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Hinson-Rawls wins District 1, at-large 1 seat goes to runoff



Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

District 1 winner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls celebrates at the Supervisor of Elections Office downtown after election results came in Tuesday night.

Runoff election to take place Feb. 28

MEREDITH RUTLAND, ADRIANNA PAIDAS and JULIA GLUM
 Alligator Staff Writers

The votes arrived in bursts of tens, twenties, hundreds. One by one, candidates rolled into the Supervisor of Elections office.

Almost every eye was on the projection screen until a single red bar slid higher than the rest.

Then a future commissioner smiled.

Yvonne Hinson-Rawls was elected to the District 1 seat of the Gainesville City Commission on Tuesday with 1,126 votes — 54.29 percent of the total District 1 votes.

However, two candidates won't be able to relax just yet.

The at-large 1 seat will go to a runoff because none of the eight candidates was able to secure a majority of the votes.

Lauren Poe, Santa Fe College associate professor and former Gainesville city commissioner, and Nathan Skop, lawyer and former Florida Public Service commissioner, will face off in a Feb. 28 runoff election. They had the highest number of votes, with Poe securing 4,402 votes and Skop earning 2,944 votes.

A total of 24,864 people voted — about 25 percent of registered voters.

This year's election turnout was higher than last year's

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I-75 ACCIDENT

Santa Fe student and boyfriend die together in I-75 accidents

TYLER JETT
 Alligator Staff Writer

The last couple of months contained some of the happiest moments in Christie Nguyen's life, a life that came to a tragic end on Interstate 75 on Sunday morning.

The 27-year-old lifelong Gainesville resident, whose name was released by the Florida Highway Patrol on Tuesday, was a UF alumna and a Santa Fe College student.

Nguyen was headed north in a Toyota Matrix on Sunday. Jason Raikes, her boyfriend and a source of recent joy, died beside her. He was driving.

"Speaking to his parents and to my parents, it's pretty clear they were meant

to be with each other," her brother Nelson said. "[None of the parents] had seen them happier. They were very much in love. They were talking about settling down."



Nguyen

In addition to Nelson, Christie leaves behind her father, Andrew; her mother, Linh; and her 6-year-old son, a first-grader at Kimball Wiles Elementary School. The Alligator couldn't reach any of Raikes' relatives, who, according to WJXT in Jacksonville, live in Richmond, Va.

Christie was artistic and talented, Nel-

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Death toll in crash rises to 11

► A THIRD BODY WAS DISCOVERED IN A DODGE PICKUP.

JON SILMAN
 Alligator Staff Writer

The death toll is now 11 in the Interstate 75 crashes that also injured at least 22 people early Sunday morning.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, the Florida Highway Patrol announced Tuesday night that a third victim was found in a Dodge pickup.

In the aftermath of the crash, the pickup was on top of a crushed Pontiac Grand Prix. Another passenger and the driver of the truck were also killed. Their names have not been released.

The rise in the death toll is due to the continued investigation by the Medical Ex-

aminer's Office.

Other names and identities were also released by the FHP in the days following the incident.

The Medical Examiner's Office released the remains of 22-year-old Vontavia Robinson of Williston.

A family believed to be from a Brazilian Restoration church in Georgia, travelling from a three day conference in the Orlando area, were also victims of the crash.

According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Edson Carmo, 38, was the pastor of the church and driver of a 2012 Dodge Caravan. His passengers included Roselia DeSilva, 41, Jose Carmo Jr., 43, Adrianna Carmo, 39, and Leticia Carmo, all of Kennesaw, Ga. They were all killed. Lidiane Carmo, 15, the sole survivor from the van, was still at Shands at UF as of Tuesday night.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War traveling exhibition

Today, 2:30 p.m.
Library West, third floor
The exhibition opening will be followed by faculty presentations by Patricia Hilliard-Nunn and Sharon Austin at 3 p.m. in Smathers Library, Room 1A. A Q&A session and reception will follow.

Radical About Christ Bible study

Today, 5 p.m.
Little Hall, Room 201
February is the month of love. Radical About Christ presents The Month of Unconditional Love. The first topic to be covered is "Understanding Love."

CHISPAS General Body Meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union, Rooms 276-77
Interested in human rights and community service? All students are welcome. Free pizza will be provided, and all who attend will have the chance to win a free T-shirt.

UF in Haifa study-abroad dinner

Today, 7 p.m.
Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
Join Hillel for a free dinner sponsored by the University of Haifa to find out more about study abroad and graduate degree programs in Israel.

Action through awareness

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom
Please join UF Doctors Without Borders Student Organization and Reitz Union Board Entertainment as we welcome Dr. Keith Stone, an MSF field OB/GYN; Steve Siegel, a UF medical student; and Angie Brice, a Teach for America veteran. They will discuss their life-changing experiences as humanitarians. Meet the speakers, ask questions and gain insight into areas of philanthropy.

Reitz Union Entertainment Board presents "Groundhog Day"

Today and Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
Want to know if we'll be see-

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ing six more weeks of winter? Come watch "Groundhog Day" to find out. Starring Bill Murray as a weatherman living the same day over and over again. The movie is free and open to the public.

Free salsa classes with the Gator Salsa Club

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
Come join the Gator Salsa Club to learn some salsa moves for free. The lessons will be held on the Reitz Colonnade every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The club will teach Dance on 2 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by Casino style from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. No experience or partner is required. All levels of dancers are welcome.

UF Libertarians screen "Waiting for 'Superman'"

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Matherly, Room 118
For National School Choice Week, the UF Libertarians will be screening "Waiting for 'Superman,'" a Sundance award-winning documentary that analyzes the failures of the public education system in America. Those interested in education, public choice, political economy, public policy and liberty are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Soweto Gospel Choir

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Phillips Center for Performing Arts
Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir pays homage to tribal, traditional and popular African and Western music while uplifting souls with earthy rhythms, dynamic harmonies and a cappella vocals. Student tickets are \$12. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Dance Marathon hosts 5K, FT5K

Sunday, 8 a.m.
UF Commuter Lot
Dance Marathon at UF is hosting its annual 5K, the "FT5K." Early online registration is \$20, and same-day registration is \$25. A 1-mile fun run is an option for those who like shorter distances for \$10. All proceeds benefit Shands Hospital for Children, our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. To learn more and register, visit www.floridadm.org/5k.

Gainesville Crohn's and Colitis support group

Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 2121 SW 16th St.
If you have inflammatory bowel disease, come find support with others. The group is very welcoming and understands what you've been through. For more information, contact Dennis@UCVlog.com.

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Chas Hackmann, a 19-year-old mechanical engineering sophomore, uses a green to-go box every day at Gator Dining.

Campus to-go boxes growing more popular

▶ AN ESTIMATED 1,000 ARE CHECKED OUT EVERY WEEK.

MATT BOLES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Gators are taking “going green” literally with on-campus dining this year.

Students have been able to use the reusable, green to-go boxes at Gator Corner Dining Center, Broward Dining and the Reitz Union’s Home Zone since January 2009, according to the Office of Sustainability website.

The dining halls started to charge students 40 cents each for disposable boxes in August, and more students are checking out reusable boxes this semester.

Felita Sallet, 22, the lead cashier at Gator Corner, estimated that at least 1,000 to-go boxes are

checked out every week at Gator Corner.

“We didn’t expect it to catch on like it did,” she said. “We had to order more boxes to keep up with the demand.”

She said she didn’t know how many were checked out before the charge was implemented on disposable boxes.

Students check out a box if they want to take food to go, and as long as they don’t keep any boxes, they get their \$4 deposit back at the end of the semester, according to Gator Dining Services.

The reusable boxes prevent about 14,000 containers from being thrown out, according to a Gator Dining handout.

Hannah Eastwood, a 19-year-old linguistics freshman, has used the green boxes about 20 times.

“Anybody who has a meal plan should definitely sign up,” she said.

CRIME

Man arrested, charged with attempted robbery in The Polos

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Writer

A man was almost robbed walking to his apartment in The Polos early Tuesday morning.

Jeremy Christian Barry, 18, of 4330 SE 80th St., was arrested by Gainesville Police on charges for

attempted robbery a quarter mile from the incident.

According to the arrest report, at 12:13 a.m. Barry ran behind the victim near the 2300 block of Southwest 35th Place and demanded the victim’s money and phone. As the victim turned around, Barry demanded money again, signaling

with his right hand on his pants pocket that he had a weapon.

According to the arrest report, he told the victim, “Don’t make me pull this out.”

The victim told police a vehicle leaving the complex startled Barry, giving the victim a chance to run away.

Police found Barry nearby within minutes. When questioned, Barry said he smoked crack in Phoenix Apartments and was walking to his brother’s house.

The victim identified Barry as the person who attempted to rob him.

After he was arrested, Barry ad-

mitted he was looking for drug money. He told police he approached the victim aggressively but denied implying he had a weapon. He was found with a pocketknife in his front right pants pocket.

Barry was charged with attempted robbery with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$30,000.

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Students Party announces candidates for Spring SG elections



Olivia Muentner / Alligator

Sophomore and prenursing student Alexandra Desjardins-Martel fills out a Student Government slating form Monday afternoon.

► **ALEX CORNILLIE WILL RUN FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.**

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Writer

Senior economics major Alex Cornillie will run as the Students Party candidate for Student Body president with political science and economics junior Jesse Schmitt as his vice president. Party president. Sen. Carly Wilson will run for treasurer.

Cornillie has served on the Reitz Union Board of Managers and managed programs for Gator Growl and Homecoming.

He was also the press secretary for former Student Body President Ash-ton Charles.

Schmitt has no UF Student Government experience.

However, Wilson said he ran and campaigned before with the Student Alliance Party and understands SG.

He also brought Humans vs. Zom-

bies to campus in 2010.

Schmitt was welcomed to the football team last spring as a walk-on fullback.

He said his overall goal is to increase student participation in SG.

Last week, the Unite Party announced Tj Villamil as its presidential candidate.

Today it will announce its treasurer and vice presidential candidates at the Reitz Union Amphitheater at 12:35 p.m.

Each party has also been interviewing potential senators during qualifying, which ended Tuesday.

Supervisor of Elections Toni Megna said about 659 students qualified during all three days.

The Students Party had 53 students and the Unite Party had 606 students. No one declared independent, she said.



Cornillie

CRIME Man charged in connection with series of bicycle thefts

SHELBY WEBB
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Gainesville man was arrested Thursday in connection with multiple bike thefts at UF and off-campus apartments.

Robert Kenneth Barton, 18, was taken into custody Thursday night by Gainesville Police,

according to GPD Detective Tom Mullins.

Barton was stealing bikes and trying to sell them to local pawn and sport shops, Mullins said.

He added that the arrest was made with help from University Police Department detective Hank Middleton and officer Ellen Duffy.



Barton

Barton was charged with or-

ganized stolen property dealing, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, fraud and petit theft.

Mullins said one of the bikes was returned because it had been registered with UPD.

"We were able to compare the serial numbers," he said. "It's a really good tool for students with

bikes on campus."

Students are encouraged to register their bikes and report stolen ones to UPD.

Decals are available to those who register their bikes, which Mullins said can help deter burglaries and help UPD find bikes faster.

More voters turned out to polls for this year's election

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city elections, when 14.87 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

Hinson-Rawls threw her hands in the air and yelled, "Thank you! Thank you!" as she embraced supporters.

Although she'll take a short break, she said she has been researching some of the issues from her platform.

"I want to put them into some real plans for moving forward," Hinson-Rawls said. "I want to be able to step in, day one, and start making results."

Ray Washington, a Gainesville lawyer, came in second in the District 1 race and earned 479 votes. He said he plans to support Skop in the runoff. In the meantime, he'll go back to work.

Armando Grundy, an Army veteran, came in third with 469 votes.

Skop and Poe went head-to-head in debates and forums throughout the election cycle. Both said they plan to run a positive runoff campaign.

Poe said he's elated he made it this far.

"To come in first place by a pretty wide margin shows that our positive,

forward-looking message really resonated with voters," he said.

Although he is exhausted, Poe said he and his campaign staff are determined to run a strong race.

"It's like winning the AFC-NFC championship," he said. "You get to enjoy it for one night, but then you have to get ready for the Super Bowl."

"I want to put them into some real plans for moving forward. I want to be able to step in, day one, and start making results."

Yvonne Hinson-Rawls

Gainesville city commissioner

Nathan Skop said he's excited for what the next month will bring. He said he plans to win the runoff election by securing the support of his former opponents who ran on similar platforms of fiscal responsibility and government openness.

"This is the first step toward bringing change and representative government back to Gainesville," Skop said. "The runoff elections will be a referendum on change versus the status quo on the current commission."

Nguyen remembered for her talents

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son said. Dancing was an outlet for her. She started when she was 4 or 5 and never really stopped. Ballet, tap, jazz — she did it all.

She performed with Dance Alive National Ballet, and she usually took part in the company's annual Nutcracker show at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

She played the piano in talent shows at Countryside Christian School, the school's former principal Bill Keith said. Her former teacher Gwen Keith said she loved to draw during class.

Christie and Nelson grew up in Gainesville and lived at 11113 W Newberry Road.

Mary D. Fletcher, a neighbor, said she sold the Nguyens their house in 1991. She remembered Christie being quiet but thoughtful.

"She was a brilliant, absolutely brilliant girl," Fletcher said.

She never missed a day at Countryside, where she attended from elementary school through high school. She was the class salutatorian in 2001. She was less than a point shy of graduating No. 1, Gwen said.

Christie graduated from UF in 2010 with a degree in Asian studies, and she earned

a pair of business administration degrees from Santa Fe. She was taking an anatomy and physiology class at Santa Fe this semester and dancing at the college.

"The dance program is just devastated," fine arts department chair Alora Haynes said in a statement. "The dance program was like Christie's family. My phone is ringing off the hook with students asking, 'Is it true?'"

Christie was planning to become a pharmacist, Nelson said. Andrew, her father, is a doctor with family practices in Newberry and Trenton.

"Our family is big into the medical field," Nelson said. "That was one thing that interested her. She really wanted to pursue it. My father had an influence in that."

Working at a pharmacy and living with Raikes — those were Christie's plans for the future, Nelson said. That was her happiness.

"When you find someone — and of course she had her son — the idea of settling and planning becomes exciting," Nelson said. "Being with Jason specifically: That's truly been the happiest I've seen her."

Nelson doesn't know where Christie and Raikes were driving home from Sunday morning.

Wherever it was, they left together.

I-75 ACCIDENT

Gov. launches investigation of FHP

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Staff Writer

At the request of Gov. Rick Scott, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has started an investigation into the car crashes that claimed 11 lives on Interstate 75.

Scott requested the investigation Monday, FDLE Communications Coordinator Keith Kameg said.

Investigators want to find out why the interstate was reopened a few hours after being closed shortly after midnight Sunday due to poor visibility.

"During this tragic time, our thoughts and prayers should be with the victims and their families," said a statement on the gov-

ernor's website.

FDLE's Office of the Inspector General will coordinate the investigation. When the report is complete, FDLE will turn it over to the governor's office.



Scott

There is no timeline on the report, Kameg said, and he was unable to provide further information.

"We got it yesterday and we're putting it together today," he said.

While there are many things investigators hope to find out about the cause of the crashes, some things are already known.

The Alachua County Fire Department issued no permits for controlled burns inside Gainesville city limits last week, said Gainesville Fire Rescue District Chief Jeff Lane.

One permit was issued retroactively for a person using a fire northwest of Gainesville, but that fire couldn't have spread to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, he said.

The Florida Forest Service authorized a 70-acre pasture burn near Archer, but it was quite far from Paynes Prairie, said FFS spokeswoman Ludie Bond.

Bond said controlled burns were ruled out as the cause of the fire on Sunday.



AP Photo

Congregation in mourning

International Church of the Restoration parishioners mourn the loss of Pastor Jose Carmo Jr., his wife Adriana and their daughter Leticia Carmo on Monday in Marietta, Ga. The family was killed Sunday in an Interstate 75 multi-vehicle crash.

Emergency workers heroes in tragedy
Shands treated 22 patients

ALLI LANGLEY

Alligator Writer

Shands at UF went on red alert at about 5 a.m. Sunday, shortly after poor visibility from dense smoke and fog caused crashes involving about 20 vehicles that killed 11 people.

The hospital's emergency department received a flurry of calls from first-responders witnessing firsthand the Interstate 75 carnage.

Be prepared for mass casualties, they said.

Immediately, the Critical Care Center activated its emergency alert system.

"People mobilized from throughout the hospital," said Dr. Adrian Tyndall, chief of Emergency Services, "not just the emergency depart-

ment."

Shands' Critical Care Center received 22 patients, said John Pastor, spokesman for UF/Shands Communications. Of those, 14 have been released and eight remained in the hospital as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Tyndall said four trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, nurses and other staff worked together to handle the emergencies and comfort those involved in the accidents.

"There was a lot of sadness given how significant this was," Tyndall said.

Despite that, Shands employees handled the situation like the emergencies they deal with every day.

Patients arrived in intervals, he said, and the emergency room atmosphere was calm and orderly.

However, he said, workers at the

scene played the most important role: They were the ones checking to see who was alive, who could be rescued and who could not.

"The EMS personnel manning the frontlines were the heroes here," he said. "They saw something many never, ever see."

Fortunately, Pastor said, the chaos of the crash site didn't translate to chaos at the hospital.

The alert lasted less than three hours, but the effects of the crash linger. If needed, doctors and nurses have resources such as counseling to help them.

Health care providers aren't immune to these situations, said Lisa Merlo, a psychologist and professor at UF's College of Medicine.

Like everyone, she said, they need time to rest and process their feelings.

"Medical personnel are still human beings," she said.

Businesses, events
affected by wrecks

▶ TRACK AND FIELD MEET WAS DELAYED 35 MINUTES.

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH

Alligator Writer

Gainesville residents and businesses are still feeling the effects of Sunday's series of car accidents that left 11 dead.

After the wrecks on Interstate 75, businesses temporarily stopped production, athletic competitions were delayed and hotels paid to accommodate those who were stuck in traffic.

"The last thing they needed after seeing that mayhem was finally coming here to see their hotel room was booked," said Tony Trusty, general manager of the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center.

The hotel extended reservations overnight for those who were stuck in traffic because of the accidents, he said.

In addition to an extra night, the hotel provided a glass of wine to each patron to "ease the stress" caused by the traffic.

He said he doesn't know if any guests were in the accidents.

The hotel covered the expense of the extra night, Trusty said.

"Technically, there was a loss of revenue, but I don't even look at it that way," he said. "We chose the moral route."

Some people weren't able to get to Gainesville to sword-fight, eat fried Oreos or buy chain mail.

About 12,000 people attended the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on Saturday.

That number dropped to 9,500 Sunday, said Linda Piper, events coordinator with the City of Gainesville Division of Cultural Affairs.

She said she expects those who couldn't make it over the weekend to be at the fair this weekend.

Some businesses have to play catch-up because of accidents.

It took some employees of Swamp Head Brewery seven and a half hours to get back from an event in Jupiter when it would normally take them four, said Luke Kemper, founder and owner of Swamp Head Brewery.

Because they were so late, they were unable to spend the

three hours it takes to clean equipment, Kemper said.

With six hours of preparation time needed, the brewery couldn't get a batch ready for fermentation in time.

"It's not going to be the end of the world," he said. "We'll just double-up one day."

The traffic caused others to be late to work and tardy to meetings.

Sue Burzynski Bullard was late to a weekend of meetings when her two-hour drive from Orlando took six and a half hours.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln associate professor was coming to Gainesville to help decide whether the UF College of Journalism and Communications would be re-accredited.

Then, I-75 became a parking lot.

"As frustrated as I was, I consider myself lucky that I

"It's not going to be the end of the world."

Luke Kemper

founder and owner of Swamp Head Brewery

wasn't in the crash the night before," she said.

When people arrived in Gainesville, they still had to deal with delays.

The Jimmy Carnes Indoor Track and Field Meet brought about 900 youth athletes to the O'Connell Center on Sunday, but some athletes had to wait as others arrived late.

The event was scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., but it started 35 minutes late, said Larry Holsey, director of the meet.

The meet's organizers had to pay to rent the space from the O'Connell Center for the time they didn't use because renters pay by the hour, he said.

After waiting 35 minutes, Holsey said, he and others decided to start the meet.

He said he had to scramble to find replacements for the officials who were late because of traffic.

Officials, parents and youth athletes were talking about the accidents among each other, he said.

"It was on the hearts of a lot of people," Holsey said. "Our hearts go out to the people. It was tragic."

Alligator staff writer Meredith Rutland contributed to this report.

Editorial

Lack of Focus Media obsessed with non-issues in GOP race

Last night, the plurality of Florida Republican voters decided that Mitt Romney should be the nominee for the GOP.

While yesterday's election might be important to a candidate like Santorum, who has to decide whether he has the resources to remain competitive (his best showing was in Iowa), Florida's 50 delegates do not mean much in the grand scheme of things.

So far, only 5 percent of the 2,224 delegates have been allotted to candidates in this race. There still is a long way to go, and the campaign will probably only get worse.

As the remaining candidates struggle to take on the Romney machine, the attacks will get dirtier and more personal, although they have been pretty bad already.

For the remainder of this campaign, we would like to simply ask the candidates one thing: Why aren't you talking about the issues?

While the candidates try to prove that their opponents are really liberal wolves in conservative sheep's clothing, a lot of serious issues are being pushed aside for more mundane topics.

The whole fiasco with Gingrich's ex-wife was just plain silly and did not present any new information. And what does releasing the candidates' tax returns possibly tell us about how they will perform the duties of commander-in-chief?

Part of the blame should be placed on the national media, which focus almost entirely on the latest poll numbers or the latest attack ad.

This is not to say that negative campaigning should be prohibited or even discouraged. Negative campaigning brings a lot to elections, giving voters more information about candidates and occasionally mobilizing them to go to the polls. However, the debates have become one negative ad soundbite after another. Rather than asking the candidates serious questions about the issues, the moderators have spent a substantial amount of time discussing the content of negative advertising and disparaging statements.

Again, part of this could be the fact that the issues were given serious consideration at the beginning of the race, some three or four years ago during the first debate. There have been 25 debates so far in this primary, yet nearly none of the previous debates spent much time talking about issues.

For instance, wouldn't it be interesting to find out what the candidates plan to do to reduce the debt? We have heard vague generalities about cutting spending and reducing the size of government, but we rarely hear specifics from any of the candidates about what they want to cut or when.

The country is going broke, and the media wants to focus on open marriages and tax returns. Perhaps we should give priority to things that matter.

Reader response

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Column

Rituals still have value in age of reason

Those of us who passed through the Plaza of the Americas last week observed one of the many peculiarities of college life. A cinder-block wall had been erected, each brick painted with negative terms such as "Jesus freak" "useless" and "terrorist."

The project, dubbed "Writing on the Wall" is an annual exercise meant to raise awareness of hurtful phrases and increase mutual respect. This project serves as a constant reminder of the importance of ritual in the human experience.

When I saw the wall for the first time, marveling at the flagrant profanities scrawled on it, I could only shrug my shoulders and walk on. My time in academia has made me accustomed to feeling like a pilgrim in a strange world. However, when I learned that the wall was meant to be torn down in a ritualized ceremony, it made perfect sense.

The university campus is, in a sense, the climax of the modern age. Since the Enlightenment, the Western world has been pining to throw the yoke of old and stodgy traditions off its back. We have embraced reason and logic and rejected the overly pious religiosity of the medieval period.

Sure, there are some backward holdovers — the right-wing fundamentalists, the street preachers and the Ludites — but they represent a small niche on campus, and we all attend class in an environment where Robespierre would feel right at home.

However, we still have our rituals.

We no longer light incense or pray to the Virgin Mary — we're much too clever for that. We do something much more sensible (or so we think) — we build walls just to tear them down.

These rituals are a constant reminder that humans have always had mechanisms to cope with inner depravity. Our ancestors would pray and fast, yet as they moved into the age of reason such things began to appear quaint



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and illogical.

However, the deep need for ritual still overcomes us.

The "Writing on the Wall" project is a perfect example of this. These practices are often meant to raise "awareness" of a societal blight — in this case, intolerance and incivility. One is forced to wonder whether lack

of awareness of such things is truly the problem.

Do we slander and curse each other because we are unaware that such things are harmful, or do we do so because we have no fear of a deep and binding code of morality?

No matter what theory to which one ascribes, both are expressed through the aforementioned custom of ritual.

I was fortunate enough to pass through the Plaza of the Americas when the painted wall came crashing down. A large crowd had gathered, and a charismatic figure was holding a megaphone.

"Four," he began, and the crowd shouted in unison, "three, two, one!" The ropes were pulled, the wall creaked and the cinder blocks, marred with their obscenities, came crashing down in a pile of rubble.

The crowd shared in a cathartic release in the wake of the spectacle. Is it not odd that in the supposed age of reason, we still put so much value in these ritualized machinations that serve no purpose other than to remind us of what we value?

Pulling down a painted wall will not salvage our culture's civility, yet we believe it can, because even the most secular among us are still religious by nature. No matter how many gods are forgotten, all of us still believe in the cleansing power of a communal ritual.

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Column

Giuliani should welcome 9/11 questions

Last Thursday, Rudy Giuliani's talk about leadership was led astray when a man had some questions about the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The man stood up and demanded, "What happened with Building 7, Rudolph?"

The man had a good question, even though he asked it in the wrong way by interrupting Giuliani's talk.

His behavior was unseemly in the context of Giuliani's speech and probably didn't do much to help his worthy cause.

But what needs to be addressed is Giuliani's attitude toward the questions themselves.

To another audience member, Giuliani responded, "Oh, get lost. It seems like I'm in New York. This could be Times Square. Any more clowns?"

The man was then harassed by other audience members, and something tells me that it was for more than interrupting Giuliani's speech: boos started pouring in as soon as "Building 7" came out of the man's mouth.

The attitude Giuliani and the crowd exhibited is what someone might expect from antagonistic children.

Giuliani's response, "May I suggest a barber?" to a sincere question about 9/11 is the standard misdirection faced by those seeking truth about 9/11.

First, may I suggest Rogaine to you, Mr. Giuliani? (Do you see the pointlessness of ad hominem?)

Second, may I suggest not mocking a fellow American who is asking a sincere question regarding a day of such great tragedy as 9/11?

Third, to anyone convinced our government is incapable of lying to its constituency, may I suggest an education?

Or perhaps you can simply make a Google search on the Gulf of Tonkin incident or Operation Northwoods?

Uncertainty regarding the 9/11 Commission Report's veracity is nothing to scoff at.

In 2006, Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University conducted a poll of 1,010 adults and found that 36 percent of respondents thought it "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that federal officials took part in, or took no action to stop the 9/11 attacks because they wanted the United States to go to war in the Middle East."

So, you say you want a new investigation opened on 9/11 — an investigation not designed to protect



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the ineptitude of the federal government like the 9/11 Commission Report?

Well, according to Giuliani, rudeness is apparently a sufficient reason to deny people answers about 9/11.

So, don't be rude, or your questions, like those

of countless other reasonable Americans, will fall into limbo.

And don't take the middle route of a firm, resolute investigation that most "truthers" take either, or you will be made irrelevant and derided by a massive herd of childlike people.

As you might have noticed, there is no right way to question the 9/11 Commission Report.

Every approach will lead to oblivion or derision by those who possess an attitude of arrogant confidence in the government.

And that attitude is shamefully accompanied by the misguided idea that questioning the 9/11 Commission Report is somehow un-American.

That is, of course, just another duplicitous, illogical attempt to shift attention from the questions to the questionnaires.

Was 9/11 an "inside job" as asserted by the most extreme truthers?

Probably not.

Is the public's knowledge about the circumstances preceding and following 9/11 complete?

Probably not.

But neither of these questions is certain to any reasonable degree.

Because these are difficult questions — questions that make the federal government vulnerable — they are left in limbo or snubbed entirely.

But, make no mistake: A polled 36 percent of Americans have doubts about the 9/11 Commission Report.

And as long as our troops are in war as a direct result of that day, the questions need to remain alive.

Meanwhile, the investigation into 9/11 is not complete.

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UWire

Nothing is unsinkable: Technological advances demand more attention

The story of the Titanic has captivated the world for nearly a century — so much so that the tragedy became a pop culture icon with the release of the 1997 movie, "Titanic." The film spent 15 consecutive weekends at No. 1 in the box office and earned more than \$600 million in the United States — a figure that made it the highest grossing domestic film in U.S. history for 11 years.

The reasons for the widespread interest are clear: The Titanic's fate was a terrible disaster with serious human and material costs. There is also the painful irony that the "unsinkable" sank on its maiden voyage.

There is more to the story of the Titanic than irony or persistent idolization, however. The Titanic is not an isolated story or a terrible turn of fate. Rather, its lessons hold credence and value for the modern day. It is a story that's mistakes, while repeated, yearn to be understood and recognized.

The Titanic was deemed unsinkable because it was so massive and outfitted with an innovative safety design to prevent water infiltration in the event of a breach. Yet it was this view of the Titanic that led to its destruction. Other ships gave warnings about icebergs in the Titanic's path, but the captain made no effort to reduce speed or change course. In fact, a governmental investigation conducted after the tragedy blamed the captain for traveling too fast through an ice field.

Furthermore, there is an unconfirmed report that the captain wanted to break the record for fastest trans-Atlantic crossing. The Titanic did not sink because it was structurally weak. It sank because it was immensely strong — so strong that those in charge of commanding the ship felt it could withstand anything.

That conclusion is the important takeaway from the Titanic's story, and it shows how important human actions and decisions remain in a world of technological and innovative genius. It is a story that has been mirrored most recently in the Costa Concordia disaster.

No matter how big, powerful or technologically advanced the ship, human agency remains crucial. When people are trusted with the responsibility of commanding a ship that can, today, effectively command itself, training and human attention to detail should be increased, certainly not decreased.

Costa Concordia was a very modern, safe ship built in 2006 and operated by Carnival Corporation, one of the largest cruise companies in the world. If anything, like the Titanic, it could have been termed unsinkable, as could most of the massive cruise ships in operation globally.

As with the Titanic, it was not a weakness of design or construction, but rather a greatness of design and construction that instilled in the ship's operators the complacency that caused the tragedy. In a 2010 interview with a Czech newspaper, Concordia Captain Francesco Schettino said, "These days, everything is much safer. It is easier to navigate thanks to modern technical instruments and the Internet."

It was reported that Schettino deviated five miles from the usual route to pass closer to the Italian island of Giglio. Some speculate this decision stemmed from the captain's desire to show off the ship to the island's citizens. It also may have been a nod to the Concordia's chief waiter, who comes from the island and hoped to pass close enough to wave to family members.

Schettino claims the rocks that ultimately damaged the Concordia were not on his nautical chart, and that when he saw them with his naked eye the ship was already about to crash. Regardless, the captain deviated the ship from the planned route and brought it too close to land. He relied on nautical charts rather than pure common sense, and the ship's prowess gave him a false sense of security. Like the Titanic, the Concordia was too safe and too durable in its commander's eyes — it was "unsinkable."

Thus, if there is anything to be learned from the demise of the Concordia and Titanic it is this: No matter the technology, size or power, human decision matters. It is a lesson that must be applied in the context of all human endeavors. With advanced technology and power, the responsibility for all of us to make rational and calculated decisions must increase. In a world filled with complex economic, social, political and military models — a world that seems so easy to put on autopilot — we must always remember that human decisions and behavior are still the most vital factors.

Nothing is unsinkable.

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Gainesville improv festival to feature 21 groups, kicks off today

► THE FESTIVAL WILL RUN THROUGH SATURDAY.

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Comic relief is on the way.

The Seventh Annual Gainesville Improv Festival will run today through Saturday in the Squitieri Studio Theatre at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts.

Twenty-one improv groups, totaling about 90 performers, will perform improvisational and sketch comedy throughout the festival.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday with additional 10 p.m. shows on Thursday through Saturday.

Three improv groups will perform at each show.

According to the festival's website, the mission is to share the culture and tradition of the Gainesville improv comedy scene with the national improv community.

"We like to mix it up a bit," said Tom O'Donnell, one of the festival's executive producers.

The St. Louis-based group K.A.R.L. is new to the festival this year.

K.A.R.L. will perform with Chicago groups 3033 and Stacked on Saturday.

Meghan Kenny, president of K.A.R.L., said she's excited about performing and working with such an experienced group as 3033.

"I think it's the most

amazing thing that's ever happened," Kenny said.

This year's festival is presented by Florida Improv, Mod 27 and Take Heed Theatre. Hilton Garden Inn is sponsoring the festival. The host this year is Brian Jaeger, associate producer and event coordinator of the Gainesville Improv Festival.

Other groups scheduled to perform are The Third Thought, of Tampa; The Apprentice Group, of Gainesville; Formal Apology, of Chicago; The WHOLigans, of Orlando; and Dear Aunt Gertrude, of Tampa.

Along with the performances, the festival offers improv workshops for everyone, regardless of experience level. Notable workshop instructors include Bill Arnett, of award-winning sketch comedy group Maximum Party Zone, and Andy St. Clair, formerly of Second City Mainstage and the current host of Treasure Hunters Roadshow.

Two rounds of workshops will be offered Feb. 4.

The first round is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets for the performances are \$6 for students and \$8 for the general public.

Workshop tickets are \$30.

Tickets are available at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Box Office at 315 Hull Road, by phone at either (352) 392-ARTS or (800) 905-ARTS and online at Ticketmaster.



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Let Them Eat Cake

Ana Dominguez receives a birthday cake from Aundre Price at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday night. Maureen Miller, a representative from GatorWell, also spoke to the senators at the meeting and thanked them for passing the Resolution Supporting Medical Amnesty Policy.

OBITUARY

Faculty member remembered for laugh, work

JULIA GLUM
Alligator Writer

When Paul Favini laughed, everyone knew.

The loud, infectious sound would escape his office through his always-open door and echo in the hallways in the Nadine M. McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion.

"You could just hear it, and you just knew that was Paul's laugh," said Tony Mata, head of musical theatre. "It was just wonderful to hear."

Favini, interim director of the UF School of Theatre and Dance, died Sunday after a nearly three-year battle with cancer. He was 51.

Favini's colleagues and students at UF remember him fondly.

"He was a real gentleman, in the truest sense of the word," Mata said.

Favini grew up in Scranton, Pa., and received a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from the University of Scranton in

1987. He graduated with a Master of Fine Arts degree in costume design from Indiana University in 1997.

Favini came to UF in 2000 and became an associate professor of costume design in July 2006. In 2010, he was appointed director.

He was a center of calm in the bustling costume workshop, said Stacey Galloway, assistant professor of costume design and technology.

Favini had an eye for detail. His bold designs were collaborative and creative, she said.

He designed costumes for more than 60 shows, according to his resume.

"He was phenomenal," said John Reger, Favini's partner of 11 years. "He should have been a Broadway designer. He should have a Tony Award."

The school was his life. The hard-

est part of becoming director was that he was no longer in the classroom, Reger said.

But Favini never lost his connection with students.

"He really knew how to listen," said Josh Sallerson, a dance senior.

Now, the school feels incomplete without Favini's presence. It's like missing a family member, Sallerson said.

"He always had a joke for any little situation, and it was always a very funny, sarcastic joke," said his stepson, Britton Reger.

Favini and his jokes will remain with his family and friends despite his absence.

"He will always be here with us in spirit," Mata said. "We loved him very, very, very much."

There will be a celebration of Favini's life at the Constans Theatre in February.

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4 Bedframe piece
8 Beyond harmful
14 "... by ___ other name ..."
15 Bare bones
16 Billiard ball
feature, about half the time
17 Buzz-filled 2007 animated film
19 Brings together
20 Burdensome additional levy
22 Boldly states
23 Birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
26 Baker's meas.
28 "Behold," to Brutus
29 Ball-shaped frozen dessert
30 Betty White co-star in "The Golden Girls"
32 "Ben-Hur," e.g.
33 Bedrock resident
34 "But then again ..."
35 Bug-bitten?
36 Brown who wrote "The Da Vinci Code"
37 Billion-year period
40 Brother of Judah
42 Bump off
43 Biotin, thiamine et al.
47 Blinked the sleep from one's eyes
48 Bothersome parasites
49 By order of
50 Bigheaded sort
51 Bing Crosby's "You Glad You're You?"
53 Baseball team's list of players
55 Balanced state
57 Behave candidly
61 Black-tie wear
62 Bardot's "the same"
63 Breath-taking snake?
64 Began, as a lawn
65 Beachfront property?
66 Buddy

DOWN

1 Boxer's punch
2 Binary digit
3 "Bon voyage!"

4 Better half, so to speak
5 Burgundy book
6 Bickering
7 Box office setting
8 Baton Rouge sch.
9 Blower of Sicilian smoke
10 Buffer between a hot plate and a dinner table
11 Built for NASA, say
12 Brief summary
13 ___ Bear; Ursa Minor
18 Broadcaster of "Morning Joe"
21 Blackboard symbols in the locker room
23 Bride's passé promise
24 Birdbrain
25 Belch, say
27 Blissful song
30 Better for enjoying the outdoors, as weather
31 "Belshazzar's Feast" painter Rembrandt van
33 "Black Sunday" airship
35 Biblical prophet: Abbr.

37 Blond sci-fi race
38 Barrel sources
39 Bolshevik's denial
41 Bundles up (in)
42 Bound by oath
43 Blaring siren sounds
44 Basis of morality
45 Belaying tool for climbers
46 Became edgy
47 Belonging to an ancient time
50 "Blood Simple" co-screenwriter Coen
52 Bay of Fundy wonder
54 Big name in video games
56 Bald spot filler
58 Backward flow
59 Bronze coin of old France
60 Bar bill

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- MUSIC: What American folk-music group is famous for their song "Keep on the Sunny Side"?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for the medical condition "pruritus"?
- SPORTS: Where will the 2014 Olympic Winter Games be held?
- ARCHITECTURE: What famous architect's residence in Wisconsin was called Taliesin?
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- MOVIES: In "Cast Away," what was the name that marooned actor Tom Hanks (Chuck Noland) gave the volleyball that washed ashore?
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- The Carter Family
- Itching
- Sochi, Russia
- Frank Lloyd Wright
- "Less" and "least"
- Wilson
- Brasilia

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Gators searching for solidity on staff after draft departures *Starting rotation set, middle relief still unsettled*

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

With his entire starting rotation returning from a successful season, few college baseball coaches will be as comfortable as Kevin O'Sullivan when settling into the dugout for the start of weekend games.

But after Hudson Randall, Karsten Whitson and Brian Johnson, the questions begin.

Following the 2011 season, the Gators lost five pitchers — four juniors — to the Major League Baseball first-year player draft. Nick Maronde, Anthony DeSclafani, Alex Panteliodis and Tommy Toledo were all chosen in the draft's first 11 rounds.



Randall

Together with senior Matt Campbell, the group combined to give the Gators 203.1 innings last season.

Their departures leave a pitching puzzle for O'Sullivan to solve.

"First, we've got to figure out who our midweek starters are going to be," he said.

"From there, we'll figure out our middle relief. I'm real excited about those guys that were freshmen last year: Daniel Gibson, Jonathon Crawford and Keenan Kish."

The trio enter the 2012 campaign with green resumes. Gibson, Crawford and Kish combined to throw just 28.1 innings as freshmen and had mixed results.

Kish showed promise, allow-

ing just one earned run over 14.1 innings of work for an ERA of 0.63.

The same couldn't be said for

Gibson, who saw his ERA balloon to 13.06 in limited action, including surrendering five earned runs in a 14-1 loss to Vanderbilt

on May 14.

"It's really going to come down to these spring practices and scrimmages to see who is



Alligator File Photo

Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan lost five pitchers this offseason to the MLB and is now looking to sophomores Daniel Gibson, Jonathan Crawford and Keenan Kish to lead the Gators' middle relief.

outshining the others," Randall said.

"We've got some good options right now."

Comfortable with what he has at the back end of his bullpen with senior Greg Larson and juniors Austin Maddox and Steven Rodriguez, O'Sullivan's focus has become almost entirely directed toward freshmen and sophomores.

The midweek question that could sort everything out might be coming in the right hand of a hard-nosed former hockey player from East Milton, Mass.

Johnny Magliozzi, a hard-throwing and stocky 20-year-old freshman could very well be Florida's leading candidate for a midweek starter.

"Johnny being an older kid, he really has a sense of maturity out there on the mound," Randall said.

"[Magliozzi] knows what he's doing a little bit more. It'd be nice to see a little bit of improvement from the fall.

"I expected more of him, and I'm sure he's going to deliver this spring."

With a little more than two weeks before the Gators' first game, O'Sullivan admits that many of these pitching questions may not be ironed out until four weeks into the season when Florida opens Southeastern Conference play.

Even then, he admits that being able to bring one of his closers in as early as the seventh inning if things get dicey is a major advantage he will not be afraid to use.

"I don't see why we wouldn't stretch those guys out for two innings and then we've got some options the next day," he said.

Yeguete gaining Donovan's trust after turnover-prone season

HE LED UF IN GIVEAWAYS PER MINUTE AS A FRESHMAN.

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Alligator Staff Writer

There were times last season when Will Yeguete felt like a single mistake would land him on the bench.

Though he was a freshman and still just a couple years removed from living in his native France, Yeguete's playing time wasn't cut by a language barrier or lack of chemistry with his new teammates. If anything, he quickly became known for his defensive aggressiveness and a good habit of hustling in practice.

However, none of those qualities helped

rid Yeguete of a bad reputation whenever he was passed the ball. Each time the 6-foot-7 forward tried to dribble or fire a pass, Florida coach Billy Donovan expected the worst.

"His biggest problem a year ago was he led our team in turnovers per minute and it

became very difficult to play him, because, when he touched the ball, there was a good chance he was going to turn it over," Donovan said.

While Yeguete saw the second fewest minutes on the team — ahead of only walk-on Kyle McClanahan — he still gave away the ball 19 times and in a team-high 29 per-

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Florida senior Joanna Mather said the top-ranked women's tennis team is not overlooking a match today with unranked UCF. See story, page 15.

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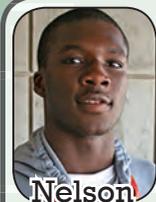
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Gators Men's Golf Team Wins Tourney

Junior T.J. Vogel took home the individual title, helping UF win the Sea Best Invitational at TPC Sawgrass on Tuesday. See story online at alligatorSports.org.

National Signing Day 2012 targets

National Signing Day is finally here, and Florida will ink its first full class under coach Will Muschamp today. To get you ready, we have compiled a list of UF targets to keep an eye on throughout the day. Several announcements will be shown nationally on ESPN.



Nelson Agholor

★ **6-foot-2, 180 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Wide receiver
 ★ **High school:** Tampa Berkeley Prep
 ★ **Also considering:** USC, FSU, Notre Dame
 ★ **Announcing:** 12:05 p.m. on ESPN

A lot of hype has followed Agholor as he made a name for himself through crazy, highlight-worthy plays for a small school. While a great athlete, playing running back and wideout at the prep level hasn't allowed him to lock in at a specific position yet. If he does commit to UF today, as many expect, he could provide the Gators with a flashy new playmaker — something Gainesville hasn't seen in a while.



Stefon Diggs

★ **6-foot, 185 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Wide receiver
 ★ **High school:** Olney, Md., Our Lady of Good Counsel
 ★ **Also considering:** Auburn, Cal, Maryland, Ohio State
 ★ **Announcing:** Feb. 10

Diggs is a natural playmaker, and represents one of Florida's biggest personnel needs. Similar to Agholor in the hype aspect, Diggs is another player UF needs just to generate excitement again. Playing at a school stacked with talent, Diggs has polished his receiving skills and should be ready to contribute immediately. Many expect Diggs to choose the Gators.



Dante Fowler Jr.

★ **6-foot-3, 232 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Defensive end
 ★ **High school:** St. Petersburg Lakewood
 ★ **Also considering:** FSU commit, but could flip to UF or USC.
 ★ **Announcing:** 10 a.m.

After a so-so senior season and discipline issues, Fowler had a chip on his shoulder. He has been noted for his explosiveness off the ball and talent as a pass rusher, and could be used as a three-down defender soon into his collegiate career, depending on which school he chooses.



Leonard Williams

★ **6-foot-5, 254 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Defensive end
 ★ **High school:** Daytona Beach Mainland
 ★ **Also considering:** Auburn, USC
 ★ **Announcing:** 11 a.m.

Williams could be considered another Auburn lean at this time, especially given new defensive coordinator hire Brian VanGorder. But, after he canceled a trip to Miami this past weekend, Florida and USC appear to be the final two options. After losing out on some end options, Williams would be a huge get for UF.



Tracy Howard

★ **5-foot-11, 175 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Cornerback
 ★ **High school:** Miramar
 ★ **Also considering:** FSU, Miami
 ★ **Announcing:** 9:50 a.m. on ESPN

After Howard had a great visit to Miami, Florida seems to be falling slightly on Howard's board but still in the lead. He displays great zone and man coverage as well as nice footwork. Despite his size, he is a force against taller receivers, too. This would be a big add to Florida's 2012 class.



Josh Harvey-Clemons

★ **6-foot-5, 208 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Linebacker
 ★ **High school:** Valdosta, Ga., Lowndes
 ★ **Also considering:** Georgia, FSU
 ★ **Announcing:** 9:15 a.m. on ESPN

While Florida's staff has pushed hard for Clemons — coach Will Muschamp went to church with his family and assistant coach Brian White spoke at his football banquet — all signs point to Clemons signing his letter of intent to the Bulldogs. If he were to commit to Florida, the defense would benefit immediately.



Avery Young

★ **6-foot-6, 273 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Offensive lineman
 ★ **High school:** Palm Beach Gardens
 ★ **Also considering:** Auburn, Georgia, Miami
 ★ **Announcing:** 2 p.m. on ESPN

Young is quick, has great hands and could develop into an elite lineman with some bulking up in a college weight room. With oral commit tackle D.J. Humphries on the Gators' roster, though, Young may not be too convinced that he has an opportunity to immediately contribute at Florida.



Jake Meador

★ **6-foot-7, 305 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Offensive tackle
 ★ **High school:** Whiteland, Ind., Community High
 ★ **Also considering:** Missouri, Wisconsin
 ★ **Announcing:** 10:10 a.m.

Meador, an Ole Miss decommit, has seen late pushes by Florida, Missouri and Wisconsin, and is pegged as a Missouri grab on Signing Day. Although not an extremely elite athlete, Meador represents a position Florida is desperate for but has poorly recruited in the 2012 class.



Vincent Valentine

★ **6-foot-3, 300 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Defensive tackle
 ★ **High school:** Edwardsville, Ill., Edwardsville High
 ★ **Also considering:** Nebraska, Illinois
 ★ **Announcing:** 2 p.m.

Once considered a solid Nebraska guy, Valentine spent an official visit in Gainesville and admitted his decision would be harder. Valentine is an excellent add for any unit's run defense or pass rush.



Schyler Miles

★ **6-foot-2, 220 pounds**
 ★ **Position:** Linebacker
 ★ **High school:** Tampa Berkeley Prep
 ★ **Also considering:** Kansas, West Virginia
 ★ **Announcing:** Noon

Former UF offensive coordinator Charlie Weis led the charge for Miles, but since Weis' departure for Kansas, Miles has leaned more towards the Jayhawks. Kansas' staff was the last to visit in-home with Miles, and he seems sold.

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Dickerson rounds out first win of the season with SEC honor



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Junior Ashanée Dickerson was named SEC Gymnast of the Week on Tuesday for the third time in her career, following an all-round victory in UF's quad meet last week.

► SHE WON GYMNAST OF THE WEEK.

LANDON WATNICK

Alligator Writer

With all of the firepower the Gators piled up this season, Ashanée Dickerson fell a little under the radar before last Friday's meet.

Then she made a resounding statement in a resounding win.

As an all-around competitor, Dickerson scored a 39.60 to pick up her first all-around title of 2012 and her 11th as a Gator in UF's impressive victory against top-ranked Arkansas, No. 24 Maryland and Bridgeport.

Dickerson also won a share of the floor exercise title (9.95) with freshman Kytra Hunter and tallied a career high on uneven bars (9.925).

For her performance last Friday, Dickerson earned Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Week honors. The accolade is her first this season and the third of her Florida career.

"That (all-around win) was really special for Ashanée," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "She always puts her absolute best into every competition in every event she does."

Dickerson's total was just one-tenth of a point off her collegiate-best mark of 39.70, which she earned toward the end of her freshman season in the 2010 NCAA North Central Regional.

Her 39.60 is also the second-best all-around

score this year, behind Arkansas' Katherine Grable's 39.725 against LSU on Jan. 20.

While Dickerson has recently kept a slightly inconspicuous profile, her statistics prove she's been a powerhouse for the Gators.

Dickerson has averaged a 39.325 as an all-arounder, which is good for 13th nationally.

The all-around and floor victories last Friday raised her title total to 50 in her three seasons, placing her seventh on UF's career list.

Dickerson's performances as an all-around competitor have also helped the Gators average a team total of 196.563 throughout four meets.

With Dickerson leading the way last Friday night, UF finished with a 197.775, the fifth-highest total in school history. That score, which is also the best in the nation this season, helped Florida climb five spots in this week's GymInfo rankings to No. 3.

"It was amazing to show everyone how hard we work in the gym and how much we've bonded," Dickerson said. "It showed in our performance."

When No. 3 Florida travels to Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Friday night to compete against reigning NCAA champion No. 6 Alabama, big production will now be expected out of Dickerson, although her status as an all-around competitor still remains unknown.

"She's becoming more comfortable with the actual performance aspect of competing," Faehn said. "She's really enjoying what she's doing out there. You can see it."

Complacency no issue for hungry Gators

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When the Florida women's tennis team hosts UCF on Wednesday, the expectation will be a clean sweep.

The No. 1 Gators are simply a different class of team. Every match, no matter who is across the court, will be accompanied by an expectation of victory.

Coming off a national championship with a team full of proven winners, there is always the possibility of becoming complacent. Florida has not lost since Feb. 21 last year, and victory has seemingly become a way of life.

However, in this new and young season, no one is satisfied yet.

"There will be a lot of great teams this year, a lot of good competition, so I really don't think (complacency) is an issue," Joanna Mather said.

As one of two seniors, Mather could be expected to be the leader and chief motivator. But the team returns all of its key members, and each player has taken it upon herself to continue to get better.

"(The leadership) is spread out," she said. "This team is really good at knowing what they need to do and making sure they do it. As far as leadership role, if you consider my spot a leadership role, it's very easy."

With unranked UCF coming to Gainesville Wednesday, the Gators will face their second

straight match in which they are overwhelming favorites. More than anything, the dual match will be another chance to improve heading into a challenging match at No. 5 Baylor.

The players maintain that they will not overlook any opponent, regardless of ranking.

"I don't want us to get complacent," sophomore Olivia Janowicz said. "We had a meeting the other day, and we don't want to expect the same things. As long as we're not complacent and we keep fighting, we want it just as bad or even more."

Expectations are going to be high all season, and rightfully so. The Gators have some of the best singles players and doubles teams in the nation, a



Mather

top-notch coach, and a national championship to defend.

The team put together a challenging schedule, including the trips to Baylor this weekend and No. 2 Stanford next weekend. This continual challenge is something that will keep Florida on its toes.

When it comes to playing teams like UCF, however, the challenge is avoiding letdowns.

"Every match is another match for us," Mather said. "We're just going to take it as another step towards our goal at the end of the year."

Yeguete keys defensive stop of MSU

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cent of the possessions he played.

If he wanted to become a player Donovan could trust, Yeguete knew he needed to make better decisions.

Now a sophomore and seeing starter's minutes in four straight games for the Gators, Yeguete is turning the ball over just 13.6 percent of the time and has limited himself to 13 giveaways over UF's 21 games.

"I just slowed down, just taking my time on offense," Yeguete said. "And sometimes when you see somebody's open but you try to rush the pass, just make sure and take your time passing the ball."

Donovan has relied on Yeguete to start nine games this season in place of forward Erik Murphy and, most recently, injured center Patric Young. In the extended minutes, Yeguete's teammates have grown more confident in giving him touches on offense.

"He's made tremendous progress and coach has continued to work with him," said senior guard Erving Walker. "He's done a great job since he's been here. Last year, we were a little deeper at his position and he worked hard every day in practice. He's getting the opportunity this year, and I think that he's making the most of it."

While Donovan said Yeguete is far from becoming a feared scoring threat, the drop in turnovers has allowed the Gators to use his defensive skill-set more. Yeguete ranks second on the team with 25

steals and he also has seven blocks on the season.

Against Mississippi State last Saturday, Yeguete held the Bulldogs' leading scorer Arnett Moultrie below his season average and forced his worst field-goal percentage in eight games. Donovan praised Yeguete's ability to keep Moultrie away from the basket and not give up deep entry passes in the post.

"Once Will gets a guy in an

area of the floor where he's away from the basket, he's good enough physically to take on contact and then obviously he's really good with his hands in terms of slapping and deflecting balls," Donovan said. "So he's a really, really good defender. As good of a post defender as I've had since we've been here. He takes great pride in taking on those challenges."

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Gators sophomore forward Will Yeguete's 25 steals are the second-most of any Florida player this season.

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