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Quarterback Option

Driskel, Brissett enter spring game seeking separation

TOM GREEN
Alligator Staff Writer

Fourteen months ago, Jacoby Brissett stood near midcourt inside the Palm Beach Gardens Dwyer High gymnasium, fighting back the bashful smile he is quickly becoming known for.

The 6-foot-3, 229-pound, two-sport star was no more than two hours removed from the biggest decision of his life, yet he stood confidently as he was surrounded by more than a dozen reporters and cameramen. Like college coaches vying for his national letter of intent, the reporters were competing to get their questions in to Brissett. They wanted to know about his decision to orally commit to Florida, even against the wishes of his mother, Lisa Brown, who wanted him to go to Miami.

Although he was the No. 3 dual-threat quarterback prospect in the nation, according to Rivals.com, and some of his closest friends, like safety Matt Elam, were already playing in Gainesville, Brissett's commitment to the Gators was a curious one.

The public announcement came two days after National Signing Day, and less than a month after Jeff Driskel, the No. 1 pro-style quarterback in the class of 2011 and the top

overall quarterback prospect in the nation, enrolled early for classes on Florida's campus.

"I just wanted competition," Brissett said last month. "He was the No. 1 quarterback and it so happened that I was — I had got an offer from Florida toward the end of the year and I just took it."

Brissett's commitment put Florida in a unique position. The Gators signed two of the top quarterback prospects in the nation, marking the first time one school has landed two of the top five signal-callers in a sin-

“We all know it's a competition. That's what we came to Florida for, for a competition.”

Jacoby Brissett
UF quarterback

gle class since Rivals began ranking recruits in 2002.

Driskel's presence at UF didn't faze Brissett or make him question his decision. It motivated him.

"He's just got to show me he's better than me. That's all it is," Brissett said that night. "He'll have to prove to me every day, every year that he's going to be better than me for him to win that starting job."

When Driskel arrived in Gainesville from Oviedo — a suburb of Orlando roughly 20 minutes from downtown — he was accompanied by considerable expectations and unfair comparisons.

His size and mobility invoked visions of former Heisman winner and two-time BCS national champion Tim Tebow, whose college career was still fresh in the minds of Florida fans.

Thanks to a stellar career at Oviedo Hagerty High, coupled with the No. 1

quarterback ranking and John Brantley's subpar, nine-touchdown, 10-interception season in 2010, many expected Driskel to compete with Brantley for the starting job immediately.

At the time, Brissett wasn't even on the Gators' radar; they seemed perfectly content with Driskel's commitment.

Former Florida coach Urban Meyer offered Brissett a grayshirt — a chance to enroll later and not lose a year of eligibility while sitting out his first year — but did not recruit him otherwise, according to Brissett's mother.

Following Driskel's 507-yard, five-touchdown performance in his



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Quarterback Jacoby Brissett makes a pre-snap adjustment during last year's game against Auburn. Brissett and fellow sophomore Jeff Driskel, both top-five recruits at the position, are battling for the starting job.

final high school game — a 56-35 loss to Lakeland High in Hagerty's first-ever playoff game — his coach, Nate Gierke, called him the best high school player he has ever seen, a statement he still stands by today.

If anyone could meet the expectations at Florida, Gierke added, it would be Driskel.

But that was much easier said than done.

Driskel was Brantley's backup during the spring, but the freshman struggled adjusting to the college game, something Gierke said was to be expected for any freshman, even the all-time greats.

"I had no idea what I was doing,"

Driskel recalled. "(I was) kind of just throwing the ball around."

While Driskel struggled during his first semester in Gainesville, Brissett, who was recruited hard by former offensive coordinator Charlie Weis during the last month before National Signing Day, drove up to Gainesville during the weekends in the spring.

He would watch practices — the same practices where Driskel struggled — and sit and talk with players and coaches. Knowing that he would be at a disadvantage coming in a semester later than Driskel, Brissett studied the offense and picked up intricacies of it from former Dwyer teammates Gerald Christian and Robert Clark, both of whom have since transferred from Florida.

By the time Brissett enrolled in the summer, he was focused on catching up to Driskel.

"I don't really do nothing outside of school and football," Brissett said. "I really just concentrated on that."

Despite Brissett's attempt to catch him during the summer and fall camp, Driskel entered the year No. 2 on Florida's depth chart. Driskel saw time in mop-up duty early in the season, but was thrust into his first real action when Brantley sprained his ankle just before halftime of the Alabama game on Oct. 1, Florida's fifth game of the year.

The situation was a familiar one for Driskel, who Gierke said was "thrown into the fire" three games into his freshman season at Hagerty — the first season the Huskies fielded a varsity team. Like the scenario in 2007, when the rest of Driskel's team was adjusting to a new game, the 2011 incarnation of the Gators was adjusting to a new scheme under a first-year coaching staff.

"He was able to draw on that experience some," Gierke said. "But it's apples and oranges when you compare the level of competition he was facing."

Gierke was right: The situations were similar in theory, but exponentially different in reality.

Despite the experience his freshman year at Hagerty, Driskel was admittedly nervous against the Tide and looked shell-shocked. In the second half of the 38-10 loss, the Gators were held to just 61 yards and no points.

"High school and Florida, and playing against the No. 1 team at the time — it doesn't compare," Driskel said of his 2-for-6, 14-yard performance. "It's not even close. There's guys that are 260 pounds out there running 4.5s, so I mean, that kinda sums it up."

The following week against LSU, Brissett started with Brantley out and Driskel also reportedly nursing a sprained ankle.

When Brantley finally returned against Georgia, Brissett remained the backup, leaving Driskel waiting in the wings for the remainder of the season.

"He was frustrated," said Gierke, who still talks to Driskel regularly. "He's always played and he's always been the guy that everybody looks to to make the play, no matter what sport he played. ... Nobody is ever content being the backup at anything."

Brissett chose Florida because he wanted to compete for the job — something neither he nor Driskel really had to deal with in high school.

This spring, the two are doing just that.

Since the start of practice last month, coach Will Muschamp and offensive coordinator Brent Pease have stressed that it's an open competition for the starting role between the two sophomores, and Muschamp said this week it's evident the battle will continue into fall camp.

"We all know it's a competition," Brissett said. "That's what we came to Florida for, for a competition."

By all accounts, the two have evenly split snaps in practice, as Muschamp said they would. But so, too, have the other quarterbacks on the roster.

Florida long has been cautious about what information leaks to the public, and this spring's quarterback competition has been no different. Neither quarterback would disclose who took the first snap of spring practice, though Quinton Dunbar eventually divulged that it was Driskel.

Ask any teammate a question about the two sophomores — even something as mundane as "what does each do differently?" — and they all are tight-lipped, simply saying both quarterbacks are stepping up as leaders and looking great.

Muschamp said he is looking for "positive production" from both, and as he stands just yards behind each offensive huddle during practice, he has been paying attention to how the rest of the offensive players respond to Driskel and Brissett's respective demeanors.

So far, Muschamp said, he has been pleased with what he has seen from both. Still, neither has created separation in the coaches' eyes.

In spite of the intense competition, Driskel and Brissett insist they are close off the field, with Brissett joking that the two "go on walks on the weekends."

"Right now we're good friends and I think it's gonna stay like that," Driskel said. "Coach Muschamp's not going to let [the competition] get out of control, and he's not going to tolerate that."

Regardless of the friendship, the two are still battling for the coveted starting job under center. Saturday's Orange & Blue Debut will be just one of the many opportunities the two have to create separation, and when the dust eventually settles, one will have won the job and the other will have lost it.

Muschamp said he wouldn't rule out using a two-quarterback system, but as the saying goes: When you have two quarterbacks, you really don't have one.

Brissett was reminded last month of what he said about Driskel the night he orally committed to the Gators. He looked up from a table within the confines of the visiting locker room in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, knowingly nodded and once again flashed that bashful smile.

"I did (say that)," Brissett said. "He still has to prove that he's better than me, because it won't stop."

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Quarterback Jeff Driskel (16) hands off to running back Chris Rainey in the second half of last year's loss to Alabama. Driskel played sparingly in the first four games of the season before being thrust into the lead role after starter John Brantley went down with an ankle injury.

Bee populations
 are peaking early
 this year.
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Panel discusses suicide awareness, prevention



Elizabeth Hamilton / Alligator

Jordan Agrippe, a 21-year-old psychology senior, and Robert Bolduc, a 22-year-old criminology senior, light candles at the Keep Hope Alive suicide awareness vigil Thursday evening. Eighty-five candles were lit in remembrance of people who commit suicide every day.

▶ ABOUT 100 STUDENTS
 ATTENDED.

MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON
 Alligator Contributing Writer

On the ninth anniversary of her son's suicide, Judy Broward tried to explain to UF students the tragedy that once seemed senseless to her.

"If I had known then what I know now, I would have done so many different things," she told an audience of about 100 students Thursday night at the Reitz Amphitheater.

Broward was part of a suicide perspective panel at Keep Hope Alive, a suicide awareness forum and vigil.

A group of students from UF's Psychology of Suicide Class hosted the event, which featured the five-person panel, performances and a candlelight remembrance vigil. UF's Counseling and Wellness Center, the Alachua County Crisis Center, Aware, To Write

Love On Her Arms and UF Psychology Club co-sponsored the event.

Meggen Sixbey, assistant coordinator of emergency and crisis response services with the UF Counseling and Wellness Center, referenced a study that showed 10 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds considered suicide in the last year.

It also showed that 1.4 percent attempted it.

"At our campus, that's about 700 people," Sixbey said.

This once included Lindsey Dhans, a 27-year-old occupational therapy graduate student who said she attempted suicide once in high school and again as a college freshman. Dhans said she had struggled with talking about her emotions.

She was glad students were trying to remove the stigma of talking about suicide.

"You have 100 people that were here and just heard the word suicide over and over again," she said. "They're going to tell someone."

ON CAMPUS

SNAP rides may soon be handicap-accessible

KIMBERLY GREENPLATE
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When Dounia Bendris finishes her late-night work at the UF Fine Arts studio, she would like to call Student Night-time Auxiliary Patrol for a ride home. But since she's in a wheelchair, SNAP can't give her a lift.

Soon, she and other disabled students will be able to receive UF-sponsored rides after 11 p.m. and on the weekends.

UF will soon start a transportation service to provide students in wheelchairs like Bendris rides on campus between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and on weekends.

The service could be available as soon as Summer B or fall semester, said University Police Capt. Jeff Holcomb.

"We are looking at finding the smallest handicap-accessible vehicle that can provide this service for an on-call need," Holcomb said.

SNAP vans aren't wheelchair accessible. Gator Lift, a free shuttle for UF students, faculty and staff with mobility-related disabilities, stops running at 11 p.m. and doesn't run at all during weekends.

"This has never been an issue for us previously," said Scott Fox, director of UF's Transportation and Parking Services. "We obviously need to respond to the request."



Fox

Bendris, a 19-year-old fine arts sophomore, said she spends most nights in her studio, usually traveling home alone after 11 p.m. She wrote a letter to the Student Senate about how unsafe she felt going home late at night.

Student senators met with Holcomb last month to present the idea of providing a transportation system for disabled

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City may allow dogs to dine with owners at restaurants

CHRIS ALCANTARA
 Alligator Contributing Writer

When reserving an outside table for two in Gainesville, your plus one could be your dog.

The Gainesville City Commission may change a city law to allow dogs to sit with their owners at outdoor tables at restaurants.

Under the change, restaurants will need to apply for a permit from the city to allow dogs in the outside area.

Pet dogs are still not allowed inside restaurants, according to the ordinance change.

Commissioners referred the issue to city staff at Thursday's meeting, moving the item toward approval.

The Warehouse Restaurant and Lounge Manager Ryan Premdas brought the issue of outdoor "doggie dining" to the commission's attention during a City Commission meeting in May.

Taylor Bauer, a 25-year-old adoption counselor for the Alachua County Humane Society, said the ordinance could benefit both dogs and their owners.

"They enjoy outings just as much as humans."

Taylor Bauer
 adoption counselor for Alachua County Humane Society

Dogs would be able to get out of the house while owners enjoy a meal with their companions, she said.

"They enjoy outings just as much as humans," she said.

Israel Mendez, office manager for The Swamp Restaurant, said he doesn't have a problem with having dogs in the restaurant's outdoor area if the ordinance change passes.

"This town and the students are a big pet community," he said. "I don't see anything wrong as long as people contain their dogs."

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Migration and the Political Sustainability of Welfare States in Europe

Today, 11:45 a.m.
Dauer Hall, Room 215
The talk by Gary Freeman of the University of Texas, Austin, will be on the topic of immigration, citizenship regimes and welfare entitlements in Western Europe and will be followed by an informal meeting with graduate students and faculty during a reception.

Church in the Wild: A Renewed Religion

Today to Saturday
Christian Study Center of Gainesville
Today, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Tears, Blood and Lies
Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Walk Through the Fire
"Why I hate religion, but love Jesus" is a video on YouTube that went viral two months ago and today has more than 20 million views. It has caused conversations all over the world about religion and its relevance in today's society. At Church in the Wild, we will continue the conversation. International speakers Jeff Tatarchuk and Justin Wilson will discuss a variety of topics. Each day there will be free food and live music by Milton Doggette. For more information, visit www.babyisaac.org.

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First Seder of Passover

Today, 8:30 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
Join Hillel for Passover Seder this year. Seder is \$10 for students and \$36 for community members. To make reservations, please contact Blair Morse, executive assistant, at Blair@ufhillel.org or 352-372-2900.

Florida Players New Works Festival

Today, 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Squitieri Studio Theatre, west wing of the Phillips Center
The student organization Florida Players presents the Spring 2012 New Works Festival. The New Works Festival features three shows written and directed by students: "Front Porch Play," written by Andrew Bailes and directed by Kenny Frechette; "12.21.2012," written by Amelia Harris and directed by Colin Hudson; and "The Bender Method," written and

directed by Josh Sallerson. To reserve your free tickets, visit <http://floridaplayers.org/ticketing.php>.

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CORRECTION

A story and outline in Wednesday's Alligator incorrectly referenced the local company that installed solar panels on the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house. Its full, correct name is Power Production Management Inc.

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Resident charged with shaking 'his wee-wee'

TYLER JETT
Alligator Staff Writer

Zot L. Szurgot allegedly walked out of her house naked, turned to five of her neighbors and started wagging her penis.

Szurgot, a 52-year-old transgender man who identifies as both a man and a woman, was arrested Wednesday by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for indecent exposure and lewd behavior.

Szurgot lives at 220 SE 73rd Trail.

Of the five people who saw Szurgot's sexual equipment, one was a 10-year-old boy. Another was his 4-year-old sister.

Szurgot stood about 100 feet from her neighbors, an arrest report states, completely nude.

The boy told officers "the man was naked and shook his wee-wee at me."

The children's mother said she wanted to press charges, as did another adult who said he saw more of Szurgot than he preferred, according to police.

On her Facebook page, Szurgot cites Occupy Gainesville as her employer.

She has been quoted in multiple Alligator articles about the movement.

In the past, confusion has surrounded Szurgot's gender — she lists herself as a female on Facebook, and at least one Alligator article has quoted Szurgot as a woman.



Szurgot

According to the First Kingdom Church of Asphodel's website, "Zot Lynn Szurgot is one of those magical people living between genders; born and raised a boy, she lives part of eir [sic] life as a masculine union-supporting electrician and part as a feminine spiritual being."

On Wednesday afternoon, she fell under the former category.

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ON CAMPUS

Decal changes could upset faculty

JULIA GLUM
Alligator Writer

UF employees and students who own staff commuter decals or green decals will have different parking options starting May 1.

The biggest change will be that Garage 7 at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center will no longer permit staff commuter decal parking, said Scott Fox, director of UF's Transportation and Parking Services.

This should relieve the current shortage of green decal parking, he said.

Green decal areas were always intended primarily for graduate and professional students, Fox said. But previously, employees with staff commuter decals could park in all green-only areas as well.

For years, the staff commuter decal has been a less-expensive option for employees. Starting May 1, the annual decal will cost \$156. Because more employees have bought them, green lots have recently been overflowing, especially when the O'Connell Center hosts events.

This trend reached its tipping point in January, Fox said. Parking services reviewed the vehicles in the O'Connell Center garage and found that 37 percent had staff commuter decals.

A similar situation was happening near the Health Science Center.

"It was never intended to be that way," Fox said. "On the academic side, we're here for students. We're correcting an imbalance."

Fox said he thinks some employees will buy the yearlong \$312 orange decals.

UF's Other Personnel Services employees are not eligible for an upgrade and will be in-

convenienced the most by these changes, he said. Parking services is considering accommodations for them.

"The good news for students is their green parking should become more available," Fox said. "The news for employees is that they will either have to park further away or upgrade to a more expensive decal."

Faculty Senate Chairman Scott Nygren said he hasn't heard any reaction from UF staff members, but that might be because the changes were just announced. They might respond when the changes actually go into effect, he said, but it's hard to predict. Some faculty members are used to parking in certain spots and can get upset when they discover they have to do something else.

"This is something that routinely happens," Nygren said.

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The changes, according to an email from UF Transportation and Parking Services, include:

- Staff commuter decal parking will not be allowed in Garage 7 at the O'Connell Center.
- Seventy-two green parking spaces will convert to orange at the northwest corner of the O'Connell Center surface lot.
- Levels five and six of Garage 13 at Transportation and Parking Services will change from green parking to blue parking.
- The rooftop level of Garage 9 south of Archer Road will switch from blue parking to green parking.

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ENVIRONMENT

Bee populations peaking early this year

RACHEL CROSBY
Alligator Contributing Writer

Mark Dykes isn't scared of bees. The 35-year-old research technician and apiary manager gently lifted a tray from a hive at the UF Bee Biology Research Unit on a recent afternoon.

His face lit up as bees wriggled around on the honeycomb, buzzing dangerously close to his exposed skin.

According to James Ellis, assistant professor of entomology, bee colony populations are peaking in strength two to three weeks earlier than usual this year.

Bee populations directly correlate to the amount of vector-pollinated plants blooming in the area, which need animals like bees to pollinate them.

"As pollen and nectar-rich plants become increasingly available, bee colonies grow at a more rapid rate," Ellis said.

Mark Whitten, senior biologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History, said plants are blooming two to three weeks early this year.

"It's not a typical spring by any means," he said.

Honey bee populations usually peak at around mid-April to the end of May.

Ellis said the peak can be attributed to the recent warm weather in the Gainesville area.

"Spring is in bloom," Ellis said. "They're peaking early but not abnormally."

With bee populations becoming active earlier in the year, students should be aware of the stinging insects.

"It's not a typical spring by any means."

Mark Whitten
senior biologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History

"Sometimes stings can be pretty minor," said Dr. Phillip Barkley, director of the Student Health Care Center.

Barkley said if you get stung, remove the stinger and apply ice to manage the redness.

He suggested taking Benadryl to reduce possible itchiness.

At the apiary, Dykes softly smoked the hive, masking the bees' pheromones and calming the creatures. They slowed slightly, dazed.

Barehanded, Dykes brushed their fuzzy backs with his finger, coaxing them to cooperate.

"Come on, girls," he said encouragingly.

For students not as serene as he is around bees, Dykes offered light-hearted advice should they suddenly find themselves surrounded.

"Just don't swat at them," Dykes said smiling. "Don't swat and you're fine."



Rachel Crosby / Alligator

Research technician and apiary manager Mark Dykes lifts a tray from a hive at the UF Bee Biology Research Unit.

Police will escort students until vans are available

SNAP, from page 1

students. The Senate will soon offer a bill to extend the SNAP coverage area and to provide a wheelchair-accessible pickup service.

There's no way to make SNAP vans wheelchair-accessible, and SNAP drivers would require commercial driver's licenses with passenger endorsements and special training for handling wheelchairs.

Gator Lift's drivers already have these license endorsements, so extending Gator Lift's hours and providing service on weekends was also considered, Scott said.

"We're committed to figuring out how to do it," he said.

Now, Holcomb said the most feasible option is to have a police officer drive a smaller van with a lift system.

The new vehicle would probably cost about \$15,000 to \$25,000, he said.

Disabled students would call for a free ride, just like other students do for SNAP.

Until the new service is available, disabled students can call for a police escort at any time.

"The Student Senate spearheaded the effort to provide disabled students a way to get home that late at night," he said. "We may not realize the demand that's out there."

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Different ways to spend the holiday weekend

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ELIZABETH HAMILTON
Alligator Contributing Writer

For some UF students, the next few days are just like any other weekend.

Seven of 27 students interviewed by the Alligator said they had religious weekend plans. The others either made no plans or were not observing any religious holidays.

Five of the seven said they plan to attend Catholic Mass at St. Augustine Church.

Nahil Carranza, a 19-year-old psychology freshman and nonpracticing Catholic, is simply going to a Saturday Easter egg hunt.

But Kateria Wynn, a 19-year-old advertising freshman, is attending an on-campus Easter celebration at the Curtis M. Phillips Center. Spirit of Faith Christian Center is hosting the event.

She heard the 11 a.m. service will be packed.

At 8 p.m., Gator Wesley will host a Tenebrae service, in which the campus minister will read passages from the Gospel of John and blow out a candle after each reading.

Hillel, a Jewish campus organization, is hosting two Seders, the first two Passover feasts, on Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 p.m.

Student entries cost \$10, but according to the website, reservations must be sent to blair@ufhillel.org.

ON CAMPUS

Dance class proves therapeutic for Parkinson's disease patients

CHABELI HERRERA
Alligator Contributing Writer

In the bustling classrooms inside the Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion, dance students stretch their muscles, perfect choreography and find life-changing inspiration in a class of Parkinson's disease patients.

Students who volunteer with Dance For Life, a class that helps Parkinson's patients improve their movement and coordination, have found the true beneficiaries of the class are themselves.

Many alumni of Dance For Life venture into the field of dance in health care because of the experience.

Julie Brannen, a UF alumna pursuing a master's degree in dance/movement therapy and counseling at Columbia College, has been involved with the class since its inception in Spring 2009.

Brannen said it was amazing to see the Parkinson's patients' progression of being comfortable with movement and initiating their own movement even while they're in pain.

Unlike physical therapy, dance movement therapy focuses on psychological recovery through movement, Brannen said.

For most participants, however, it's the relationships that make the class an unforgettable experience.

Lindsay Head, a 20-year-old dance sophomore who volunteered last fall, said a special moment for her was seeing the effect her touch had on a patient. Head was surprised to find that the tremors in her partner's hand would cease under her touch during an activity in class.

The sense of belonging to a group, the physical activity and the interaction with a different generation has been proven to help alleviate the symptoms of Parkinson's, said Irene Malaty, assistant professor in UF's Department of Neurology and medical director of the National Parkinson Foundation Center for Excellence at UF.

As Dance For Life wraps up this semester, the patients prepare for their final performance at the Spring BFA Dance Showcase on April 14. But apart from the chance to perform, every person in the class gains something.

"It totally let me see how dance and movement can be healing in people's lives, and it's definitely led me down the path of, 'Hey, I can do this for a living,'" Brannen said. "It's an amazing career."

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Editorial

Only a few more weeks of the semester left, and it's getting close to crunch time on papers, projects and finals.

But procrastinators still have another week or two before they look at the work piling up and start to freak out.

Go ahead, have fun this weekend — you'll have time to finish everything.

That brings us to this week's it's-probably-a-good-time-to-invest-in-Starbucks-and-Mountain Dew edition of ...

Darts & Laurels

First, for a their completely ridiculous proposal, we throw a can-we-just-admit-that-this-is-more-about-politics-than-keeping-drivers-safe **DART** at **Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe** and **11 city and county commissioners**.

These local politicians want to lower the speed limit on Interstate 75 between County Road 234 and State Road 222, the stretch in which the fatal crashes occurred earlier this year.

But, if memory serves us correctly, it was smoke, not speed, that led to the horrible crash. Speed might have been a factor, but it was not the main cause of the crash.

Next up, we give a college-students-don't-know-how-to-cook-most-of-this-stuff-but-it-sure-looks-cool **LAUREL** to the **Union Street Farmers Market**, which celebrated its 16th anniversary this week.

Keep on keepin' on!

For being incredibly offensive, we throw a how-would-you-feel-if-we-came-up-to-you-and-drew-a-Hitler-moustache-on-your-face **DART** at the **idiots** who went around Northwest Gainesville drawing swastikas and painting profane and racist graffiti.

Grow up and read a book.

This one is a double whammy.

Tyler Pence and his family submitted a video to a contest hosted by the Primrose Children's Foundation.

His family won a \$20,000 donation to Shands and a \$3,000 cash prize.

We give a good-deeds-lead-to-more-good-deeds **LAUREL** to the **Primrose Children's Foundation** for putting together this contest AND to the **Pence family**, who decided to give their prize to the hospital.

For being incredibly disgusting, we throw an are-you-really-going-to-do-this-in-front-of-kids **DART** at **Zot Lynn Szurgot**, a transgender individual who was charged with indecent exposure after she went outside completely naked, shaking her genitalia.

Really?

Finally, we give way-to-represent **LAURELS** to **history professor Steve Noll**, **journalism professor Mike Foley** and **mathematics professor Sergei Shabanov**, who were named by the Princeton Review as three of "The Best 300 Professors," the name of its new book.

Keep up the good work!

Have a fun and safe weekend, and be sure to check back next week.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you going home for Easter or Passover?

Thursday's question: Would you follow a lower speed limit on Interstate 75?
23% YES
77% NO
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Column

Government should adhere to Constitution

Does President Obama understand the Constitution? When I heard President Obama say it would be "an unprecedented, extraordinary step" for the Supreme Court to overturn the health care reform law, often referred to as Obamacare, I was dumbfounded.

Of all people, the president of the United States should understand our government setup and the precedent of judicial review established by Marbury v. Madison — the ruling that established the authority of the Supreme Court to invalidate acts of the executive and legislative branches by deeming them unconstitutional.

Moreover, the president should understand that our Constitution was written to prevent tyranny of the majority. Even if legislation were passed unanimously by both chambers of Congress, that legislation could still be unconstitutional, meaning the Supreme Court could still invalidate the unanimously passed legislation.

On Monday, President Obama also drew a sharp contrast between the "democratically elected Congress" and the nine appointed Supreme Court justices.

Yes, the Supreme Court is not elected, but anyone with reasoning skills would understand that having an unelected judiciary helps insulate the court from partisanship and reelection concerns.

President Obama's troubling statement on Monday is part of a much larger conversation: the assault on the Constitution.

The assault on the Constitution has been disguised by claiming the Constitution is a living, breathing document. Some say that because the Constitution was written hundreds of years ago it must be interpreted more loosely to fit the times.

What they don't get is what the founders understood so well: People were meant to be free, and because men aren't angels, there should be some government to protect the people. The founders also understood that having a government poses problems.

To prevent these problems, the founders drafted up a contract saying exactly what the government could do, stip-



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ulating that if the contract didn't state the government could expressly do something, then the government was forbidden from doing so.

That contract is the Constitution — the document that affects our daily lives, providing for my freedom to write this opinion and your freedom to practice what-

ever religion you choose.

Saying the Constitution is a living document would be like deciding your lease doesn't really "fit the times" so you can break portions of your lease and house an elephant in your room.

Those in the living, breathing Constitution camp have twisted the Constitution in every direction. The scary part is that it isn't one side but both sides. They'll use the Commerce Clause and the Fourteenth Amendment to incorporate everything.

The most recent snub of the Constitution is Obamacare. Clearly, the government does not have the authority to force us to purchase a product, namely health insurance, but of course the administration is invoking the Commerce Clause to justify bigger government.

We have been tricked to believe that our government must become centralized to compete with the globalizing world, and that's a fallacy. When the government gets involved, it must tax, which hurts businesses and puts people out of work. To take care of the unemployed, the government justifies more taxes, which puts more people out of work and creates a never-ending cycle.

Washington understands that if you trample the Constitution, you get bigger government, and if you want bigger government, trample the Constitution. Bigger government is not the solution; it is the problem.

We must be more true to the Constitution.

Chris Ceresa is a math and classics junior at UF. His column appears on Fridays.

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

Letters to the Editor

Students should resolve issues with professors instead of cheating

The column written by Chip Skambis for Monday's issue of the Alligator presents an irresponsible solution to a difficult situation.

Cheating is morally wrong and shows a lack of respect for everyone involved. Not to mention that it is a criminal act in many cases.

By cheating, students are telling instructors that their time and energy is worthless. By cheating, students are telling the people from whom they cheat that their effort and creativity in generating the work is meaningless. By cheating, students are disrespecting their fellow students, many of whom are working hard and still might be struggling to earn good scores, only to have the A's go to dishonest classmates.

Lastly, cheating shows a lack of respect for the student's own talents and abilities.

Skambis states that cheating is the only recourse a student has against what he considers to be a poor, unfair, disregarding, biased and morally superior instructor. There are many ways in which a student may seek redress for legitimate complaints about their instructors.

First, talk to the instructor. Despite Skambis' ranting, most instructors wish to be fair in their dealing with students. However, if this is not satisfactory, there is a whole chain of command available to the student. Next up, the department chair, followed by the college office. Finally, the Dean of Students office can

offer any number of options for disgruntled students.

Perhaps the most important action a student can make is to do a little research. Every instructor at UF has detailed evaluations available online for almost anyone to access. Read up on the instructor before taking a class. If the instructor does not have good evaluations, maybe you should adjust your schedule.

I am sorry that Skambis has such a distorted and paranoid view of his instructors. I believe that most of us are here to educate and improve the Student Body. One way to do that is to discourage cheating.

But no matter how hard we try to improve the life of a student, it cannot happen if the student doesn't wish to improve. I suggest that students attempt to meet their instructors. The students might actually find out that instructors have their best interests in mind.

There is far too much cheating in this world. From politics to Wall Street, we live with the ramifications of dishonesty daily. I sincerely hope that no one reads Skambis' words and accepts them as rationalization for cheating.

Benjamin Killian

Lecturer, UF chemistry department

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Student Senate should recognize minority students

I am appalled at the racism that exists in the UF Student Senate. I am a graduate student who represents a constituency that is comprised of all races and groups, and these actions are appalling to me on a personal level because I am an international student.

The actions taken by the Student Senate, which I will mention later, are both concerning and saddening. The Student Senate represents all of The Gator Nation, which is comprised of every possible race and ethnicity imaginable. Student Government must, by its mandate, fight for the best interests of all its students and not a select few.

The actions of which I am speaking of include the following: (1) Failing to pass condolences to the parents of Trayvon Martin last week and (2) failing to add to the agenda to send condolences to Omair Usmani.

Why are the above mentioned actions appalling and saddening, you ask?

The tragedy of the Trayvon Martin shooting has revealed the deep, underlying racial tensions that exist in the U.S. Even if you believe George Zimmerman is innocent, the inaction of the Sanford Police by not doing the usual drug-testing and witness-searching common in standard legal procedure demonstrates the deep, psychological racial problem that exists in the criminal justice system.

The reactions of the American people and the amount of coverage in the media also show the deep, psychological racial tensions

that exist in the American conscious.

The reasons given for failing to pass this bill were that the bill mentioned the race of both George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin and not convicting any side. If you don't believe that racism exists, just ask a friend who belongs to a minority group. You will likely hear stories that would appall you.

By recognizing the impact of race on this issue, Student Government would show the willingness that we are ready to fight these racial tensions and make this university and community a place where every person feels safe and welcome. As for the second signal of racism, you might remember the story in the Alligator that ran this week mentioning a student was hit by a semitrailer and hospitalized at Shands. Omair Usmani, a student and member of The Gator Nation, is now fighting for his life. This student was thrown under the rug by the Senate.

This Senate, which passes resolutions about birthdays, deaths, etc., somehow failed to pass a condolence for a student of South Asian descent.

This resolution failed to pass due to a technicality, which could have easily been fixed by the amendment process.

I am saddened, and I hope for the sake of the students that we, as a Senate, can recognize our faults and address them.

Uzair Malik

Graduate Student Senator

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LIVE NATION

Man charged after allegedly striking mother with tire iron

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
Alligator Writer

A man hit his mother with a tire iron after they argued about a floor mop Wednesday night, police said.

Anthony Gary Smalls Jr., 19, was arrested on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon when he hit his mother in the face with the tire iron, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office report, which gave the following account:

Smalls' mother argued with him and told him not to use the mop, but he did anyway.

Angry from the argument, Smalls hit his mother in the face with the tire iron.

She fought back and hit Smalls in the back with a broom handle.

Her cheek swelled and was still bleeding as officers arrived at their house, 827 SW 64th Terrace.



Smalls

The fight lasted 13 minutes, the report said.

Previously, Smalls has been charged with domestic battery, possession of marijuana and trespassing, but this is his first felony charge.

Smalls' bond has been set at \$20,000, according to the Alachua County Jail Log.

Contact Ben Brasch at bbrasch@alligator.org.

City may hire consultant to evaluate dilapidation of area near Superfund

► THE STUDY COULD COST UP TO \$25K.

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
Alligator Writer

A new study may be done at the area around the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site that is different from previous studies that measured toxic contamination.

The Gainesville City Commission decided Thursday to take a step toward hiring a consultant who will measure the amount of deterioration in the neighborhoods around the toxic site.

The study could cost the city up to \$25,000, according to city officials.

The area is bordered by Northeast Second Street and Northwest 39th Avenue. The area extends west of Northwest 13th Street and a few miles south of Northwest 23rd Avenue.

The "blight study" would determine if the low-income area around the site could be dubbed a new Community Redevelopment Agency area, making it the city's fifth district managed by the city agency.

When a particular part of the city is declared a Community Redevelopment Agency area, it is revitalized through public money in order to stimulate economic growth and attract more residents to the dilapidated area.

In a 6-to-1 vote, with Commissioner Todd Chase dissenting, the commission directed staff to develop a request to hire a consultant.

Though most of the commissioners thought the study was a good idea, Chase said he did not support it because cleanup is scheduled to begin within the next year as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's plan to decontaminate the site.

"I'm not sure if I'm comfortable with doing a blight study until we know what is happening in this area," Chase said. "Because once you get the ball rolling, it's hard to peel it back."

Commissioner Susan Bottcher disagreed. Because the study will only show if the area qualifies as an official Community Redevelopment Agency area, Bottcher said there is no harm in checking out the possibility.

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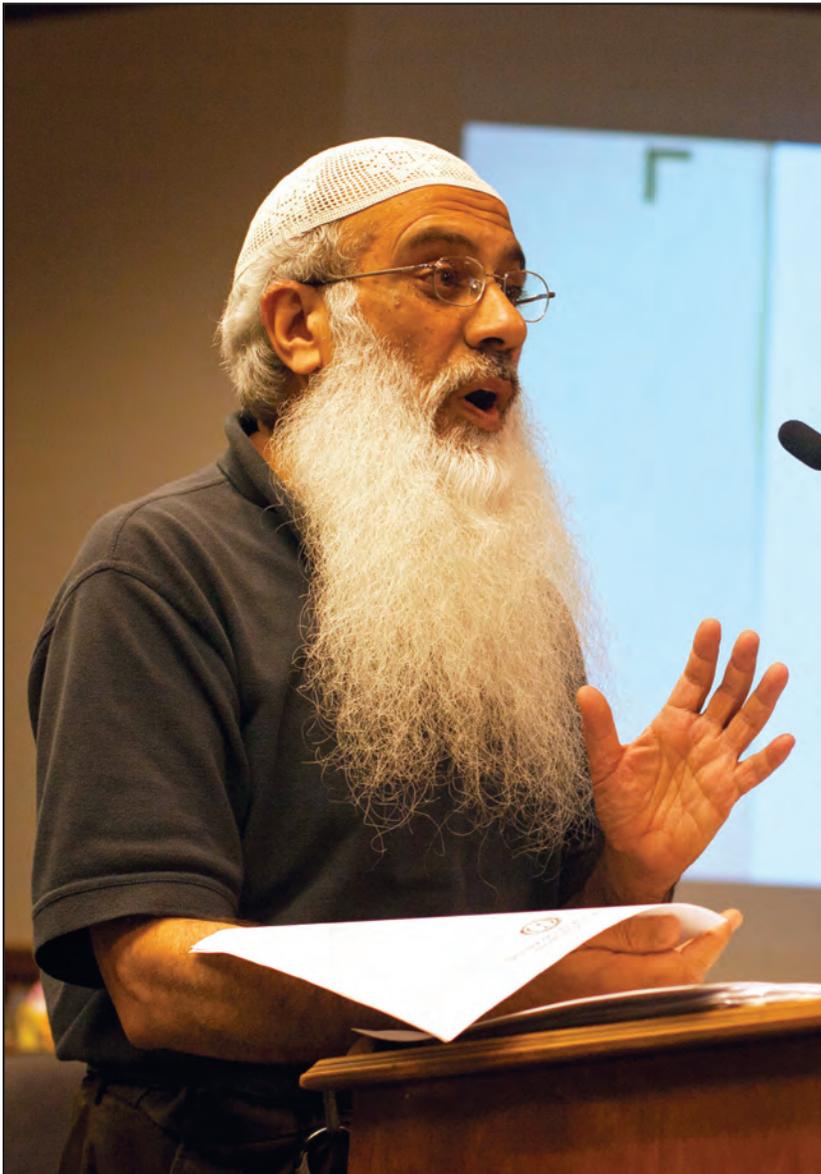
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Concerned Citizen

Syed Mohammed I. Haider, 60, a "concerned citizen," speaks during the citizen comment period of the Gainesville City Commission meeting.

Local media company chosen to rebuild Tampa Bay Times website

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

The Gainesville-based Web development and digital marketing firm that has built websites for companies all over the country can now boast another major client: the Tampa Bay Times.

The newspaper picked 352 Media Group about a year ago to revamp its website, beating out four companies from around the U.S.

The website will launch this summer, said John Schlander, senior editor/online operations at the Tampa Bay Times.

"This is a significant job for us," said Geoff Wilson, president and CEO of 352 Media Group. "It's definitely a high-profile job."

The Web development company began in a Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity house at UF in 1997.

Wilson and a team of two built websites for small businesses around the state. Back then, Wilson charged his clients about \$50.

Today, 352 Media Group has offices in four other cities around the U.S. and charges about \$50,000 to build a website, Wilson said.

"We knew we wanted our new website to be an engaging site with personality," Schlander said. "They are a serious business with technical chops, but there was a sense of fun and creativity that came along with it."

The main purpose of the new website is to create a more personalized experience for readers, making articles that fit their interests easier to find, said Pete Bernardo, 352 Media Group digital strategist and project manager.

Executives from the Tampa Bay Times did a nationwide search for a Web development firm to redesign their website and improve the overall experience for visitors.

The company was the only finalist with Florida roots. Other companies competing for the job were from cities such as New York and Dallas, said Patty Cox, a Tampa Bay Times consultant on the project. Cox and Schlander oversee the website's development.

Times staff found the company on Google when they decided to redevelop the newspaper's website about a year and a half ago.

"We knew that our website was not up to the standard of our print newspaper," Schlander said.

Cox visited the 352 Media Group website and loved the home page, which displays animated cartoon images alongside real people on a lime green and royal blue backdrop.

"It was a whimsical, energetic, fun approach to their website," Schlander said. "We got in contact with them right away."

Wilson, Bernardo and a team from 352 Media Group presented a proposal to about 10 executives from the Tampa Bay Times. Soon after, the job was theirs.

Their energetic presentation, ideas and in-depth knowledge on how to analyze what people want on a website landed them the contract, Cox said.

Over the past year, thousands of surveys were passed out to those who read articles on the site. The surveys asked questions that gave Bernardo and his team an idea of the types of people who visit the site and why they visit the site. That way, it's easier to generate where certain content should go.

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by Linda Thistle

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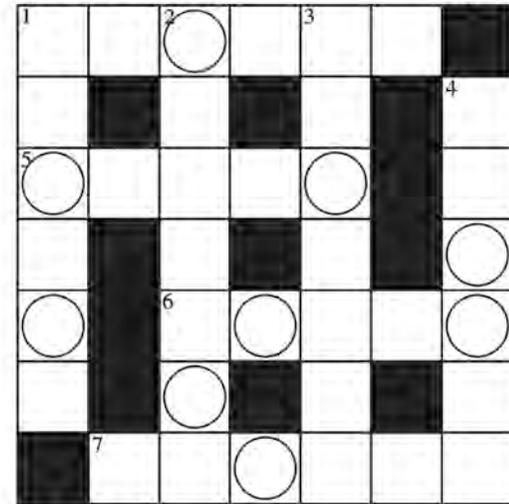
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Pigott's base-running gaffe costly as Gators drop third straight

► GATORS LOSE SERIES
OPENER TO LSU 7-6.

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Florida's entire dugout thought Preston Tucker's one-out shot to right was gone in three-run walk-off fashion. Unfortunately for the Gators, Daniel Pigott thought so too.

UF's senior center fielder went into premature celebration mode while standing a handful of steps off third base. When the ball landed in the glove of LSU right fielder Mason Katz, Pigott had choked away a chance to tie the score at seven and complete a big Florida rally. He did not tag up. Brian Johnson was on deck for the game's final at-bat, but the evening was over.

"You can't run the bases for them," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "I've got no explanation for it. I've never seen it. ... He jumped up and down and thought it was a home run and lost his cool instead of just going back to the bag."

Euphoria boiled into frustration in a matter of seconds. Before Pigott's gaffe and a hard-swinging

strikeout by Mike Zunino, Florida had runners on first and third with no outs in the ninth inning. What fans had not been chased away by an initial 6-2 deficit were buzzing. Minutes later, they were silenced and stunned. No. 1 Florida (24-6, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) lost to No. 12 LSU (24-6, 7-3 SEC), 7-6 on Thursday night.

The defeat snapped a 15-game home winning streak for the Gators and continued a rut in which they have lost four out of their last five games.

"We've got to put some pieces together," junior left fielder Vickash Ramjit said. "We're just struggling right now."

Trouble started early for the Gators on Thursday. The Tigers were all over starter Brian Johnson in the first inning, racking up three runs on three hits, highlighted by RBI singles from Austin Nola and Alex Edward.

When Florida began to stand its ground a bit and climb back into the game, LSU piled up another three-run inning in the fourth despite having no baserunners and two outs when eight-hole hitter Jordy Snikeris stepped in and singled.

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David Carr / Alligator Staff

Senior outfielder Daniel Pigott (8) failed to tag up from third base and score the tying run after Preston Tucker hit a fly ball to right field in the bottom of the ninth inning in No. 1 Florida's 7-6 loss No. 12 LSU.

Boynton plans to return to UF for senior season

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

Guard Kenny Boynton is returning to UF for his senior year, he announced on Thursday via his Twitter account.

"To confirm the questions being ask lately I have reached a decision and I am returning to Gainesville for my senior season," the tweet said.

Boynton was Florida's leading scorer last year, averaging 15.9 points per game on 40.7 percent 3-point shooting.

He was projected as a fringe NBA draft prospect but was still considering making a jump to the professional ranks.

The decision did not come easy for Boynton, who was undecided on his future as recently as this week.

"I don't know what I'm going to do, honestly," he said on Monday.

But, after discussing his options with his family — his mother visited Gainesville earlier in the week — Boynton decided to return.



Boynton

By doing so, he gives himself a shot at UF's career scoring record. He has notched 1,589 career points, good for eighth on UF's all-time list.

He is just 501 points shy of Ronnie Williams' UF career record of 2,090. Boynton scored 525 points as a sophomore and 588 as a junior.

Contact Greg Luca at gluca@alligator.org.

Wilson making most of sixth year

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

It has taken nearly six years, but James Wilson is poised to finally make it through his first healthy spring.

Wilson, a redshirt senior offensive lineman, is the last remaining member of Urban Meyer's national championship squad in 2008 and was granted a sixth season of eligibility in January due to a medical hardship.

The main culprit keeping the 6-foot-4, 327-pound guard off the field has been a pair of broken feet his sophomore year and the four surgeries needed to repair his injured left knee. While he missed all of last spring recovering from a surgery, Wilson said he is ready to play at 1 p.m. Saturday during Florida's spring game.

"I went to coach Muschamp and told him, 'Hey coach, I made it through my first spring,'" Wilson said. "He was all happy. It was kind of a big deal, but I just got to keep trucking. I got to make it through my first camp now."

After working his way back into the Gators' line rotation, Wilson earned his lone start of last season in Florida's bowl victory against Ohio State. He said he found out the NCAA was allowing him to come back in the spring during the game.

"It's good to see him back out there," offensive

lineman Chaz Green said. "He's capitalized on it. It's his last year, make the best of it."

A healthy Wilson heading into next season would mean added depth to an offensive line group that struggled last year. With another year under their belt, Wilson said the linemen have begun to communicate better and are growing more comfortable working together this spring.

"Marked improvement up front from a year ago at this time, or at any time last year," coach Will Muschamp said. "You see some guys, and you go back and look at it and those guys have been playing together for a year."

UF Football **Floyd adjusting:** In his first extended action at defensive end, Sharrif Floyd

has had a hard time adjusting to life on the outside. Floyd, a junior, is working primarily off the edge instead of his natural defensive tackle position this spring due to injuries to Dominique Easley and Earl Okine.

"I started spring as a D-end and just really wasn't comfortable with it, because it's the first time I ever played it like constantly rep after rep," Floyd said. "The spring before that, the offseason before that, I was at defensive tackle so it was just a different transition."

Though the move to end hasn't always gone

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When Florida takes on Johns Hopkins on Saturday, junior attacker Kitty Cullen will return from a concussion that sidelined her for two games. See story, Page 15.

Quarterback controversy

Which quarterback do you think will have a better showing in Saturday's spring game? Vote online at alligatorSports.org.

Poll Results

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Crawford, Whitson will start final two games of LSU series

BASEBALL
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"It was disappointing the way we pitched," O'Sullivan said. "That can't happen if you expect to win games."

Everyone seemed to have his own faults. Ramjit had the best offensive night of his career, going 3 for 4 with four RBI — two in a clutch two-out spot in the eighth that got the Gators within one. However, he also had Florida's other glaring base-running error of the night in the fourth when he was thrown out returning to second on a Cody Dent fly ball.

"I had three hits but that didn't do anything," Ramjit said. "It was just upsetting how we lost. ... It's a tough loss right now."

Pigott had been 3 for 5 with an RBI before the night's biggest blunder. Entering the ninth 2 for 4, Johnson popped out to the catcher to end the game.

Florida will now try to move forward to Friday night's game even though O'Sullivan was unsure of what he will get.



Crawford

"I'm not playing," he said.

Jonathon Crawford will get the start for the Gators, as Karsten Whitson's full-blown return gets moved to Saturday. Hudson Randall will not pitch this weekend because of a "tired arm."

LACROSSE

Cullen set to return from concussion

JOSH JURNOVOY
Alligator Writer

The Gators didn't miss a beat without Kitty Cullen.

But that doesn't mean they aren't glad to have her back.

The junior attacker missed two games due to a concussion suffered in a 10-8 win at Ohio State on March 24 and will return to the starting lineup on Saturday as No. 4 Florida (12-2, 2-0 American Lacrosse Conference) travels to Baltimore to take on No. 19 Johns Hopkins (7-3, 0-1 ALC).

The Gators defeated Fresno State 29-0 and beat No. 10 Penn State, 20-11, in the two games Cullen was out.

"I commend the team for really stepping up and doing a great job in her absence," coach Amanda O'Leary said. "But we are looking forward to getting her back on the field."

Cullen, who led Florida with 47 points prior to the concussion, said she has been symptom-free since Saturday.

"I started feeling better the day before the Penn State game, but I knew I wasn't going to be ready to play by then," Cullen said. "My

first practice was (Wednesday), and since everything went well I know I'll be able to play this weekend."

Freshmen midfielders Nicole Graziano and Shannon Gilroy have helped shoulder the scoring load with Cullen out. In the last two games, Graziano has nine goals and three assists while Gilroy found the back of the net five times against Penn State.

"We have complete confidence in everyone on the team."

Caroline Chesterman
UF attacker

"It's so nice knowing that if you are going to get injured or you are coming out of the game that you have people that can go in and can still get the job done," Cullen said of the younger players' contributions.

As the regular season comes to an end and the schedule gets tougher, junior attacker Caroline Chesterman said the depth the Gators have developed becomes more important.

"We have complete confidence in everyone on the team," Chesterman said. "If someone else is having an off day and someone needs

to step in, they will do that, and the last two games have completely shown that."

Even if Cullen is not scoring goals in bunches come Sunday, O'Leary said it changes the game to have her on the field.

"Anytime she has the ball, the defense has to be concerned," O'Leary said. "They're going to be really quick to slide the double team over to her."

O'Leary praised Cullen's ability to create for others and find her teammates this season when she is double-teamed. In 2011, Cullen had 56 goals and five assists through 12 games while she has 29 goals and 20 assists in as many games this season.

Florida defeated Johns Hopkins 14-10 in Gainesville in 2011 with Cullen scoring five goals.

A native of Rockville, Md., Cullen said she is excited to be able to make her return in her home state against the Blue Jays.

"All my cousins have been texting me all week and all my aunts and uncles," Cullen said. "A lot of my really good friends from high school are coming home for Easter and they're all coming out to the game."

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GYMNASTICS

UF confident for NCAA Regional

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Despite the pressures of postseason action, the Gators have plenty of reasons to feel comfortable Saturday.

Coming off its eighth Southeastern Conference title in school history, No. 1 Florida (17-1, 5-1 SEC) will return to Raleigh, N.C., the site of its season opener, to take part in its NCAA Regional Championships at 4 p.m.

In UF's first meet of the season against North Carolina State on Jan. 6, it dominated the Wolfpack, 196.025-194.675.

"N.C. State by far is the best place we could have been placed," junior Randy Stageberg said. "It's three hours away from my home, so I have a lot of family and friends coming. Most of them haven't seen me compete before in a college meet."

Along with No. 20 N.C. State, Florida's competition will consist of No. 12 Ohio State, No. 13 Penn State, Kent State and North Carolina. The two top-scoring teams Saturday will advance to the NCAA Championships on April 20.

The Gators hope previously competing in Reynolds Coliseum will prove to be a benefit. Many Gators have said that the Wolfpack's apparatuses feel similar to their home equipment.

"We've been to N.C. State, the athletes remember the arena, we know visually what the setup of the equipment is like, we've been on the equipment," coach

Rhonda Faehn said. "It's not going to be something that's unfamiliar to them."

UF's rotational order also looks to be favorable. After starting out on uneven bars and balance beam, the team will take a bye and then compete on floor exercise and vault before finishing out with another bye.

The Gators are currently No. 1 in the country on both bars and beam.

"It's a great draw," Faehn said. "It's nice to finish out on a bye because you just get your job done and you don't have to sit out another rotation and then come back again into the competition."

As the Gators should feel accustomed to their location for regionals, Faehn said she believes her squad is also in a great place mentally.

"This team is a completely different team. Different group, different mentality," Faehn said. "We feel like they're confident and ready to go."

Ellis likely out on vault: Faehn said senior Nicole Ellis might not take part in the vault lineup Saturday due to a hip injury she suffered against Utah. If Ellis is a no-go, she said freshmen Kiersten Wang or Jamie Shisler would step in to take her place.

Faehn added that Ellis might compete on bars if she feels up to the task Saturday afternoon.



Faehn

Freshman will be key at home meet

► UF'S TRACK PROGRAM PLAYS HOST TO THE PEPSI FLORIDA RELAYS STARTING TODAY.

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Writer

While most seniors in high school are looking ahead to their graduation, Gators freshman Detric Dukes is focusing on the Pepsi Florida Relays.

Dukes, who could still be finishing up his last semester of his senior year, decided to enroll early at Florida in January.

On Feb. 4, Dukes helped the Gators finish in second place in the 4x400m relay at the Virginia Tech Elite Meet in his first competition. Dukes also came in sixth place in the men's 200m, missing the automatic qualifying mark by less than a second.

"It's been pretty tough because of coming in out of shape, and it's my first time running indoors," Dukes said. "It was pretty hard to adjust to indoor because I'm so used to running outdoors."

Despite joining the Gators only six days before their first indoor meet of the season, Dukes has shown that he can be a valuable asset on the team. His strongest contribution so far this year has been in the relays.

In addition to his performance at the Virginia Tech Elite Meet, Dukes helped contribute to a fourth-place finish in the

4x1600m relay at the SEC Indoor Championships and he helped UF finish third in the 4x400m relay last weekend at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.]

"I felt pretty good. I trusted in my coaching and training that everything was going to be good," Dukes said. "I was a little bit nervous, but I just let everything happen."

This weekend at Florida's first home outdoor meet of the season, the Gators will need Dukes to continue his trend of being a strong leg for the relay teams. Dukes will be competing in the 4x200m relay and the 4x400m relay.

"We could push the stick a little bit better, and get the changes and hand-offs much, much better, which we've been working on this week," Dukes said. "We have a lot more to work on, but I think we'll do pretty good at the Florida Relays."

The Florida Relays begin today at Percy Beard Track at 9 a.m. Sophomore David Beard and junior David Triassi will start things off for the men in the hammer throw, and freshman Manuela Burtsher will open for the women in the discus throw.

"It's always an exciting time around here for the Florida Relays. Our athletes are excited and everybody associated with the program is excited about it," coach Mike Holloway said. "It's a chore putting the meet on, but it's something that we really enjoy doing."

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Floyd hoping for switch back to defensive tackle for fall season

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smoothly, Floyd said he is enjoying his best spring of his career and has improved his pass-rush skills. However, once the fall season starts, he's looking forward to resuming his old duties in the interior.

"We're still low on numbers right now, so it's still about what we have and what we need," Floyd said. "So right now I'm a D-end but ideally, getting ready for the season, it should be inside for good."

Special teams: After splitting time with departed senior David Lerner last season, Kyle Christy has created some separation for Florida's starting punting job.

Muschamp said Christy had his best day at Florida last Wednesday punting the ball. Christy, a sophomore, started the final seven games last season and averaged 40.9 yards on 30 punts.

"He's got the leg, he's got the tools, he's got the talent," Muschamp said.

"It's a matter of doing it all the time and David was much more consistent in camp last fall in August going into the season. But, as Kyle continued to improve that consistency, that's what enabled him to get the job."

Muschamp also had rave reviews for redshirt senior kicker Caleb Sturgis, who was a 2011 finalist for the Lou Groza award. Muschamp said Sturgis has kicked "extremely well" and was last Saturday's special teams player of the day.

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PREVIEWING THE ORANGE AND BLUE DEBUT

With the Gators' annual spring game, the Orange & Blue Debut, scheduled for this Saturday, we at *alligatorSports* want to get you prepared. Each day this week, we will give you a new piece from three separate top-five lists: something to look for during the spring game, an area the team must improve upon in 2012 and a major storyline to follow as the spring season comes to a close.

► SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR DURING SATURDAY'S GAME:

2. Turnovers

Florida was so inept in both protecting the ball and taking it away last season that any sign of progress should be taken as a positive. Before the Gators kicked off fall camp last season, Will Muschamp pointed to two statistics as the most important: turnovers and big plays. But UF finished 113th nationally with a minus-0.92 margin, forcing only 14 and losing 26. Watch to see if the young quarterbacks are making smart decisions and if the defense is playing aggressively, closing quickly and making plays on the ball. Remember, it is the spring game, so take everything with a grain of salt and focus more on individual performances.

1. Quarterbacks

It's tough to learn too much from just a spring game, but it will be interesting to see how comfortably Brissett and Driskel can run the offense. New offensive coordinator Brent Pease has tried to make the adjustment as seamless as possible for his sophomore signal-callers, but the task of learning new plays, shifts and motions will still be daunting.



Brissett

If one of the young quarterbacks can display a comfort, command and maturity in the offense, it will bode well for his chances come fall. It will be a good sign for the chances of Florida's offense, too.

► AREA THAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT:

2. Quarterback play

Florida needs a major improvement at the most important position on the field. Last season, the trio of John Brantley, Jeff Driskel and Jacoby Brissett led the nation's No. 89 passing offense. The Gators tallied just 13 touchdowns and 13 interceptions and ranked No. 101 with only 320 pass attempts on the year. Much of those struggles were blamed on John Brantley's injuries, but even a healthy Brantley threw for only 185.8 yards per game with 11 touchdowns and 7 interceptions, and that was with the benefit of three missed halves against stalwarts Alabama and LSU.

1. Offensive Line

Without question, the Gators struggled last season because they struggled up front. The offensive line was a sieve, getting pushed around in pass protection and failing to knock defenders off the ball in the run game. With two inexperienced options at quarterback, the ability to run the ball and prevent the type of pass rush that sidelined starter John Brantley last season will be imperative. The line took the brunt of Muschamp's criticism for being soft, and as defensive coordinator Dan Quinn put it last week, they have received the memo. Progress in this area will be paramount to Florida's chances at a successful season in 2012.



Muschamp

► STORYLINE TO WATCH:

2. Center of Offense

Last year, if Chris Rainey didn't have a good game, neither did the Gators. The offense ran through his hands, as the senior running back led the team in rushing attempts (171), rushing yards (861) and receptions (31). If Rainey wasn't getting the ball, he was used as a decoy to open up other options. Now, with Rainey and fellow back Jeff Demps gone, Florida will have to look elsewhere for its key cog on offense. There isn't a proven player at any of the skill positions, and a balanced attack led by a strong downhill running game is likely to be the focal point, meaning several players will be counted on to produce on a consistent basis.

1. Driskel/Brissett

The quarterback controversy has dominated the spring conversation, as everyone wants to know who will be under center when the season begins. Although Muschamp says the process is ongoing and will downplay the significance of Saturday, someone will have to take the first snap with the first-team offense. Neither Driskel nor Brissett has distanced himself in the spring after a difficult freshman campaign. Driskel completed 16 of 34 passes for 148 yards and two interceptions, while Brissett completed 18 of 39 passes for 206 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. Who has made the biggest jump?



Driskel

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