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ADMINISTRATION

Machen assures faculty UF is still strong, leader in achievements

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Staff Writer

Despite a shaky economic atmosphere and state funding that remains “anemic,” the state of the university is strong, UF President Bernie Machen assured faculty during his State of the University address Thursday.

“Someone once said. . . summer is when laziness finds respectability,” Machen said.

But not for Gators. Over the summer, UF students and alumni broke records at the Olympics, UF researchers helped discover the Higgs boson particle and the university’s research grants totaled \$644.4 million at the end of the fiscal year.

Summer also marked the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land Grant Act, signed in 1862, which laid the foundation for UF, Machen said. It sought to provide access to a broad education and promote state and national progress.

“Access is something the university is doing quite well,” he said.

Rising tuition and student debt are threats to those tenets, Machen said. Despite that, UF has managed to keep its tuition 31 percent below the national average, and 61 percent of graduates in the class of 2010 had no debt.

Machen said his successor would have a lot to look forward to.

Of his planned departure from UF, he said, “I’m not ready to dwell on that ending yet.”

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Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

UF President Bernie Machen addressed faculty in his annual State of the University address Thursday. Machen commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land Grant Act, which laid the foundation for UF’s creation.

Gators should beware heat-related illness on gameday

ANDREA CARROZ
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Alligators may love to nap in the sun, but Gators need to take care not to overheat in The Swamp.

The temperatures during Saturday’s football game are predicted to be about 90 degrees, and UF wants to make sure students and fans stay safe. The conditions inside the stadium — and under the September sun — can cause heat exhaustion, dehydration and heat stroke.

“Slather yourself with sunscreen,” said Catherine Seemann, marketing coordinator at the Student Health Care Center. “You’re going to want to take in a quart of water an hour.”

She said students can also drink Gatorade, diluted fruit juices or flavored water to rehydrate. Eating fruits and vegetables like watermelon or celery can help as well.

“Slather yourself with sunscreen.”
Catherine Seemann
 marketing coordinator at the Student Health Care Center

Anyone consuming alcohol should especially monitor his or her intake, Seemann said.

“The best thing to do is limit the number of alcoholic beverages you’re having and make sure you are taking an appropriate amount of water and staying out of the sun,” Seemann said.

During last year’s 3:30 p.m. game against the University of Tennessee, about 20 people were treated for heat-related illnesses, said Bryan Flood, director of operations at the University Athletic Association.

Dance freshman Jean Shuman, 18, said she’s taking precautions to avoid having heat-related health problems. Though she won’t be taking water to the game, she plans on wearing sunscreen and an airy T-shirt.

But 24-year-old architecture senior Shawn Crews does not intend on wearing sunscreen.

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Black Hawk holds demo for ROTC students

THE HELICOPTER LEFT TO HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ISAAC.

SHELBY WEBB
 Alligator Staff Writer

There was a Black Hawk down on Flavet Field on Thursday afternoon.

The UF Army ROTC had a demonstration for new cadets with various assault weapons, Humvees and a helicopter full of medevac soldiers.

The group of about 115 students whipped out phones and took pictures

before the Black Hawk crew left to help victims of Hurricane Isaac.

“This is the beginning of their military career.”

Heather Seidl
 health care management senior

But there were still plenty of toys to gawk at, and 23-year-old criminal justice senior Chris Van Aken was eager to show them off.

“This is a fully automatic, belt-fed, 40 mm grenade launcher,” Van Aken said, grinning and pointing to a thigh-high

military machine on a tripod. “It’s a devastating weapon.”

Another table displayed about 10 automatic weapons, including a gun with a special attachment that allows it to shoot both bullets and grenades.

New cadets took their contracting oath, in which they swear to honor their contracts with the military and to serve their country.

“This is the beginning of their military career,” said Heather Seidl, a 26-year-old health care management senior.

The demonstration also showcased
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Theatre Strike Force performance at GatorNights!

Theatre Strike Force, UF's premier improv and sketch comedy group, will be having a GatorNights! show today at the Orange & Brew, on the ground floor of the Reitz Union, and it will start at 9 p.m. If you are interested in learning improv with us at our academy or simply want more information about the club, please like "Theatre Strike Force" on Facebook.

Student Occupational Therapy Association meeting

The Student Occupational Therapy Association will have its first meeting of the semester today at 12:50 p.m. in room G301 of the Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Building. At the meeting, we will go over upcoming events and ways to get involved in the community. If you have any questions, check out our website at sota.php.ufl.edu.

Dancin' Gators Choreographer's Showcase

All students interested in dancing and becoming involved this semester are encouraged to come. The showcase will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Broward Hall basement. The location is subject to change. For more information, visit www.dancinggators.weebly.com.

Informational meetings about becoming a mentor

Are you interested in being a mentor in the Gainesville community? Learn about four mentoring programs (After School Gators, Gator Teen Mentors, Project MASCOT and Motiv8)

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at one of their informational meetings. Choose a date that fits your schedule and mark your calendars: Wednesday at 7 p.m. or Thursday at 6 p.m. All meetings will be held in Reitz Union Room 346. Visit www.leadershipand-service.ufl.edu/involved.html#mentor or www.facebook.com/UFCLS for more information.

Business fraternity recruitment

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity organized to foster the study of business in universities. Recruitment begins Tuesday. If you're a business or accounting major looking to get more involved on campus and meet motivated, like-minded students, Delta Sigma Pi could be the organization for you. This co-ed business organization is focused on member development and community involvement. Find out more at www.facebook.com/DspBetaEtaRecruitmentFall2012.

Gainesville Crohn's and Colitis Support Group

If you have inflammatory bowel disease, come find support with others on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The group is very welcoming and everybody understands what you've been through. Meetings are held at the American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge, 2121 SW 16th St. For

more information, contact Dennis@UCVlog.com.

Black Law Student Association general body meeting

BLSA is the newest organization at UF for students interested in admission to law school. It will be hosting key speakers throughout the year, free Kaplan LSAT services and networking with high-profile members and attorneys from across the country. The first meeting will be on Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. in Pugh Hall, Room 210. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/UniversityFloridaBlsPreLaw.

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Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to skinonen@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney waves at the Republican National Convention at the Tampa Bay Times Forum on Thursday.

UF Republicans optimistic after RNC

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Katy Melchiorre knows she's outnumbered on UF's campus.

She and other student Republicans are reminded when they set up their red banner by the Reitz Union or when they pass out information about the Republican Party's platform. Sometimes, they're met with anger, but usually they're ignored. After all, she said, UF is known for being orange and — well — blue.

With election season nearing, she and other Republican student leaders are preparing for a political fight on and off campus. And with their groups fueled with excitement from the Republican National Convention, they said they're preparing for an "uphill battle."

"We're definitely outnumbered by Democrats on this campus," said Melchiorre, chair of UF's College Republicans. "In 2008, it made it difficult, in my opinion, to really let our message sink in with students."

Aside from the stereotype that college students are liberal, election data shows that on-campus voters largely leaned toward the Democratic Party in the past

election cycle. In the 2008 presidential election, the Reitz Union saw 3,923 votes cast. Of that, 70.14 percent were for Barack Obama, and 27.84 percent were for John McCain.

Bryan Griffin, a 24-year-old UF law student and volunteer at the RNC, said he saw a few Gators at the convention but saw a steady flow of students from all over the U.S.

"Students realize this message is the message of the future," he said. "And it's going to be on us."

"It was just a good time to be a Republican."

Frank Moehrle
chair of Gators for Romney

As UF's Democratic organizations gear up for the Democratic National Convention, Republican students are reveling in the political high of the RNC, especially after Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's speech Thursday.

"It was just a good time to be a Republican," said Frank Moehrle, chair of Gators for Romney.

The 21-year-old UF political science senior said he feels the struggle to get student voters to pay attention to their message

but said his party is growing stronger and stronger in Florida.

He said they now have more than 40 offices in the state, including the major cities, dedicated to getting voters to the polls for the Republican ticket.

Griffin said Alachua County is starting to see more and more Republican influence within its government. City Commissioner Todd Chase, a Republican, joined the all-Democrat dias in 2011. Republican Susan Baird was elected to the Alachua County Commission after the 2010 race.

However, Moehrle said he's aiming for a 40 percent Republican turnout on campus. He can't turn the tide, but he said he can fight it. He said he's had his Romney fliers torn up in his face enough times to realize that.

Regardless of what happens with the presidential election on campus, he said, his focus is on a larger prize.

"I don't know if we'll necessarily win on campus," Moehrle said. "I feel confident that we will win the state in November."

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UF partners with green companies to reduce laundry carbon emissions

► IT'S THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN FLORIDA TO DO SO.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Staff Writer

UF is one step closer to reducing its carbon footprint.

The university announced Wednesday its partnership with ASI Campus Laundry Solutions and Neutral Gator to create carbon-neutral laundry operations on campus.

ASI is offsetting carbon emissions produced by laundry machines in all of UF's residence halls, said Laurel Nesbit, a program assistant in the Office of Sustainability.

Neutral Gator is a nonprofit organization that focuses on reducing effects from carbon emission by creating offsets. According to its website, a carbon offset is a credit from a project resulting in less carbon dioxide than would regularly occur.

Executive Director Jacob Cravey said Neutral Gator makes offsets

possible by reducing energy consumption in Gainesville's low-income houses.



Cravey

Cravey said Neutral Gator

planted about 10,000 trees last year, which created the carbon offsets it then sold. ASI is offsetting 754,884 kilowatt-hours of electricity and natural gas and about 3,774,000 gallons of water to total 488 tons of carbon emissions through its national corporate offset program Carbon Les, according to the press release.

ASI Executive Vice President David Drake said UF is the first university the company has partnered with for this program. UF is also the first university in Florida to have carbon-

neutral laundry operations, he said. "UF has a goal to be carbon-neutral by 2025," Nesbit said. "This is an important step."

UF's athletic association is already carbon-neutral, she said.

Neutral Gator has been providing offsets to Gator Athletics for the last five years, Cravey said.

"We continue to push the envelope at a national level," he said.

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Man brings gun to Shands at UF parking garage

► POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR TWO SUSPECTS.

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Writer

University Police are investigating an incident in which a man had a gun inside a Shands at UF parking garage Thursday afternoon.

Police detained one man and were looking for two other people suspected of being connected to the incident.

Just before 2 p.m. Thursday, UPD responded to a call at Garage 10 on the corner of Archer Road and Newell Drive, according to a UPD press release.

Shortly after, UF sent out an alert to students saying there was an armed man in the parking garage. Several messages followed clarifying the scenario and giving a brief description of one person involved.

When police arrived, officers were told

that two men and a woman were arguing on the second floor of the garage.

A witness, according to the release, told police that during the argument, one of the men pulled out a handgun.

Officers responded and detained one of the suspects for questioning. The woman and the armed man fled from the scene, said UPD Capt. Jeff Holcomb.

There were no reported injuries, according to a UF alert.

At this point, police are interviewing the man they detained to ask him about the other people involved, Holcomb said.

At about 3:50 p.m., the university sent out an alert saying that officers had cleared the scene.

If you have any information, please contact Capt. Jeff Holcomb at 352-273-3301 or UPD at 352-392-1111.

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UF Supreme Court passes referendum about racks

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Alligator Staff Writer

The UF Supreme Court unanimously approved a referendum that would ask students whether or not they think UF should move forward in forcing publications to be distributed out of university-owned racks.

The referendum, brought to the Supreme Court by Sen. David Bradshaw, would need 500 student signatures by Tuesday for the Supreme Court to demand the supervisor of elections to include the referendum on the October ballot, said Chief Justice Matt Michel.

UF's administration wants all publications on campus to be placed in black, modular racks. This controversial move would cause problems for The Independent Florida Alligator, which uses its orange racks to attract readers.

Bradshaw said the administration made the decision due to issues in safety, security, sustainability and aesthetics.

Some justices were concerned about whether the referendum would still be relevant by elections.



Michel

Justice Alex Andrade said should the situation with the newsracks change, the Supreme Court would need to reconvene and amend the referendum's wording to make it still applicable for voting.

He said the Alligator is important to students, especially when it comes to reporting about Student Government elections.

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Despite large Jewish population, UF doesn't observe holidays

UF has largest Jewish undergrad population in U.S.

KATHERINE HAHN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Reform Judaism magazine recently ranked UF as the American public university with the largest undergraduate Jewish population. UF has 6,500 Jewish students, which is 17 percent of the Student Body, according to the magazine.

Despite these numbers, UF doesn't cancel classes on Jewish holidays, a practice that inconveniences some students and upsets others.

UF's academic calendar does not recognize any religious holidays, though some major Christian holidays fall during term breaks.

Giving students off for Jewish holidays isn't simple, because not everyone celebrates every holiday on the Jewish calendar, said Jack Kugelmass, director of UF's Jewish Studies program.

"The solution is let students take the holidays they want to take and have faculty be sensitive to those days," he said.

Chelsea Graubert, a visual art studies junior, said she gives professors advance notice of her observance but worries the scheduling won't work.

The 20-year-old said it would make sense for UF to cancel classes on several Jewish holidays.

"We get other major holidays off, so I don't see what the difference is," Graubert said.

Economics junior Deborah Abrams, 20, said she and her Jewish friends have had to complain to get

some of their professors to reschedule important tests.

"The solution is let students take the holidays they want to take and have faculty be sensitive to those days."

Jack Kugelmass
Jewish Studies program director

Last week, Provost Joseph Glover sent an email reminding colleges that students and faculty must work together to accommodate holy days. But students need to inform profes-

sors of conflicts.

Executive Director and CEO of UF Hillel Keith Dvorchik said giving students Jewish holidays off is complicated because other religious groups might ask for their holidays to be recognized.

Over the years, some Jewish students and parents have complained to him about not getting the holidays off.

A student's parents once argued the university would never hold classes on Easter Sunday. Dvorchik agreed.

"First of all, you're right, because it's a Sunday," he told them.

Misting locations will be set up in the stadium

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"Baseball hats are the only sunscreen I wear," he said.

Whether students are cautious or not, Flood said there will be numerous misting stations and first-aid locations inside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Handheld fans and small cooling towels will be distributed before the game for free.

Flood said people who wish to leave The Swamp to cool off can go to the air-conditioned Stephen C. O'Connell Center, where the game will be playing on large video screens.

Gate 1 will be open for fans wanting to escape the heat.

According to information from the Student Health Care Center, signs of dehydration include:

- dry, sticky mouth
- dizziness
- headaches
- sunken eyes

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- fatigue
- nausea
- vomiting
- clammy, pale skin
- rapid pulse

If you experience any of the above, sit down in the shade and drink cool liquids. If the symptoms continue, seek immediate medical attention.

Military clubs prepare young cadets

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the ROTC's three clubs: the Gator Guard Drill Team, the Raiders and Ranger Challenge.

Although each club is physically demanding, the three groups are unrelated in their goals.

The Raiders prepares cadets for tactical missions, and the Gator Guard practices drill routines to use in ceremonies.

The Ranger Challenge is the Army ROTC's varsity sport, though it's far different from anything with a scoreboard.

It features a series of events such as orienteering, where teams use land navigation skills to find 40 checkpoints over a 4-square-mile course. Another task is to build a bridge using a rope to cross a 40-foot water obstacle.

While the clubs on display are rigorous, the weekly lab ROTC students take as a part of their academic schedule can be just as intense.

Patrick Murphy, a 22-year-old English and criminology senior, said one day he and about 18 ROTC

classmates were running a patrol on an area in the woods for training.

They began to clean up the practice site when one of the members found a backpack.

Their instructor had planted it there.

"He told us there was an invisible IED [improvised explosive device] in there, and eight of us died," Murphy said. "The other 10 of us had to carry them all the way back to the assembly area."

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Phillip Nunley / Alligator

Sean Lynch, an applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore, gives instruction during a UF Army ROTC event on Flavet Field on Thursday.



Rachel Crosby / Alligator

Secret Garden

Sungyong Ha, 52, picks fresh sesame leaves from the Student Agricultural Gardens on Thursday afternoon. Ha uses the leaves for a traditional Korean pork belly dish.

NATIONAL Crash injures 11 children, rekindles debate on upper driving age limit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Jack Wyard is 92 and sees no reason to surrender his car keys, not to mention the freedom he has to get up and go anywhere he wants, whenever he wants.

After all, he said, two years ago he got a perfect score on his written test to renew his license.

"I don't know what to suggest for anyone else, but I'm still comfortable on the highway, and I enjoy driving," the retired sales manager from Los Angeles said Thursday.

A day earlier, a 100-year-old man who was attempting to back his Cadillac out of a grocery store parking lot struck and injured 14 people, 11 of them children. Three children remained hospitalized Thursday, police said.

The accident in front of a South Los Angeles elementary school where children had lined up to buy after-

school treats brought up a debate over how old is too old to keep driving.

Is it 80? Or 90? And should anyone past 100 be allowed behind the wheel?

"I don't know what to suggest for anyone else, but I'm still comfortable on the highway and I enjoy driving."

Jack Wyard
retired sales manager

With the American Automobile Association reporting that 10,000 Americans are turning 65 every day, it's a debate that will only intensify in coming years.

"I don't think there should be a set age because people age differently," said Ruth Nadel, 98, who was in her mid-80s when she decided it was time to hand over the keys to someone else.

Man arrested after throwing toddler 7 feet across room

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a man accused of child abuse after an injured toddler arrived at the emergency room.

Police charged Dallis Brandon Young, 22, of 1425 SW 42nd St., with aggravated child abuse early Thursday, according to a GPD arrest report.

At about 2 a.m. Thursday, police responded to a call at Pediatric Emergency Room at Shands at UF to assist the Florida Department of Children and Families in a child abuse case, police said.

A 23-month-old toddler was brought to the emergency room with a fractured hip and heavy bleeding on her chest and face, according to the report.

Young, a dietary technician at the Gainesville Health Care Center and the toddler's stepfather, told medical staff that the child fell from a couch, according to the report.

The staff knew Young had lied to them, because the child's injuries did not match Young's story.

Young changed his story several times when he talked to police. Officers then took him to the GPD Criminal Investigation Division for questioning.

Meanwhile, emergency room staff performed surgery on the child, police said.

After being questioned for about two hours, Young told detectives his previous four stories were false and explained what had happened.

On Wednesday evening, Young left the child alone in the kitchen for about 10 minutes.

While he was out of the kitchen, the toddler poured a box of infant cereal onto the ground near the kitchen table.

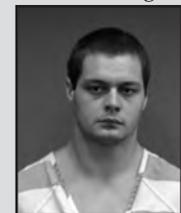
According to the report, when Young got back, he lost his temper and threw the child about 7 feet from the kitchen onto the living room couch.

The child landed between the couch and an ottoman. Young walked over and pushed the child down in the space between the two pieces of furniture, which broke the toddler's left hip, according to the report.

After his arrest, Young told police he was sorry about what had happened and wanted to get help for his anger problem, according to the report.

Police booked Young into Alachua County Jail at 2:44 a.m. Thursday. As of press time, Young remained in jail with a bond set at \$5,000.

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Editorial

If the heat didn't get you this week, then the rain most definitely did. Isaac gave us a pretty wet welcome back, so we hope all of you have invested in some sort of rain-protection gear. But it's not Florida that has really been stomped on by storms this week.

This brings us to the our-thoughts-are-with-Louisiana-and-other-flooded-states edition of...

Darts & Laurels

FINALLY we give a well-someone-heard-our-prayers LAUREL to the "Jersey Shore" producers. They've mercifully decided to cancel the series once this season ends, because, like the saying goes, all good things have to come to an end — but only after intense suffering.

Don't Google this, just trust us: Courtney Stodden (the girl who married a "LOST" actor when she was 16 and he was 51 and tweets things like "Off to run my productive-fulfilled errands under the humid sky, while nothing but utter sex-appeal drips from my rill curvy-bod. ;-x") turned 18 this week and was immediately offered multiple opportunities to do porn. We give a stop-giving-attention-to-her-because-that's-gross DART to the porn industry. Y'all can do better.

Though we don't want to dwell on idle gossip, (Ginger) Spice Girl Geri Halliwell and comedian Russell Brand could be dating. We give a bangers-and-mash-and-other-British-raunchy-puns LAUREL to the potential Hallibrand or Russ-ri. We think they would be a really fun couple! Or maybe we just miss seeing Ginger Spice out and about.

Did you hear Ann Romney speak on Tuesday night during the Republican National Convention? Did you know that the humble picture she was trying to paint didn't add up to an interview she gave in 1994? We give a sorry-but-you-will-always-be-fact-checked DART to Mrs. Mittens. You tried, but you're not going to pull the robot wool over our eyes.

Texas has been trying to enact an election law that would require voters to have a photo ID. Some voters in Texas would have to drive potentially 250 miles round-trip just to acquire that ID, but not everyone can manage that. We give a we're-glad-Washington, D.C.-is-messing-with-Texas LAUREL to the federal court who blocked the law.

Not only is Tropical Storm/Hurricane/Tropical Storm Isaac flooding states, it's also raising gas prices. Since so much of our oil goes through pipelines or refineries in the Gulf of Mexico, this means we'll see gas prices go up even more than they already have. We give a come-on-stop-beating-everyone-up DART to that stupid Isaac storm.

Studies done in Sweden show that men and women who eat a little more than 2 ounces of chocolate per week will have a reduced risk of having a stroke. Men and women who ate chocolate, when compared to the participants who ate little to no chocolate, showed about a 19 percent lower risk of stroke. We give a thanks-but-also-couldn't-eating-a-lot-of-chocolate-cause-other-diseases LAUREL to Swedish scientists.

Have a fun first weekend of Gator football, and we'll see you next week!

Reader response

Today's question: Would you join a lower-cost sorority?

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FAST TIMES



Column

Charlie Crist among last of dying breed

In an op-ed published last Sunday in the Tampa Bay Times, Charlie Crist, former Republican governor of Florida, sang President Barack Obama's praises and endorsed him for re-election this year against Mitt Romney.

Although this is not particularly surprising for the one-time moderate Republican, it is yet another example of how moderates and centrists are being systematically cast out of the GOP in favor of more extreme, if not outright fringe, figures.

Crist governed as a moderate for one term and then decided to run for senator following Mel Martinez's departure in 2009.

After losing in the Republican primary to Tea Party hero Marco Rubio, he changed his party affiliation to independent and ran in the 2010 general election against Rubio and Democrat Kendrick Meek, effectively splitting the Democratic vote and helping pave the way for a Rubio victory. Crist has remained an independent since then.

In this age of hyperpartisanship and intense political polarization, Crist's apparent conversion seems like a thing of fantasy, a storybook anecdote of a nostalgic time when it didn't appear that every member of the Republican Party wanted to require pregnant rape victims to bear their attackers' children or give greed-driven oil companies free rein to blacken our waters and shores.

But it isn't really Charlie Crist who changed that much.

Rather, it is Crist's party that has drifted so far to the right on so many issues that he has instead joined a club consisting of the likes of Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Senator Dick Lugar (R-IN) and Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME).

This club consists of the moderate Republicans who may have supported an Obama-backed policy at one point or another.

You know — soulless turncoat stuff.

By now, this brand is a critically endangered species, teetering on the edge of extinction by the asteroid impact that was the Tea Party movement.

Regrettably, this wipeout of the moderates has brought a surge in far right extremism, a barrage of rhetoric and legislation that undermines our democracy, our economy and our



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most basic rights.

For those Republicans who dare defy this trend, the prize is heated criticism from Fox News or, better yet, a nice primary challenge.

Take the economic crisis of 2008, directly caused by the greed and irresponsibility of Wall Street aided by widespread deregulation.

Charlie Crist spoke very highly of President Obama's stimulus bill as it was being touted by the administration.

Or the recent wave in statewide voter ID laws, meant to gain unfair advantage for Republicans by suppressing the vote for minorities, seniors and students; Crist has come out against these new laws.

The result is ostracism from the GOP to the point that Crist will actually be speaking at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., next week.

Some may argue, quite fairly, that Crist is simply a wishy-washy opportunist, quick to exploit the mass repugnance caused by the vitriolic gridlock plaguing our current political system.

This is highly plausible.

After all, Crist has never been a progressive by any means, and on many issues, like gun rights and marriage equality, he has been rather in lockstep with his former party.

Still, there is certainly something to say about a politician unafraid to question or even directly oppose policy positions sacred to his own party, a phenomenon not often seen.

If Crist truly does believe in the positions he espouses, then it shouldn't be considered "opportunistic" if he gains any political advantage as a result.

It would simply mean that he has chosen to distance himself from ideas with which he disagrees and embrace those he supports.

Maybe this is asking for too much.

Moises Reyes is a journalism graduate student at UF. His column appears on Fridays.

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UWire

Mudslinging in presidential campaigns obscures solutions

On Aug. 11, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney finally told the political world that he had chosen U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, from Wisconsin, as his running mate for the election.

And thus, the dirty, muddy, slanderous political campaigning goes on.

The Obama campaign has continued to tweet things like, "Paul Ryan is an architect of the top-down GOP budget that cuts education, energy, & innovation even as it gives tax cuts to the wealthy."

Tweets also included "Romney-Ryan: The Go Back Team" and "The no. 1 thing you need to know about Paul Ryan: He's extremely conservative—at the expense of the middle class."

Mudslinging is a political tactic that has been used for hundreds of years.

During the 1820s, John Quincy Adams called Andrew Jackson's mother a prostitute and his wife an adulteress.

While Romney and President Barack Obama aren't going as far as saying that each other's mothers were loose with gentlemen, they still sound like kindergarten bullies.

There isn't completely conclusive evidence that a negative

campaign will gain or lose voters. In 1994, the American Political Science Review published a study that suggested that attack advertisements drive potential voters away. In 1996, the UCLA Center for Research in Society and Politics found the opposite.

But there is a reason campaigns involve mudslinging: If someone is mean, instinct says be mean right back.

However, this is one of the most politically divisive times in U.S. history since the antebellum era. The 112th Congress may be the least productive legislature since 1947, according to USA Today.

While people complain about Obama not doing anything, the real problem is that Congress isn't doing anything.

It is the president's responsibility, however, to convince Congress to pass bills and to unite the legislative branch for the greater good of the country.

Instead of tweeting about the other guy's problems, his campaign should try tweeting solutions.

While mudslinging may be effective in getting a candidate elected, it divides the two political parties.

Right now we don't need a candidate who is good at being mean,

Dan Deshrochers and we
UWire don't
need
a candi
date

who won a dirty election.

We need a candidate with the ability to lead. We need a candidate who can unite the two parties so that they can finally agree on something and stop trying to repeal health care reform for the 31st time.

Negative campaigning may be a good political strategy. It may work wonders for getting a candidate into office. But getting a candidate into office means nothing if he or she isn't going to get anything done.

It's easy to say that once the election blows over, all that negativity will be forgotten.

But it won't.

The two parties complain about each other more often than John Boehner gets a spray tan.

Maybe, under a good leader, the children in Congress will finally put aside their differences and work together — but that doesn't seem likely in a race filled with candidates who are calling the other party's candidates big meanies.

Dan Deshrochers is a columnist for the Arizona Daily Wildcat at the University of Arizona.

UWire

Drilling efforts would quell rising gas prices

An article released by the Associated Press last week reported that drivers have been paying record prices for gasoline. The national average for Aug. 20 was \$3.72 per gallon, up from \$3.58 a gallon in 2011. Judging by these numbers, we can observe that the cost of gas has risen dramatically, leaving many students posing the question, "When, if ever, will prices begin to go down and stay down?"

Before we can discuss how we lower costs, let's look at what determines them.

A myriad of factors come into play influencing day-to-day fluctuations in gas prices, such as speculation, daily refinery output, geopolitical events, etc.

However, the greatest factor that affects cost is supply and demand. If demand is greater than the amount of fuel being supplied, then naturally, prices will increase. If supply is greater than demand, prices will decrease. At this time, demand is greater than the supply.

Andrew Risavy
UWire

The U.S. is only one of many industrialized nations, much like China and India, that consumes large amounts of gasoline every day. We are competing in a globalized economy. In order to drive costs down, we need to increase the supply.

While the U.S. is a major exporter of crude and refined oil, we are trying to help feed the voracious appetite of growing nations all over the globe. That being understood, we need to increase domestic drilling in areas like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the untouched oil sands in Utah and Alaska; develop new and more efficient ways of harvesting existing oil and gas reserves; and continue the ongoing search for more untapped sources at home and abroad.

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Full buses were common on campus this week. A record-breaking 64,835 passengers rode buses Wednesday.

RTS breaks ridership record twice over during first week of school

JULIA GLUM
Alligator Staff Writer

About 63,000 people rode Regional Transit System buses Aug. 22, shattering numbers from 2011 to set a ridership record.

This week, they broke the record again.

RTS Marketing and Communications Supervisor Chip Skinner said 64,835 passengers rode the Gainesville buses on Wednesday, which surpassed last week's record by 1,441 people.

The record-setting data will get reported to state and federal agencies that determine RTS funding.

Per capita, RTS is the No. 1 transit agency in the state.

Last year, they made more than 10 million passenger trips, Skinner said.

Skinner said Wednesdays are the heaviest ridership days because

that's the day most UF and Santa Fe classes are held.

Ruth Steiner, associate professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, said the new record is "a testament to a well-designed transit system."

"We really are attributing this to the down economy — more people are trying to save money by using transit."

Chip Skinner
RTS Marketing and Communications Supervisor

Steiner also praised the bus schedule.

She said many passengers don't even have to plan their trips because buses come so often.

"Historically, the second Wednesday of each Fall semester is our highest ridership of any day," Skinner said. "We really are

attributing this to the down economy — more people are trying to save money by using transit."

UF and Santa Fe College students comprise about 75 percent of the overall ridership, Skinner said, and RTS has a fleet of 105 buses and 42 weekday routes.

He said that as students learn their schedules, the crowds will even out.

People riding buses means less congestion around campus and better air quality, Steiner said.

"It's good from a green perspective," Steiner said. "The more students we get on the buses, the nicer it is for everyone in the community."

"I can tell you there's less traffic coming to campus now than there was 15 to 20 years ago, because more students are on the buses," Steiner said.

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UF's first local sorority to start formal recruitment next month

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Staff Writer

In the weeks after Panhellenic sorority recruitment, an alternative group is hoping to attract women who are looking for a different sisterhood experience.

Delta Nu Zeta, a local sorority, will begin its first formal recruitment for the UF Beta chapter in a couple of weeks.

"Not every girl will like Panhellenic, but some still want a sisterhood or a home away from home," said DNZ president Mina Radman, a 20-year-old journalism junior.

DNZ is not affiliated with UF's Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council or the Multicultural Greek Council. Radman said she hopes this independence helps her chapter gain a distinct identity.

"This Fall class will help

shape what it's going to be like," she said. "We only exist here and [at] FSU."

The FSU chapter was founded in 2003 and now has 27 active members.

"Not every girl will like Panhellenic, but some still want a sisterhood or a home away from home."

Mina Radman

Delta Nu Zeta president

Rush for the UF chapter will be Sept. 10 to Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The location hasn't been selected, but potential members can stay up to date by visiting deltanuzeauf.weebly.com.

Though Radman said she hopes to recruit a group of close-knit women, she said DNZ won't have some of the perks Panhel-

lenic sororities have, like meal plans or houses. However, their dues will be much less than traditional sororities.

UF Panhellenic Council's estimated average dues are \$1,883 each semester, which covers meal plans, socials, T-shirts and other expenses. DNZ requires \$275 for the first semester and \$200 each following semester.

"This is a much more low-key sorority experience," she said.

But the sorority life might not appeal to everyone. Jamie Wilson, a 20-year-old journalism senior, said she didn't rush Panhellenic sororities because she thought they were cliquey. She won't rush DNZ either.

"I don't see the difference between it and other sororities," Wilson said. "It's like a sorority for GDIs."

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Harvard probing dozens for possible cheating

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Harvard officials declined to release the name of the class, the students' names or the exact number being investigated, citing privacy laws.

The undergraduate class had a minimum of 250 students and possible cheating was discovered in roughly half the take-home exams, university officials said Thursday.

"These allegations, if proven, represent totally unacceptable behavior that betrays the trust upon which intellectual inquiry at Harvard depends," President Drew Faust said.

Each student whose work is in question has been called to appear before a subcommittee of the Harvard College Administrative Board, which reviews issues of academic integrity, said Jay M. Harris, dean of undergraduate Education. He emphasized that none of the allegations has been proven and said there's no evidence of widespread cheating at Harvard.

"The facts that are before us are that we have a problem in this one course," Harris said. "Looking at the students we have and the work that they do, I would be loathe to say this is something that represents Harvard students generally."



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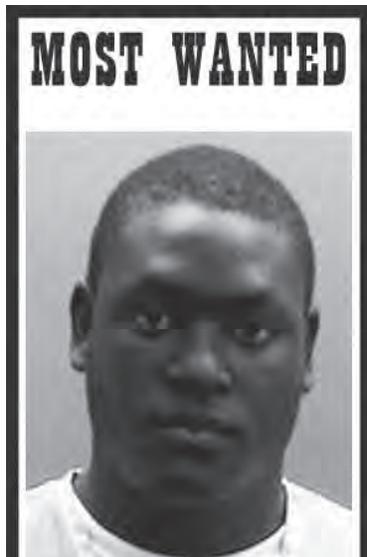
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Versatile Burton creates problems for defenses

► HE'S PLAYED QUARTERBACK, RUNNING BACK, TIGHT END, FULL BACK AND WIDEOUT AT UF.

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

For an offense that didn't do much of anything last season, Trey Burton was constantly trying out different roles.

The junior lined up at five different positions, including quarterback, running back and wide receiver. He also played special teams.

"The kid's got great athletic skills," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "He can catch. He's tough. He can get tough yards. He can block. He can be a receiver in motion, and he's smart. He knows all the positions."

Burton made headlines his freshman season with a national-best six-touchdown performance against Kentucky in his first-ever home Southeastern Conference game.

The former Venice High School dual-threat quarterback saw his touchdowns, rushing yards, yards per rush and receiving yards dip in his sophomore campaign.

Burton went from 75 to 37 carries. His touchdowns decreased by eight.

In his defense, every team offensive category except passing yards fell in coach Will Muschamp's first season.

Although Burton said he doesn't plan on ever moving on from the 7-6 season, the player with no set position has a job to do for UF in 2012.

UF's defense found out first hand how Burton can affect the opponent.

"It's definitely going to be real confusing for them when other defenses line up against him because they might have Trey Burton line up at tight end, and then once they say 'hut,' he's going to be at receiver split out wide, or he might be at running back," starting Buck linebacker Lereatee McCray said.

He arrived at Florida expecting to play quarterback for his entire college career. Instead, Burton and former coach Urban Meyer talked about possible position changes due to low roster numbers.

"I didn't want to sit," Burton said. "That was the main reason why Urban and I had that talk. I'm really happy with what I'm doing so far and I love it. I just have to continue to do it."

In 2012, Burton dealt with his third offensive coordinator in as many training camps.

Throughout the changes, one skill has stayed with the versatile athlete — his intelligence.

Burton has passed his knowledge onto his teammates.

"He just takes to the game very well, so you're able to put him in a lot of different spots and you get where you term 'rep' guys," Muschamp said.

"Well, rep guys, they've got to rep it over and over. Trey's not (that). He's a guy you can verbalize and say, 'Remember, here, this is what we want.'"

"He understands that part of it, which helps in special teams, helps on offense, (and) helps in a lot of areas."

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Junior Trey Burton looks on during Florida's open practice on Aug. 18 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Picks Column



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Like the throngs of people waiting for the release of Lil Wayne's *Dedication 4* mixtape, we here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column started bugging out when the calendar turned to Aug. 30 yesterday! College football season has arrived! Wait, Weezy didn't drop the tape on time? I see "Sorry 4 the Wait 2" on the horizon!

This week, we let two writers debate the old-fashioned, traditional Michigan-Alabama showdown.

'Bama (-13.5) will bury Michigan "6 Foot, 7 Foot" under because...

It's Ala-BAMA!

Nick Saban is all jacked up on Little Debbie Oatmeal Creme Pies, and Eddie Lacy is the next great Crimson Tide running back. Alabama returns four starting offensive linemen with 95 combined career starts, including All-American center Barrett Jones. If any offensive lineman is a household name, it's this guy.

The Wolverines do not stand a chance against this Southeastern Conference behemoth. Hell, even Wolverine can't take down big, bad 'Bama.

Let's talk about Denard Robinson. Can that guy even throw a daggum football? I've seen mistakes more accurate than that guy.

—JOE MORGAN

Michigan (+13.5) will be steady mobbin' Alabama because...

Southeastern Conference or not, the boys at Alabama are human.

Sure, Saban and the national champs have all the talent in the world and are primed for another stellar season in 2012. But that doesn't mean a defense returning only four starters will be ready to contend with Robinson, maybe the top dual-threat quarterback in all of college football.

In 2011, he became just the third player in FBS history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 in back-to-back seasons, and there's no reason he won't be even better in 2012.

Besides, the north is just better. Simple as that.

—GREG LUCA

Now, onto the picks...

Moving up to the football beat and alligatorSports assistant editor is Joe "Screw tech-

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Spangler bringing fresh outlook to UF

JONATHAN CZUPRYN
Alligator Writer

The Gators will feast today.

Paul Spangler is more focused on not starving come November.

The Western Carolina Invitational at 6:25 p.m. will be Spangler's first test at the helm of Florida cross country. But with the men returning their top five runners and the women missing just Genevieve

LaCaze, Spangler said he doesn't expect much competition in Cullowhee, N.C.

Instead, he is more concerned with taking over a program that hasn't won a men's Southeastern Conference title since he was in grade school and also taking over a women's team that lost one of its all-time best runners in LaCaze.

"The training is a little different than what they've done in the past," Spangler said. "The way I train them is a bit dif-

ferent than some other coaches do. The great thing about distance running is there [are] different ways you can train them."

Spangler, who spent the last 10 years as the Virginia Military Institute's coach, replaced Todd Morgan after he left for Virginia in January 2012. The former Alabama cross country runner jumped right in on the new job and helped lead Florida's track team in the spring with



Simone Antwi's developing serve is expected to be a major asset in UF's matchup with Texas today at 4:30. See story, page 16.

Maronde Gets Major League Opportunity

Former UF pitcher Nick Maronde was called up to the Majors by the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday, making him the first player in UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan's tenure to reach the Majors.

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nology" Morgan, who hunt-and-pecks his way through his stories and transcriptions with literally two fingers. Like a hunter using a slingshot, Joe isn't interested in keeping up with the times. We once suggested he could dictate his stories to us over the phone, but he was worried that, once his beeper went off, he wouldn't be able to find a phone bank before deadline.

New to the alligatorSports staff and football beat is Adam "Casual Tuesdays" Pincus, who showed up for his fourth day of work wearing a knockoff Miami Heat championship tank top and a camo velcro Coors Light hat. Way to make a strong first impression. In related news, Pincus is a member of a fraternity.

Then there is The Miami Herald's Matt "Too good for Nease girls' tennis" Watts, who is writing for The Miami Herald in exchange for food stamps and creeping on 17-year-olds instead of actually furthering his career.

From InsideTheGators.com, Bryan "Traffic medians are stupid" Holt, who decided that an unexpected game of "Chicken" was the best gift he could give to a friend on his 21st birthday. Holt, buckle up, keep those hands at 10 and 2 and don't get too crazy. People Only Live Once! Also, the designated hitter is stupid.

From The Associated Press, defending champion Mark "I wish I had a striped, green Gators POLO" Long, who showed his admiration for coach Will Muschamp's wardrobe by snapping an incognito photo of coach Boom, and tweeting it out to his followers. Will's a good dude, Mark.

I'm sure he could hook you up with some swag.

Then there's Josh "[INSULT GOES HERE]" Jurnovoy, who is so boring and bland we couldn't think of anything to write in this space. Could be a long season for the picks column crew. Well, better luck next time.

Another new addition to the picks column this season is Palm Beach Post beat writer Jason "Oh my God! It's everywhere!" Lieser, who spent his Thursday cleaning up his family's vomit. Jason claims he may have caught the illness, but we're thinking he's just trying to get a weekend off. It's the first game of the season, man, get it together!

And last, but not least is alligatorSports editor Greg "My 'Not' Twitter account is way better than mine" Luca, who is constantly out done by the much funnier, more charming @NotGregLuca.

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his new workout plan.

"With our type of training, I would say it's more speed-based," Spangler said.

Not only are the runners experiencing more speed workouts but they also spend more time in the weight room. He said this will help reduce injury and fatigue as the season progresses.

Perhaps more meaningful than the training sessions and practices, the team has adopted Spangler's new philosophy: run with purpose.

"Every mile we run has a meaning to it," Jimmy Clark said. "In the past we had some runs where we're just getting out there and running and I feel this year, every run we do has a meaning to it."

Clark said it was this change of attitude that will help bring the Gators more success than last year, when the men finished second in the SEC and the women took third.

In 2011, both UF teams opened the year with wins at the WCU Invitational, but each managed to finish first only once more later in the season. Clark and the rest of the Gators hope to make more of an impact in the later and larger meets under Spangler's direction.

"Everyone on our team hopped on board and really rallied around (Spangler)," Clark said. "He pushes us and gets us to do the best we can."

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Antwi's serve key vs. tall UT

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KATIE AGOSTIN
Alligator Staff Writer

Because the average height for Florida A&M, Florida Gulf Coast and FIU is 5 feet 11 inches, it's no surprise that 6-foot-2 Chloe Mann and 6-foot Živa Recek combined for 71 kills at the Campus USA Credit Union Invite last weekend.

However, kills will be harder to come by today as No. 18 Florida (3-0) takes on No. 2 Texas (4-0) at the Nike Big Four Classic in University Park, Pa., at 4:30. The Longhorns' pin hitters and middle blockers have an average height of almost 6 feet 3 inches.

"This Texas team is going to be one of those teams in the mix to win it all because of their talent," coach Mary Wise said. "This may be the best blocking team we face all year. They're big and physical."

Last season the Longhorns ranked 12th in blocks per set with 2.77.

This season is no different for Texas. So far, they've already racked up 21 solo blocks and 56 block assists.

Because of the Longhorns' height and blocking ability, the Gators will be relying heavily on their serving.

"Because Texas can't block the serve, it's our best chance at getting the ball past the net," Wise said. "Serving, in truth, is going to be a really big part of our team's ability to score points. We're very happy with the serving thus far out of Simone (Antwi) and Berkley (Whaley). Now the challenge is to do that on the road in a new gym."

Last weekend Florida accumulated 25 service aces, 36 percent of which came from Antwi, a redshirt freshman. She also led the Gators in aces during every match last weekend.

"She's really taken ownership of it," said Wise after Saturday's game. "She's going to make some errors, but when she gets her hand on it, that ball comes from a high contact point and drops. It's like she's got a wicked curveball or a slider that goes away from the passers. It could be pretty exciting long term."

Leading the Gators by four aces is quite an accomplishment for the middle blocker, considering that at this time last year she wasn't even allowed to serve in practice. Wise thought serving wasn't a worthwhile use of Antwi's practice time.

"Me and Dave (Boos) worked on serving during preseason, so we broke it down and did it step-by-step until it came together," Antwi said. "This weekend, serving (is) important to get them out of their system so they can't really hit some of those crazy angles that they do."

UF Volleyball

Although Wise believes that serving will be Florida's best opportunity to score points this weekend, there will need to be a significant improvement from last weekend, when they accounted for 26 service errors, 15 of which came against FGCU.

"We're going to have as difficult a time scoring points and finding a way to get the ball to the floor than just about anybody we play all season," Wise said. "It's just a matter of how do we generate enough points against two teams that are going to be in the mix for the national championship come December."

"But what a great opportunity for us early on, to see where we stand and know that these types of matches are only going to help us down the road."

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Burke excelling in net for Florida after disappointing 2012 debut

LONDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

Florida's season opener was not the best night for sophomore goalkeeper Taylor Burke.

Against an unranked Miami squad on Aug. 17, Burke allowed four goals — two on corner kicks. Not only did the Gators' backline look disoriented against the Hurricanes' attack, but Burke did as well.

Burke could have easily been demoralized by such a rough start to the season. Instead, she used it to get better.

Learning from her errors against Miami, the 6-foot-1 Burke was a defensive stalwart in net for Florida last weekend. Against North Carolina and Duke, she finished with 10 saves and allowed only two goals.

Coach Becky Burleigh said Burke did a better job being courageous on dives for crosses and balls in the box.

"Against Miami, their last goal was a ball she came for and didn't get," Burleigh said. "[Last] weekend, it was a little different. The ones she came for she touched or she caught. And that gives our backline a lot of confidence, knowing that she's going to come out and deal with those balls rather than them being bouncing around in the box."

While opposing teams on average have attacked UF more frequently than last season, Burke has risen to the occasion.

In 2011, Burke had 34 saves in 20 matches. She already has 15 in three matches this season, and her save percentage is 71, eight points higher than last year.

Sophomore outside back Lauren Silver said Burke has not only improved as a leader, but as a communicator.

"At least compared to last year, she communicates a lot, which really helps us, because we have to stay organized," Silver said.

"I'm on the post during the bulk of corner kicks, so if they're kicking it and it goes out, she'll tell me to push up and stay in the post, and kind of direct me what to do. I just listen to her and feed off her information."

Burke has a grasp on the starting goalkeeper spot, but Burleigh isn't guaranteeing anything in the future.

Throughout the season, Burke will compete with 5-foot-9 freshman Valerie Tysinger for starts. A leg injury Tysinger suffered during a preseason scrimmage has hindered her progress so far.

"I wouldn't say [Burke's starting job] is on lock," Burleigh said. "It's going to be a battle all year long between those two. Taylor has a little bit of a heads up on it because of the fact she got to start these first games."

Burke is used to campaigning for starter's minutes. She competed with senior Brooke Chancey for the job in 2011 and earned 18 of the 25 starts.

Once again, Burke will embrace the challenge.

"Val's been working hard in practice every single day," Burke said. "She pushes me and I push her back and forth to get better. She's definitely a great training partner."

When No. 22 Florida (1-1-1) faces No. 1 Florida State (2-0-0) in Tallahassee tonight at 7, Burke will try to withstand one of the most electric attacks in the nation. FSU forwards Tiffany McCarty and Jessica Price combined for 22 goals and 15 assists a year ago.

Burke hopes to build on her solid weekend with another one.

"[Last weekend] was a good step forward," Burke said. "I just need to keep working on things in practice and just keep moving forward."



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The Decision

Brissett, Driskel still battling for starting role

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

During halftime on Saturday, Florida coach Will Muschamp will have to make a choice: Jacoby Brissett or Jeff Driskel.

Nearly six months have passed since the Gators held their first spring practice on March 14, but heading into the season opener against Bowling Green, Florida still does not have a starting quarterback.

"They both deserve the right to play," Muschamp said. "They've earned that and they both deserve the right to start. They both have had really good camps."

As Muschamp and offensive coordinator Brent Pease have constructed the rotation, each quarterback will play a quarter in the first half against Bowling Green.

Brissett and Driskel will each have 15 minutes to try to earn the starting job against Texas A&M.

"You just have to go with who's moving the team," Pease said. "The good thing about this is that they're going to be in real game-time situations."

After a fall camp veiled in ambiguity, Muschamp sat down with his quarterbacks to share his plan for the season opener.

As Muschamp explained the rotation, Brissett did not bother to hone in on the specifics.

"I wasn't really paying attention to it," Brissett said. "I knew I was going to play, that's it. That's all that really mattered. I was there, but when I heard that both of us were going to play, then all right, then that's all that matters. As long as we both play."

Driskel came into the meeting expecting a different development.

"I thought they were going to name a starter, but I knew it was going to be difficult for them," Driskel said. "I wouldn't want to be the guy to have to pick between us."

As of Thursday night, Muschamp had yet to announce which quarterback would take the Gators' first snap of the season. Pease joked UF should leave it up to chance.

"I don't know," Pease said. "Maybe a flip of the coin, see who gets it."

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When Brissett committed to UF in 2011, he was joining a class already headlined by Driskel, the nation's No. 1 quarterback recruit.

Brissett — ranked third overall — signed late with Florida instead of Miami, his mother's preference.

Once Brissett signed his letter of intent, he issued a challenge to Driskel.

"[Driskel] will have to prove to me every day, every year that he's going to be better than me for him to win that starting spot," Brissett said on Feb. 4, 2011.

Driskel, who got a head start on the competition by enrolling in January 2011, originally bested Brissett coming out of pre-season camp last year. The Oviedo native was No. 2 on the depth chart heading into the 2011 campaign.

However, as the season progressed, Brissett eventually passed Driskel on the depth chart. Driskel played in five of Florida's first seven games; he made his final appearance against Auburn on Oct. 15, 2011. Meanwhile, Brissett appeared in the Gators' final seven regular-season games, including two starts.

Both quarterbacks have their faults. Pease said Driskel needs to work on "protecting himself on the run and still making quick decisions."

"I've never really been one to slide or want to get out of bounds, but I'm going to have to be careful this year and not take too many shots if I don't have to."

Brissett's problem revolves around his pocket awareness, Pease said. The West Palm Beach native gets "comfortable in the pocket."

"Make a quick decision and go vertical," Pease said. "Vertical runs, and protect yourself."

Despite their shortcomings, both quarterbacks have progressed significantly. Pease has been impressed by their improvement since spring practice.

"They have both done a really good job with how they've handled the situation and how they progressed," Pease said. "It would be difficult to say, to name a starter right now."

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Pease is committed to employing the two-quarterback strategy against Bowling Green, but nothing is set in stone beyond this weekend.

Muschamp's plans for the signal-callers moving forward are equally uncertain. Could the rotation return in Week 2?

"I don't know — tough to answer," Pease said. "I don't think so. That's my gut feeling."



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Jacoby Brissett was a late enrollee to UF, which had already signed Jeff Driskel, the No. 1 quarterback recruit. By midseason, Brissett had overtaken Driskel on the depth chart.

I don't know if it's sustainable from there. It depends how they play, I guess, and what they create. ... I don't know. Ask me that in a week. I don't know that answer."

Driskel added: "Obviously, that's not the ideal situation, but if that's what it comes down to, we're going to have to make it work."

Pease and Driskel are not inclined to believe lightning can strike thrice at Florida.

Most recently, the Gators experienced success with the duo of Chris Leak and Tim Tebow in 2006. With Leak manning the aerial attack and Tebow establishing the power run game, Florida cruised to a 13-1 record and won its second national title in school history.

"THEY BOTH DESERVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY. THEY'VE EARNED THAT AND THEY BOTH DESERVE THE RIGHT TO START."

WILL MUSCHAMP
UF coach

The Gators succeeded with the Leak-Tebow model as a result of moderation.

Tebow would run the occasional play-action pass or throw a jump ball into the back of the end zone every once in a while, but Leak was the go-to guy.

Leak threw 91.5 percent of Florida's passes in 2006.

Rewind all the way back to 1997 to find another two-quarterback scenario in Gainesville, one similar to the Brissett-Driskel race.

Former Gators coach Steve Spurrier famously alternated quarterbacks Noah Brindise and Doug Johnson in No. 10 Florida's upset victory against top-ranked Florida State in 1997. The Gators' win against the Seminoles marked the first time UF ever defeated a No. 1 team at Florida Field.

Spurrier decided to start Brindise while driving his son, Scottie, to school.

"I said, 'Who should I start?'" Spurrier said. "And he said, 'When Noah has started, you've never lost a game, have you?' I said, 'Hey, that's right. I'll put him out there for the first play.' So, we put Noah out the first play, and they were both good."

The Brindise-Johnson duo completed 18 of 34 passes for 318 yards, including a 63-yard connection between Johnson and wide receiver Jacquez Green on Florida's game-winning touchdown drive.

"When you rotate quarterbacks, it can work one or two games or so," Spurrier said. "But then after that, it sort of quits working. But as a change of pace, there's nothing wrong with playing two quarterbacks."

Spurrier has not had the same success with multiple signal-callers at South Carolina. Two separate quarterback battles involving Stephen Garcia have both spiraled out of control in the past four years. Last October, Garcia was dismissed from the team.

Now that the Gamecocks have Connor Shaw as their definitive man under center heading into the 2012 campaign, Spurrier

said, "It's been a little more peaceful around here."

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No matter who ultimately earns Muschamp's allegiance, the lengthy decision process speaks volumes — there is no job security for Gators quarterbacks this season.

Whether Brissett or Driskel line up under center, each quarterback will always need to make an extra read over his shoulder.

"The other guy's got to be ready," Pease said on Aug. 8. "He's going to be the most popular guy in town anyway. You never know when your opportunity is. It could be one play in the season, it could come down to one play in a season."

Driskel and Brissett both got a taste of the fire too early.

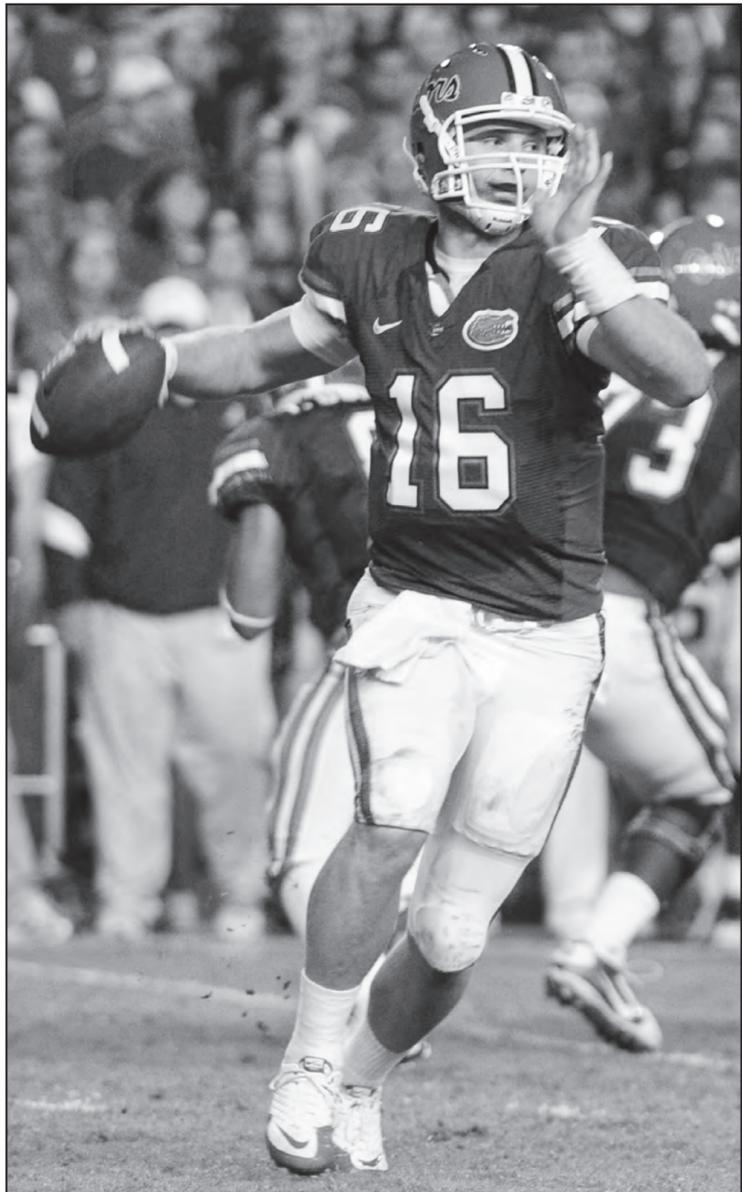
Last season, John Brantley was sidelined twice — after suffering a leg injury against Alabama and sustaining a concussion against Florida State.

That need to be ready at all times is why Brissett and Driskel keep working.

"I don't think I'll be competing harder, because I think I am going as hard as I can and doing everything to help it," Driskel said. "I'm just going to prepare the same and be ready if my name gets called."

Brissett added: "The battle will never end. Every day is a struggle and you got to go out and compete as hard as you can."

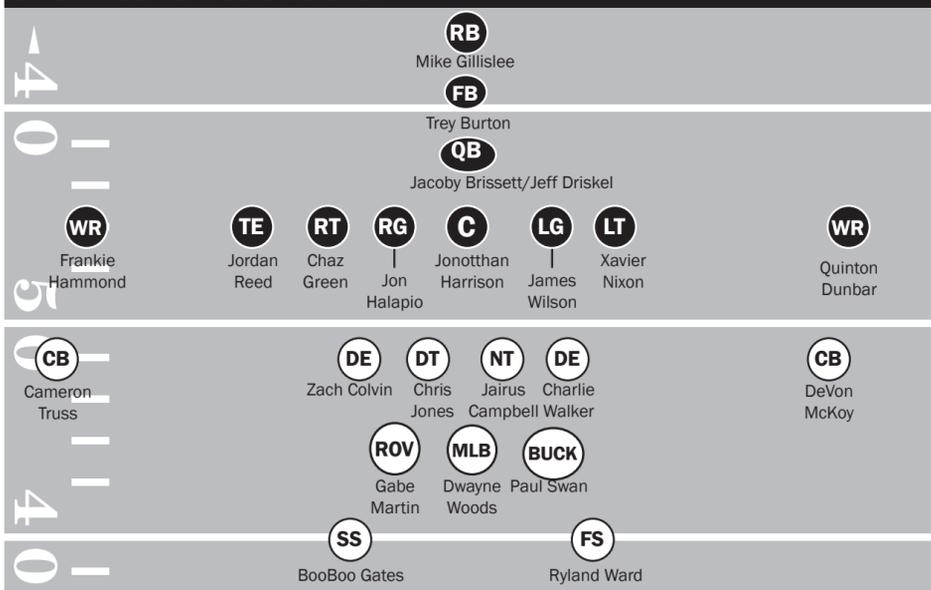
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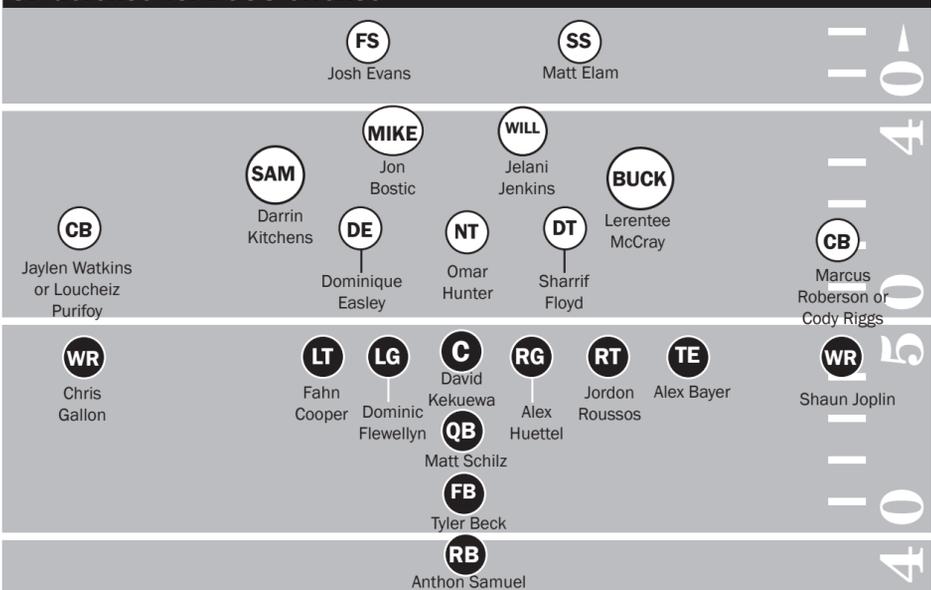
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Jeff Driskel said he didn't expect Florida to head into 2012 without a definitive starter at quarterback, but he and Jacoby Brissett have been dead even every step of the way.

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Tougher Gators looking to rebound, ditch 'soft' label in 2012

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A 7-6 season is not acceptable at Florida.

Neither is a reputation as a 'soft' football team, one coach Will Muschamp tagged the group with after a 21-7 loss to Florida State in the Swamp on Nov. 26.

Those distinctions have left an indelible mark on the Gators who suffered through 2011.

"You always remember it," Trey Burton said. "Even when I'm 40, I'll still remember my sophomore year at the University of Florida. You've always got to keep it in the back of your mind, and strive not for it to happen again."

"I don't think it'll ever get put out of our mind, until maybe about January, at the end of the season," Frankie Hammond Jr. said. "To me, that's a motivation for our whole team."

Muschamp wants that sting to linger. He wants his players to use it to get stronger and faster, to spark a turnaround in his second year at the helm.

Offensive tackle Chaz Green said the Gators took being called 'soft' personally. The pejorative label hung in the players' minds throughout the offseason.

Just the way Muschamp wanted it to. "You never put last season behind you," Muschamp said. "You've got to learn from it and move forward and let it motivate you. That's what we've done as a staff, and as a team."

Step 1 of that transformation started just one day after the 2011 season ended, when new director of strength and conditioning Jeff Dillman came aboard.

Under a new weightlifting program filled with Olympic-style workouts, players added pounds of muscle in an effort to shake the 'soft' designation.

"It's been very obvious the confidence

level of our players has gained a lot from the standpoint of we're stronger, and we're a more fit football team than we were a year ago," Muschamp said. "We were a young team last year and a lot of these guys really bought in to what we were doing in the weight room, and we have gotten stronger. We've made tremendous strides."

Step 2 was a more physical fall training camp.

The Gators were forced to minimize full-contact practices and cut back on reps in fall 2011 because of a lack of depth.

After an influx of freshman talent in the offseason, taking it easy was hardly a concern in 2012.

Florida ran more than 130 plays in its final fall scrimmage. Last season, the Gators were hesitant to run more than 80.

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Will Muschamp
UF coach

"This year was a physical camp, it was hard," linebacker Jon Bostic said. "We knew we were going to have to go through it, to prove we were going to be a physical team this year."

"We're going to practice hard," Muschamp said. "When you have good depth on your football team, you're able to do that. We're going to go good-on-good every day. That's how you get better. That's how you improve."

Step 3 is to translate it to the field. Florida's first opportunity to do so comes Saturday at 3:30 p.m., when Bowling Green travels to The Swamp to kick off the new season.

The Gators are eager to wash the taste of 2011 from their mouths.

Their last game on Florida Field was the loss to Florida State that earned Mus-

champ's ire. A week earlier, Florida overcome an early 15-point deficit to avoid embarrassment against FCS opponent Furman.

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Muschamp will also see the unveiling of new offensive coordinator Brent Pease's fresh, motion-based attack. He'll have a chance to see the ongoing quarterback battle between Jeff Driskel and Jacoby Brissett spill over into real games.

Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said he's looking for physicality, communication, tackling and a defense hungry to set

the tone after the way 2011 ended, despite their No. 8 ranking in total defense.

The players are only looking for another chance.

"We're just trying to get back to where we were," Green said. "We know we can be playing Florida football. ... We didn't have the best showings offensively the last few times we were here, so we should think of this as a new year, where we redeem ourselves."

"We want to get back on top, and we came here to win," Hammond said. "That's the bottom line. ... That's the standard here at the university, so we definitely have a chip on our shoulders."

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UF coach Will Muschamp called his team "soft" last season. The Gators have used that comment for inspiration as they try to bounce back from a 7-6 finish to 2011.

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