisfied with their academic experience, at least they enjoy the atmosphere.

The 2011 Student Experience in the Research University survey showed UF ranked second of eight participating peer universities in student satisfaction with the social experience and with a feeling of belonging at the campus.

However, UF ranked fifth in students' satisfaction with their academic experience.

UF had the highest SERU response rate at 63 percent, 26 percentage points higher than the next-highest, the University of Southern California.

Jen Day Shaw, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said the reason for the high response rate was UF's marketing strategies, which included tying season foot-

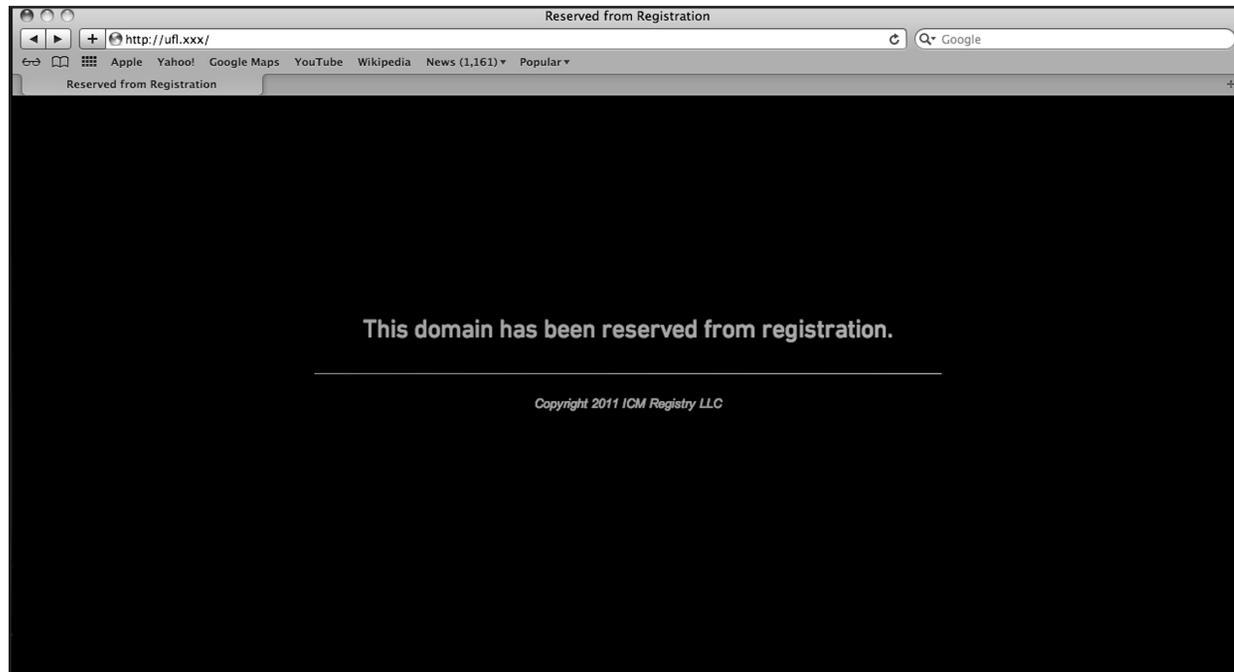
ball ticket registration to completion of the survey.

Marketing SERU to students is important because the data gives insight into the state of the undergraduate Student Body, Shaw said.

The survey was designed to identify effective academic practices on campus and areas for improvement.

"If you're going to complain, make sure your voice is heard," she said. "Make sure you fill it out."

UF buys .xxx domain names to protect trademarks



Screenshot pulled from ufl.xxx

UF has blocked 17 trademarked names from receiving adult-oriented .xxx domain names at a fee of \$200 per address.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Writer

The Gator name will not be a part of the adult entertainment industry — at least for the next 10 years.

UF paid a one-time fee of \$200 per name to block 17 trademarked names, including Gator Nation, Gators, Rowdy Reptiles and University of Florida, from being purchased as .xxx domain names. The university additionally purchased OrangeandBlue.xxx because it is not a university-owned trademark.

Websites with the .xxx suffix, which went on sale to the public in December, are reserved for adult entertainment.

The university spent about \$3,600 total, said Janine Sikes, spokeswoman for UF.

In order to block the names, the university had to prove it had a registered trademark and pro-

vide the date of the trademark. By blocking the adult-oriented .xxx domain names, UF ensured no one else can purchase them for the next 10 years.

"I don't know if other people would be disturbed by it, but I'm happy a porn website won't come up."

Jessenia Guerra
psychology junior

"UF did not want its name or any of its trademark names to be used with inappropriate content," Sikes said.

She said UF plans to do nothing with the domain names.

Psychology junior Jessenia Guerra, 20, doesn't consider UF's investment a big issue.

"I don't know if other people would be disturbed by it, but I'm happy a porn website won't come up," she said.

NATIONAL

Alaska town tries to dig itself out from under huge snow dump

► NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS ARE HELPING THE TOWN, WHICH EXPERIENCED ABOUT 18 FEET OF SNOW.

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Dozens of National Guard troops have arrived to help an Alaska fishing town dig out

from massive snows that have collapsed roofs, trapped some people in homes and triggered avalanches.

The Guard reported more than 18 feet of snow has fallen in the past weeks, although the National Weather Service did not immediately have a measurement.

Officials said at least three buildings have collapsed or partially collapsed and six homes are deemed in risk of collapse by heavy, wet snow.

The town issued a disaster proclamation last week after

three weeks of relentless snow overwhelmed local crews working around the clock and filled snow dump sites.

Responders said Sunday that rain fell overnight, making for a slippery, treacherous mess in the Prince William Sound community of 2,000 year-round residents. The region has been pummeled by snow, but Cordova is of particular concern because there is no road access to the town, only boat and plane passage, said Maj. Gen. Thomas Katkus, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard.

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For more information please contact Mohamed Mohamed, College of Pharmacy mmohamed@ufl.edu.

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Editorial

Right to Decorate Occupational licensing goes too far

If you have ever thought of one day becoming an interior designer, you need to move the hell away from Florida.

Florida is one of three states that requires you to obtain a license to give interior design consulting and advice.

This is not a joke. If you want to help people figure out which colors best accentuate their new bedroom set, you have to go through a long and arduous process to give this advice for a living.

According to the National Law Journal, to obtain an interior design license in Florida, "an applicant must first complete a combined six years of post-secondary education and apprenticeship under a state-licensed interior designer and pass a state-mandated exam administered by a private testing body."

If someone practices as an interior designer without going through this process, he or she could be punished with a first-degree misdemeanor, up to a year in jail and about \$1,000 in fines.

Occupational licensing for careers in interior design, hair-styling or ballroom dance studio operating (no, that's not a joke) is clearly an absurd use of government power.

Not using a licensed interior designer might not make your home look like something off of HGTV, but there can't seriously be a concern for public safety, can there?

The other 47 states run wild with unlicensed interior designers and, much to the chagrin of Florida lawmakers, things seem to be going just fine.

So what is the real reason for these absurd occupational licensing requirements?

The simple answer is that professionals already established in the industry want to prevent competition from entering the market.

Clark Neily, an attorney at the Institute for Justice, called the push for occupational licenses a "virulent cartelization effort."

It is no coincidence that licensing boards are generally made up of people already in the industry. The less competition, the more business current interior designers can receive.

But your right to suggest the proper length of drapes is not the biggest issue. Of even greater importance is the fact that various industries are using the government to prevent you from doing what you want to do.

If people are voluntarily paying you for your decorating advice, what business is it of the state that you are "properly" trained? With the Internet and various websites like Angie's List, which rate the quality of various service providers, why do we turn to the government to "protect" us?

By keeping out competition with occupational licensing laws, consumers end up being hurt the most, facing higher prices and fewer choices.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you regularly donate blood?

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Column

Technology undermines retained knowledge

Years ago I thought I was smart because I could name most of the state capitals, I knew the difference between a peach and a nectarine, and I could discern a Pink Floyd sample from that of Led Zeppelin. Granted, none of these really indicated my intellect. But I thought my knowledge would increase exponentially until the day my hair grayed, at which time my clarity would dampen as my experiences compounded.

Reality, however, is far from what I'd imagined. At 21, I find myself struggling to recall the simplest facts or thoughts I'd had the day before. While I don't record messages to myself like Polaroids, I at least expect to remember a person's name, a passage I've read or how to cook rice. Instead, I find myself referring to the brain outside of my brain: my smartphone. Where I used to depend on the sharpness of my recollection, I now depend on the reliability of my connection.

Presumably, I'm not alone — consider the number of students you see marching across campus glued to their portable devices of choice. It's reasonable to assume that at some point we will, or we have, become habituated to entrusting these devices to contain all the information we will ever want and ever need, our minds no longer burdened with the task of remembering bits of information. Even vital life skills (how to cook, how to clean, how to find a g-spot) are abandoned to a search on our smartphones. Each additional feature steadily depletes our standard for intelligence. Just ask Siri. If she understands you, that is.

Of the many fields that are crippling due to the dissolution of retained knowledge, civic duty seems to be the most handicapped. I hope, though I won't bet, that most UF students know the name of some of the more controversial acts to recently float and trudge through Washington.

I hope, though I won't bet, that most UF students can recite at least some of the amendments in the Bill of Rights. Failure to do so and referring to your smartphone for the answers seems to render that device more "American" than



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its user, despite it being made in China or South Korea. If we have the audacity to call ourselves Americans, we should have the same knowledge and understanding of the first 10 amendments as Christians should of the Ten Commandments.

Now, some may say that the majority of citizens have never known such specifics about the laws and workings of their country. Why should we be held to this standard today? True, we have not, but citizens have also never had such access to these specifics (just one of the great benefits of this hand-held technology.)

Citizens of the past also lacked significant free time. While their days were spent in the field or in the factory, ours are spent on the couch, watching reality TV and masturbating, too often simultaneously. We should be held to this standard of awareness because every time we insensibly surf the Internet, we abandon our responsibility and negate a chance to participate in the future, in the well-being of our world and in the well-being of ourselves.

I don't intend to undermine the countless benefits technology provides. Nor do I intend to save myself from blame. In fact, I accuse myself of this lethargic complacency while trying to uphold the responsible use of technology in our hands.

And though I'm aware of the National Defense Authorization Act and can even list the Ten Commandments as a non-Christian, I admit that the full extent of the Bill of Rights escapes me. However, as integrity demands, before this is published I will restudy these amendments by recording them onto paper while reading them from my smartphone.

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Letter to the Editor

UF Alert needs quicker, better response

As a female student who lives in the Sorority Row area, many of my friends and I have felt very nervous about being in Gainesville because of the recent crimes that have occurred around campus at night. One idea I have which might help ease some of this concern is improving the timeliness of the emergency notifications being sent to us.

Following the sexual battery that occurred Nov. 29, I never received an emergency text message to my phone, and I was not sent an email informing me of the incident until 9:35 a.m., more than seven hours after the time the 911 call was made, according to the email.

UF Alert was inconsistent in that it later sent an email informing us of the attacker's identity, but the message had no follow-up alert on his actual arrest, an event many would have been relieved to hear about. For the sexual battery attempt Dec. 9, the emergency notification system was quicker to respond, but the text message still did not get out until more than an hour after the incident occurred, with the attacker still at large and quite possibly still in the area. I know people who walked near that area during that time with absolutely no knowledge of any potential danger.

In addition, I have learned about other local crimes this semester not from Emergency

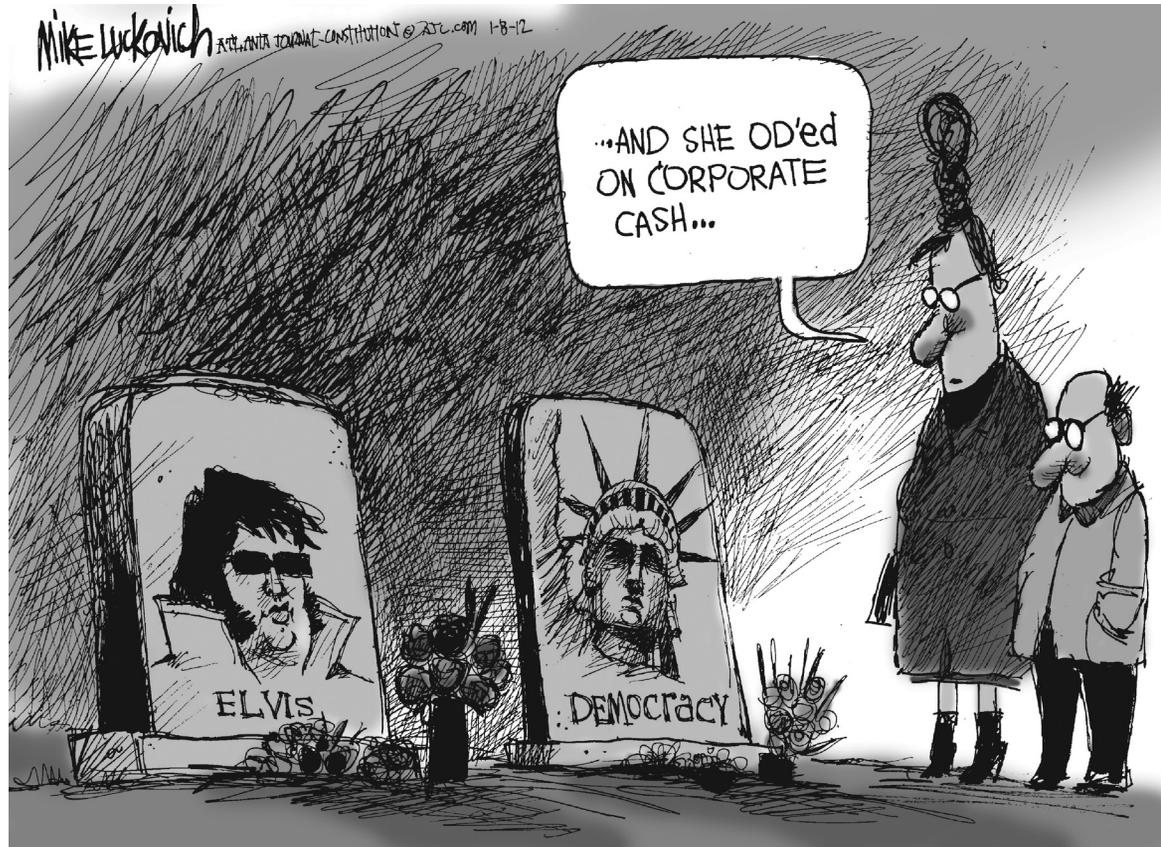
Management, but from alternate sources, including members of the University Police and local newspapers. Some even occurred between the two attempted sexual battery incidents, notably an assault and robbery that also took place around Sorority Row. Why are students informed of campus power outages during Thanksgiving Break but not of a serious crime such as this one? While UF is by no means responsible for any of these criminal actions, the university does have a responsibility to ensure the safety of its students.

The emergency notification system, if used efficiently and frequently, can be instrumental in keeping students instantaneously aware of

potential dangers in their area. If "emergency" messages are not issued in a timely manner, they do not serve much purpose to us at all.

I am really hoping that this problem can be improved for future responses to UF-related emergencies. I encourage everyone, male or female, to look after themselves and each other, sign up for Rape Aggression Defense classes and continue to submit feedback to UF's Emergency Management staff to help make the UF campus and surrounding areas feel a little safer for all those who live there.

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UWire

Obama admin should focus on jobs

The United States is in the midst of the most severe jobs crisis since the Great Depression. Policy decisions made in Washington during the last three years have exacerbated this crisis by increasing economic uncertainty. It is imperative that the next president understand the nature of the problem and be willing to rectify the situation.

The national unemployment rate — which fell from 10.1 percent in October 2009 to 8.5 percent last month — understates how severe the jobs crisis really is. An unemployed person who can't find work and decides to stop looking for a job is no longer considered "unemployed" according to official statistics. If it weren't for the large numbers of people who have simply given up looking for a job during the last few years, the unemployment rate would be around 11 percent.

It gets worse: Since President Obama took office, the average duration of unemployment has skyrocketed from about 20 weeks to about 40 weeks. For comparison, this number has never been more than 22 weeks since at least the Great Depression. This poses a significant problem, as many workers' skills atrophy while they are unemployed. The longer someone is unemployed, the less employable he or she becomes. The harm caused by this crisis will be with us for years to come.

But why is the jobs crisis so severe?

In many situations, a business's decision to hire or invest is difficult to reverse. Thus, when there is uncertainty pertaining to the costs or benefits of this decision, a business will often postpone the decision in order to wait for more information.

University of Stanford economists Scott Baker and Nicholas Bloom and University of Chicago economist Steven Davis recently constructed an index of policy-induced economic uncertainty. Not surprisingly, this index spiked during the financial crisis. How-

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ever, unlike after other crises, uncertainty has not returned to its normal levels. Instead, throughout the entire Obama presidency the level of policy-induced uncertainty has remained consistently about double its average over the previous 25 years. The blame largely lies with recently enacted legislation as well as uncertainty about future regulations. As a result, businesses have postponed many decisions to invest and hire until they know more about their future financial and health care costs. Baker, Bloom and Davis calculate that, if the level of policy-induced economic uncertainty were to return to its 2006 level, the economy would add 2.5 million jobs.

In order to put the nation back to work, we need a president who is focused on creating jobs, not a president who is intent on not letting, as Rahm Emanuel said, "a serious crisis go to waste." Unfortunately, most of the Republican presidential candidates seem little better than President Obama on this count — they, too, seem primarily interested in implementing their legislative and regulatory agendas, regardless of the effects that this may have on the jobs crisis.

The obvious exception is Mitt Romney. His past executive experiences — at Bain Capital, the Salt Lake City Olympics and as governor of Massachusetts — have shown him to be a pragmatic problemsolver rather than an ideologue with an agenda. His choice of economic advisors — Harvard's Greg Mankiw and Columbia's Glenn Hubbard, both well-respected economists — bears out this fact. Romney seems to be the candidate who best understands the link between policy decisions in Washington and the jobs crisis, and is thus in the best position to rectify the problem.

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UWire

Occupy sheds light on income inequality

What's the trouble with America? The answers to this question lie boldly in what defines the lives of ordinary Americans, what the new cool prefer to call the 99 percent. Commonplace answers, however, seem uncommon to American politicians — a number of whom belong in the high-tower 1 percent. It is numbing, to say it kindly, that America is swamped in common trouble.

Sometimes the solution to a problem that borrows age-old wisdom remains mostly when that problem is presenting itself. The exact nature of the matter tends to be lost on most people. In such a case, we are well aware of our troubles, but we are drowning in them anyway.

As we wrap up 2011 and surge into the year of elections, there is no trace of hope that our problems could be cushioned. That the crumbling economy could be saved. That the heavy burden of debt visited on students could be searing to oblivion. That disgraced homeowners could once again find some dignity. That millions scouting for jobs could wake up to something. That everyone could get affordable health care.

What really is upsetting is that there's no reason why hope should be taken away from people in a country where anything is possible. There's no reason why politicians should have the last word on how to fix these problems. And there's just no reason why Americans should be beholden to a political organization that sits at odds with reality.

The Republican presidential nomination campaigns paint the gloom. The candidates offer that, even though the plight of ordinary folk is genuinely poor and thus begs for attention, there's nothing significant that politics and politicians can offer in the gridlock.

No one who promises to fix

Benson Amollo
UWire

America's problems as its commander-in-chief should wear a mask that blinds him or her from the panorama that is the glaring predicament of many. And these candidates have not disappointed in their sorry disconnect to the country's realities. Americans know what ails America, but its leaders don't.

It is overly wounding that there is hardly concession from most politicians that the Occupy protests are a sincere gesture of the burden that their actions have visited on hardworking and innocent Americans. Yet these placard-waving Americans whom one Republican favorite, Newt Gingrich, has dismissed as filthy and needing of a shower, are genuinely angry.

Occupy seems to have shed light not only on the inequalities of America's financial system, but also on the confusion of its political class. The Occupy movement's lack of potential villains has meant that Republicans' usual tactic of meeting protests with scorn for their methods has led them into some ridiculous trouble.

And though some Democrats have seen familiarity in the Occupiers' cause, which so clearly chimes with their own political values, they have been reluctant to jump in and stand with Americans. Theirs is a misplaced strategy hemmed on caution and has thus kept them from the campers' arguments directly.

They've only managed a halfhearted acknowledgment of Occupy's aims, and that illustrates their current inability to freely confront the issues with which they are being presented. That said, Americans continue to be in trouble as long as we look up to the two-party dictatorship for hope and solutions.

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ON CAMPUS

Blood drive comes to campus for National Blood Donor Month

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The first time Bryan Agostini gave blood, he went with a group of friends when a collection truck came to his high school.

Now, the 21-year-old psychology junior is alone, staring out the back window when the monitor of the ALYX blood sorting machine starts beeping, signaling low pressure.

Agostini looks concerned.

"Need you to squeeze, buddy," one of the technicians said, pointing to the stress ball in Agostini's left hand.

The 10.8 fluid ounces of blood Agostini donated, as a part of National Blood Donor Month, will go to a nearby hospital.

Blood donation buses will be parked by Century Tower and on the North Lawn next to the Marston Science Library every day this week and the week of Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The North Lawn bus also will be on campus Jan. 17 and 18.

"We always have a need for blood. O negative and any type of B are always hard to get," said Kyle Boyton, a LifeSouth donor services specialist. "We can never

get enough of those."

UF students provide between 30 and 40 percent of the blood do-

nated in the North Central Florida region, providing a vital tool for Shands at UF and the other major

hospitals in the area.

"Nine times out of 10, the blood will go to a trauma or a transplant

patient," said Conrad Perez, Life-South mobile team leader and Gainesville firefighter. "A liver transplant might take as many as 45 units."

A standard unit of blood is about 500 mL (17 fluid ounces), Perez said, but since Agostini is type O, his blood is being filtered into a concentrated amount, due to its high demand.

Agostini squeezes and releases his hand, and more blood drifts into the buzzing machine as it sorts his red blood cells and removes plasma, which will be injected back into his body with a saline solution.

As the plasma and saline are pushed back, Agostini can feel it move up his arm. "I can see my vein pulsing with the machine when it returns," Agostini said. "It feels kind of weird."

After about 30 minutes, Agostini left with a new pair of flannel boxers, some crackers and a box of Gatorade.

Despite the odd feeling of the plasma in its re-entry and his unease with the noisy machine, Agostini said he'll donate again.

"If they can get this machine to stop beeping," he said, "then it would all be worth it."



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Santa Fe criminal justice junior Samantha Baker, 21, takes blood from UF advertising sophomore Tiffany Sanders, 19, who said she has given blood every two months since she started attending UF. "It's easy to just come in when you have a break from class," Sanders said.

Gainesville drivers' commuting times shortest in Florida

► MOST DRIVERS SPEND LESS THAN 30 MINUTES DRIVING.

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Gainesville has been ranked by an Orlando newspaper as the city with the shortest commuting times in Florida.

About 86 percent of Gainesville drivers spend less than half an hour on the road, and about 43 percent spend less than 15 minutes driving, according to data published by the Orlando Business Journal on Thursday. The paper analyzed data from the five-year version of the 2009 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The paper named Gainesville 19th out of 269 major U.S. cities in terms of commuting time.

Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe attributed the ranking to the success of Smartraffic, a countywide traffic manage-

ment system.

Philip Mann, city traffic operations manager, said the system lets his staff keep an eye on city streets. If one gets too congested, they can change the traffic lights to let traffic flow.

"We try to get the info out so people can make smarter choices."

Philip Mann

city traffic operations manager

He said his staff members also tweet the locations of traffic accidents and update a map of the city on gac-smartraffic.com with crashes.

Construction on the traffic system started in 2007, Mann said.

The last stage, which includes adding neighboring towns into the system, is due to be finished by October.

"The report just substantiates what we've been trying to do," he said. "We try to get the info out so people can make smarter choices."

Students react to end of Iraq War

The war lasted nearly nine years

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With no patriotic parades and little fanfare on either side of the Atlantic Ocean, the Iraq War is done.

On Dec. 15, the Iraq War ended after eight years and 273 days.

After the war that took almost nine years, 4,487 American lives and more than \$800 billion, Americans didn't celebrate with raised flags or iconic folk songs as they did with the conclusions of past wars.

"Increasingly, the American public turned against the war toward the end," said David Hedge, a UF political science professor.

He said the war was more of an issue seven years ago than it was

even three years ago.

"Now, the Iraq War isn't so much in the political arena," Hedge said.

He said he guesses Americans looking back will have a negative view of the war, just like those who lived through the 1960s and '70s view the Vietnam War.

"This war is seen as the same quagmire as Vietnam, where we pursued the wrong foreign policies for the wrong reasons," Hedge said.

Some students have strong opinions about the Iraq War.

"It's still not completely over," said Rebecca Fonseca, a 20-year-old health science junior at UF.

She said her uncle, a 20-year chaplain in the military, missed Christmas and his first granddaugh-

ter's first birthday this year because he was deployed in Afghanistan.

Fonseca said she doesn't think the war is over if there are people still serving in combat overseas. She said Iraq was only one facet of the larger conflict.

Matt Inman, a 24-year-old mechanical engineering graduate second-year at UF, said the war's ending is a big deal.

"It's strange because we weren't fighting a nation," Inman said.

He said he thinks it is interesting more people don't serve in the military.

The reason more don't serve in the military is probably because the college population is so great, he said.

"The military isn't as common an option as it was back then," Inman said.

GPD checks for outstanding warrants

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type infractions that lead to people having difficulty getting police clearance," Jackson said. "People have this perception that all homeless people are dangerous. They're not."

In order to get police clearance, people must go to the Gainesville Police Department and show a form of identification. GPD then checks to make sure there is not a warrant out for their arrest and gives out a clearance slip, Vann said. These police clearances need to be renewed each month.

Gainesville resident George Mack said the policy causes too much of a hassle because it requires a trip to the police station.

"There has to be another, more efficient way to make this place safe," said Mack, 22.

Two policemen are at the soup kitchen twice a month to give out police clearances, Vann said. He did this to make it easier for people to get clearances.

Gainesville resident Nina McNeal said she has been coming to eat at St. Francis House almost every day since 1992. In those 20 years, the 59-year-old said she has never felt as safe while she eats her lunch as she does now.

"It keeps all of the riffraff out," McNeal said as she ate her rice and beans. "Sorry they may not be able to eat, but that's their problem. They should have behaved."

Resident assistants compensated differently across Florida

► **UF RAS RECEIVE A SEMESTER STIPEND RANGING FROM \$1,404 TO \$3,096.**

ALLI LANGLEY

Alligator Writer

Students are settling into their dorms this week, and UF's resident assistants are back on the job.

Some RAs make more than others at Florida public universities, where compensation ranges from free housing to about \$2,500 for a semester.

At UF, RAs receive a semester stipend that ranges from \$1,404 to \$3,096, said Lisa Diekow, director of Housing for Residence Life and Education. The amount depends on how many semesters of experience the RAs have and the number of residents they supervise.

Those in their second year who manage more than 25 residents receive \$2,952 a semester. RAs with 25 or fewer students receive a smaller stipend, but almost all of the 183 RAs supervise 26 to 65 students, said Scott Francis, associate director of Housing for Residence Life and Education.

RAs also receive a \$300 dining credit each semester, and "when occupancy allows," Diekow said, they live in a single room and pay the double-room rate, which varies among the residence halls.

One former RA said he thought

RAs are undercompensated.

"To be the person they want you to be, they don't give you what you deserve," said Camilo Buscaron, 22, computer engineer-

ing senior.

He said that student athletes and graduate teaching assistants receive help with tuition and suggested the housing department

help RAs in the same way.

At FSU, RAs are paid \$7.92 an hour for about 20 hours of work each week, which totals about \$2,500 a semester, said Stacie

Kurlick, the assistant director of University Housing at FSU.

RAs get \$300 in dining credit and pay the double-room rate for a single room, just like at UF. However, they also receive a 50 percent discount on housing. The value of the discount ranges from about \$1,000 to about \$1,500.

Kurlick said RAs at FSU also get a 10 percent bookstore discount.

At UCF, RAs are compensated for 15 hours a week at \$7.31 an hour, about \$1,700 a semester. They also receive a 70 to 80 percent discount on housing.

At the main USF campus in Tampa, RAs receive free housing and a meal plan with 13 meals a week, according to the USF housing

ing. At USF's St. Petersburg campus, RAs receive about \$2,600 a semester and a 50 percent discount on housing, said Heather Klisarin, the assistant director of Residential Education and Housing at USF's St. Petersburg campus.

At UF, the budget for the housing department comes from rent, Francis said, and the last time RA compensation changed was the 2010 spring semester, when stipends increased by \$180.

Devin Donohue, a UF alumnus, said he became an RA so he could make his hall more than a place students sleep.

"Kids who are RAs are not doing it for the compensation," said Donohue, 23.



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Second-year resident assistant Tyler McCann hangs fliers around his dorm area to alert residents of his spring semester housing meeting.

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MOVE VEHICLES \$500 & UP!
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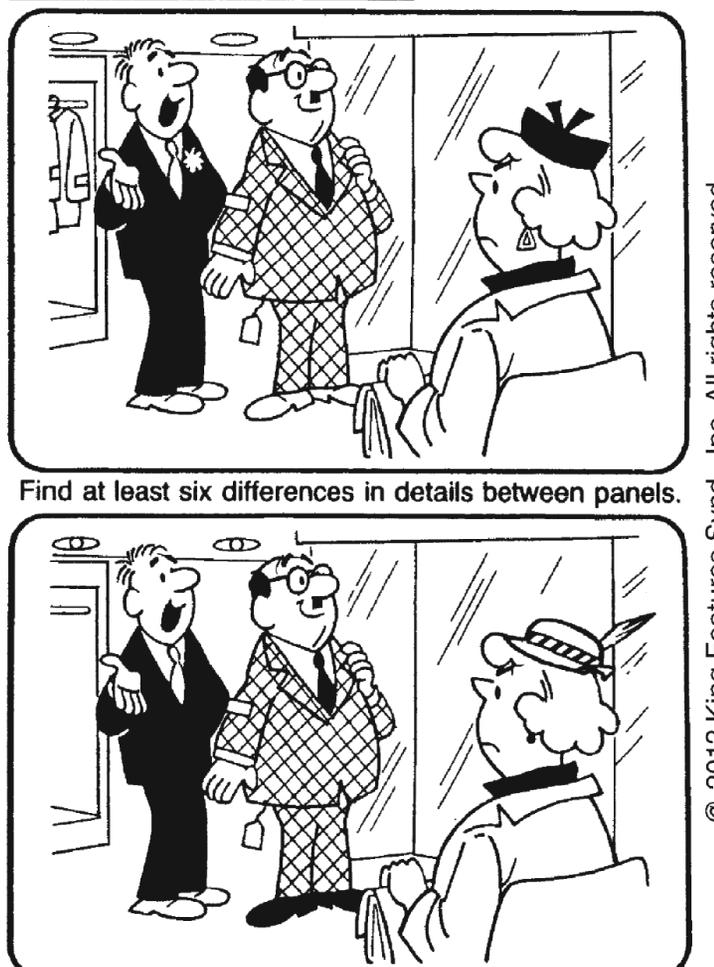
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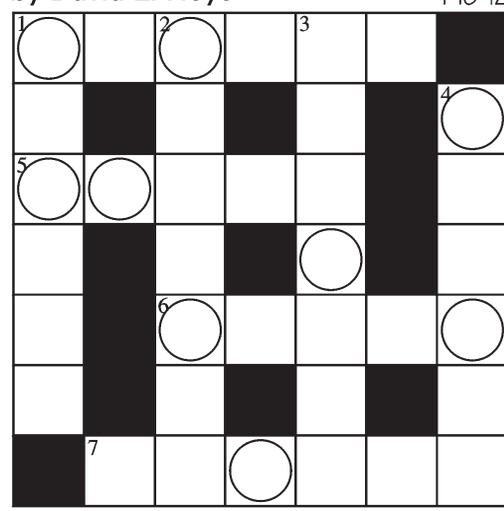


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Boutonniere is missing. 3. Earring is different. 4. Shoes are black. 5. Ceiling lights are different. 6. Clothes are missing from rack.

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by David L. Hoyt 1-10-12



CLUE	ACROSS	ANSWER
1. Plastic _____		BGUNIT
5. Brag		STOBA
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CLUE	DOWN	ANSWER
1. Postponed		TEDALB
2. Thorny bush		MRALEBB
3. _____ gas		TLANAUR
4. Skillfully		FETYDL

CLUE: This comedian, who was half of a popular comedy duo, was born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, in 1895.

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Emphasis on defense as UGA comes to O'Dome

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JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida coach Billy Donovan does not have to stretch his vocabulary when his team is lacking defensive intensity.

After dropping two games in 10 days to unranked opponents and allowing a .500 Tennessee team to hit half of its shots, there was little need for semantics when describing how Florida played during its most recent road loss.

"Whatever words you want to use in the Tennessee game, 'flat,' 'uninspired,' 'step-slow,' whatever the word is — we were that team," Donovan said. "We did not play, in my opinion, with the level of energy that we needed to."

Though No. 19 Florida (12-4, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) also suffered through a woeful, 20-for-56 shooting performance in its league opener, the emphasis for Donovan and his players ahead of tonight's home tilt at 7 against Georgia (9-6, 0-1 SEC) has been defense.

The Volunteers shot 51 percent from the floor and hit 50 percent of their 3-pointers Saturday. Tennessee's field goal percentage was the highest the Gators have permitted all season, leaving freshman guard Brad Beal to characterize Florida as looking "slow and lazy" at times.

"We didn't play hard at all, basically," Beal said. "We didn't play great help defense, we weren't guarding the ball well (and) our

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Coach Billy Donovan said the Gators have not had the same intensity on defense since beating FSU on Dec. 22, adding that first-year starters like Erik Murphy (back) are still learning to maintain focus on defense.

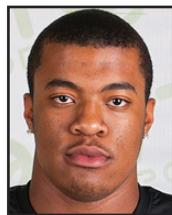
RECRUITING

Gators hit, miss on top-ranked DE recruits

Five-star Bullard chooses Florida

KELLY PRICE
Alligator Writer

Prized defensive end Jordan Jenkins continued the stay-at-home streak established by many top recruits in the class of 2012 on Monday — the four-star prospect chose Georgia over Florida, Alabama and Auburn in a televised interview with the Fox Sports South network.



Bullard

Now, coach Will Muschamp and his staff will focus on another recruit deciding between Flor-

Jenkins' oral commitment to Georgia was a huge miss for UF, which could have used his tested pass rush ability and disruptive strength at defensive end, where the Gators are currently extremely thin.

ida and Georgia in five-star prospect Josh Harvey-Clemons, as well as five-star defensive end Darius Hamilton of Ramsey, N.J.

However, Florida had a huge grab Saturday night when five-star defensive end Jonathan Bullard orally committed at the U.S. Army All-America game.

The Shelby, N.C., prospect chose the Gators over Clemson and South Carolina, among others.

Bullard fills a need on defense for

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Slow starts, turnovers lead to early SEC woes for UF

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

The Gators have dropped the ball to start the new year.

In three Southeastern Conference games, Florida has recorded 61 turnovers and lost at home to No. 9 Kentucky and No. 24 South Carolina by a combined eight points.

The slow start stems from the Gators' sloppiness with the basketball in the first half since league play began on New Year's Day.

"We've not gotten out of the gates well, and that's really baffling," coach Amanda Butler said. "We need to be sharper from the onset."

The Gators' most recent loss came against the Gamecocks in a 49-44 defeat that was decided in the final minutes. However, a five-point loss was far from expected after UF turned the ball over 14 times and scored just 15 points in the first half.

Florida has averaged 20.3 giveaways per game since SEC play began compared to a 16.5 mark in 13 non-conference contests.

"We've not gotten out of the gates well, and that's really baffling. We need to be sharper from the onset."

Amanda Butler
UF coach

Even junior forward Jennifer George — the Gators' leading scorer — has struggled with ball control from the get-go, recording nine first-half turnovers in her last three games.

"You can't afford — even if it's five ticks into the game — to give the ball back because then you're giving yourself the chance to lose by two right there," Butler said.

Giveaways were a pressing issue for the Gators last season when they added six new players to the fold.

The unfamiliarity within the team contributed to Florida's minus-1.23 turnover margin during the 2010-11 campaign, which ranked next to last in the Southeastern Conference.

While the Gators are in the black with a plus-1.38 mark this season, they still rank just eighth in the conference.

Senior guard Deana Allen believes that maintaining Florida's game plan from the start will help it minimize giveaways.

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Quotable

"The first day of practice, he knocked me on my butt and my hip was messed up a long time. ... I've been trying to stay away from Pat."

Brad Beal

Freshman UF guard (on Patric Young's physicality in practice)

Green receives honor

Right tackle Chaz Green was named to the Football Writers Association of America's Freshman All-America Team on Monday.

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Butler sends message to forwards, centers

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"We can't let other teams dictate how we're going to execute our plays," Allen said. "Just learning to dictate our own tempo and also just valuing the ball."

The Gators' failure to establish substantial offensive production down low has contributed to the turnover problem.

Due to inconsistent post play, Florida's guards have been more aggressive driving the lane, leading to increased mistakes.

George has certainly done her part in the paint, leading UF with 14 points and 10.1 rebounds per game, but post scoring begins and ends with her.

The closest forward or center to George statistically is senior Azania Stewart, averaging 5.3 points and 5.6 rebounds per contest.

Following the South Caro-

lina game, George said her fellow post players needed to "finish consistently with contact" offensively.

Butler sent a message to the forwards and centers that they needed to get more involved and described them as "very, very capable" of doing so.

"Ndidi (Madu) got us out of the gates against Kentucky — that's what we need from her," Butler said. "Lily (Svete) is out of her shooting slump. We need her to play both ends of the floor."

Florida's next game will be a road tilt against No. 19 Georgia on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Gators posted a 1-1 record against the Bulldogs last season, recording 16 and 23 turnovers in the win and loss, respectively.

"The way we feel about the SEC, each ball game is going to be won or lost by two or maybe three possessions," Butler said. "You've got to value the ball when you have it."

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Gators forward Jennifer George leads the team with a double-double average of 14 points and 10.1 rebounds per game, but UF is looking for more production around her.

Seven members of 2012 class enroll early

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Florida heading into 2012, as Ronald Powell is the only remaining experienced pass-rushing end on the Gators' roster.

Bullard's explosiveness off the ball and 6-foot-4, 255-pound frame have improved over the course of his final high school season, and he could compete for immediate playing time next season.

Early enrollees on campus: Fresh off of the U.S. Army and Under Armour All-America games, seven new freshmen navigated the UF campus for the first time as students Monday.

Seven spring enrollees from the recruiting class of 2012 began classes, in hopes of gaining an advantage with a full semester finished — and a playbook memorized — by the time they are joined by fellow 2012 recruits during the summer.

Three-star cornerback Willie Bailey of Hallandale; four-star offensive lineman Jessamen Dunker of Boynton Beach; three-star defensive end Quinteze Williams of

Tyrone, Ga.; four-star linebacker Antonio Morrison from Bolingbrook, Ill.; four-star wide receiver Latroy Pittman of Citra; five-star offensive tackle D.J. Humphries of Charlotte, N.C.; and junior college defensive tackle transfer Damien Jacobs all had their first days at UF Monday.

These seven have helped propel Muschamp's first full recruiting class to No. 3 nationally, according to Rivals.com.

Currently at 18 recruits — near the NCAA-mandated limit of 25 per signing class — this class could be officially spliced in order to sign seven extra players, with the seven early enrollees being counted toward 2011's 18-member class.

Salt decommits: Florida lost top junior college transfer Viselio Salt out of Walnut, Cal. Monday night.

Salt, a 6'3" 340-pound four-star defensive tackle, switched his oral commitment from Florida to Utah Monday night.

Oral commitments are nonbinding until a national letter of intent is signed on or after National Signing Day on Feb. 1, 2012.

UF's depth at defensive end heading into 2012

Florida's already thin defensive line took a hit with the departure of senior William Green. Not counting commits from the 2012 class, here is the returning defensive ends for the Gators next season, with their 2011 stats:

Ronald Powell, Buck. Junior. 32 tackles, 6 sacks (led team), 9 tackles for loss.

Shariff Floyd, DT/DE. Junior. 46 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 6.5 tackles for loss.

Lerentee McCray, DE/LB. Senior. 24 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 7.5 tackles for loss.

Earl Okine, DE. Senior. 8 tackles, 0 sacks, 1 tackle for loss.

Kedric Johnson, DE. Junior. 5 tackles, 1 sack, 2.5 tackles for loss.

Tevin Westbrook, DE. Sophomore. 2 tackles, 0 sacks, 1 tackle for loss.

2011 Season Swamp Studs

Chris Rainey	15
Jeff Demps	11
Matt Elam	10
Andre Debose	10
Jon Bostic	5
John Brantley	5
Mike Gillislee	5
Jaye Howard	5
Jelani Jenkins	4
Lerentee McCray	2
Shariff Floyd	2
A.C. Leonard	1
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KEY STAT

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Florida's turnover margin. Coach Will Muschamp talked about turnovers as one of his most important factors in the preseason, but the Gators minus-12 mark was good for a 113th finish in the nation and was a large contributor to Florida's disappointing season.

THREE KEY PLAYS



Chris Rainey's muffed punt against Auburn. With the Gators mired in a two-game losing streak, a matchup with the Tigers was the first winnable game in the grueling month of October. But Rainey's controversial fumble on a punt in the first quarter set Auburn up for an easy three-play scoring drive, which amounted to the game-winning touchdown as UF could only muster 6 points with freshmen Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel at the helm. Receiver Robert Clark also muffed a punt late, allowing the Tigers to seal the 17-6 win and a third straight loss for the Gators.



Andre Debose's kickoff return for a touchdown in the Gator Bowl against Ohio State. While the play was one of many electrifying displays from the sophomore this season, the untouched return that went for six points meant the most for Florida. Not only was it the play of the game, allowing the Gators to escape with the win after the Buckeyes mounted a late rally, but Debose's return sealed a winning season for Florida, sent its senior class out with a much-needed victory and prevented the first losing season at UF since 1979.



Aaron Murray's fourth-down touchdown pass to Tavarres King over Jaylen Watkins in the Georgia game. Watkins gaffe' on fourth down, when King skied over the redshirt freshman to catch a fade pass from Murray, allowed Georgia to tie it at 17 late in the game. It was the second touchdown on fourth down for the Bulldogs in the closely contested game, which was one of three the Gators lost by 10 points or less.

SWAMP STUDS

TURNING POINT

Facing a third-and-20 situation late in the first half against Alabama on Oct. 1, quarterback John Brantley dropped back to pass but was crumpled by linebacker Courtney Upshaw. It was the second consecutive sack given up by Florida's line, and this one was huge. Brantley was shaken up on the play, leaving the game after one of the best 30 minutes of football in his career. He severely sprained his ankle on the play, and the injury would cause him to miss Florida's next two games and be limited for the remainder of the season.



Chris Rainey
Sr. RB

Rainey was the focal point of Florida's rushing and passing attacks, leading the team with 171 carries, 861 rushing yards and 31 receptions. He was also a major factor on special teams, blocking two punts to up his career total to an SEC-record six and returning 12 punts for a team-best 106 yards. No matter the week or the opponent, Florida's offensive game plan was simple: get Rainey the football.



Jeff Demps
Sr. RB

Although Rainey was the focus, there were plenty of weeks when Demps stole the spotlight. In a season highlighted by a 157-yard performance against Kentucky and a 158-yard performance against Vanderbilt, with two scores in each, Demps amassed 569 yards and six touchdowns. Although he was limited by a midseason ankle injury, Demps had 16 catches for 172 yards and returned 10 kicks for 250 yards, including a 99-yard touchdown against Georgia.



Matt Elam
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Elam was the type of playmaker Florida desperately needed on defense, leading the team with two forced fumbles, 11 tackles for loss and seven pass breakups while tying for the team lead with two interceptions. Against run-heavy offenses Elam slid up into the box and was effective doing so, finishing second on the team with 78 tackles.



Andre Debose
So. WR

Debose didn't touch the ball often, but he made his touches count. As a receiver he posted 16 grabs for a team-high 432 yards, an average of 27 yards per catch. Debose led all receivers on the team with four touchdowns. He was also a major difference-maker on special teams, returning 19 kicks for 495 yards and a touchdown. He vaulted into a tie for third in our standings after a standout performance in the Gator Bowl, in which he earned MVP honors.

Donovan ramps up intensity as Florida prepares for Georgia

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transition defense wasn't good. We've had too many breakdowns during the game and it really cost us."

The Bulldogs, who average 62.9 points per game, aren't known as an offensive-minded squad. But, then again, neither were the Volunteers before their efficient, 11-point win.

Since Dec. 29, Florida has allowed four unranked teams to shoot a combined 44.8 percent from the field and 42.4 percent from three. In their first 12 games, the Gators allowed opponents to shoot 40.9 from the field and just 29.5 percent from beyond the arc.

UF is now tied with the College of Charleston, Wofford, Northern Illinois and Tulsa for the 138th-best field goal defense in the country at 41.9 percent.

"It has not been the same since before Christmas," Donovan said. "The only two guys, in my opinion, who understand what this is all about are (Erving) Walker and (Kenny) Boynton because they have been through it. (Patric) Young, (Erik) Murphy and Beal — those guys are somewhat new to

what this is all about and what is going on."

Murphy, a 6-foot-10 junior forward, said that after UF beat FSU 82-64 on Dec. 22, defense took a back seat in practice as injuries and sickness forced four Gators to miss time.

"We lost that mentality a little bit," said Murphy, who had a career-high four blocks against Tennessee. "I think we're going to do our best. Working out in practice [Sunday] was really good, especially in those areas — defense and rebounding."

Florida practiced twice on Sunday and, according to Beal and Murphy, never made a shot. Instead, Donovan placed plastic bubbles over the court's hoops to make sure the team's defensive toughness was addressed. Both players described the practices as their most physical of the season.

"Sometimes we get emotionally down on ourselves and down on one another," Beal said. "And I really think that we need to grow up. We need to grow up a lot and just basically fight through adversity."

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Defensive performance in quality wins



Arizona, 78-72 OT
Wildcats: shot 47.3 percent from field, 37.5 from three
Gators: +12 rebounding advantage, +5 assist-to-turnover margin



Texas A&M (Tampa), 84-64
Aggies: shot 45.6 percent from field, 38.5 from three
Gators: +5 rebounding advantage, +1 assist-to-turnover margin



Florida State, 82-64
Seminoles: shot 40.7 percent from field, 30.4 from three
Gators: even rebounding, +4 assist-to-turnover margin



Yale, 90-70
Bulldogs: shot 42.9 percent from field, 52.4 from three
Gators: -5 rebounding deficit, +17 assist-to-turnover margin

Defensive performance in losses



@ Ohio State, 81-74
Buckeyes: shot 47.2 percent from field, 26.7 from three
Gators: +9 rebounding advantage, -5 assist-to-turnover margin



@ Syracuse, 72-68
Orange: shot 40.6 percent from field, 17.6 from three
Gators: -7 rebounding deficit, -5 assist-to-turnover margin



@ Rutgers, 85-83 20T
Scarlet Knights: shot 48.6 percent from field, 38.9 from three
Gators: +1 rebounding advantage, -4 assist-to-turnover margin



@ Tennessee, 67-56
Volunteers: shot 51 percent from field, 50 from three
Gators: +3 rebounding advantage, -5 assist-to-turnover margin

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