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First day of elections sees voting problems

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
 Alligator Staff Writer

About 5,860 people voted Tuesday in UF's Student Government elections, which continue today.

That number is about 11 percent less than Spring 2012's 6,517 first-day voters. The total for the first day of Fall 2011 elections was 5,486, according to Alligator archives.

While voting, students are asked three times to verify their district. If it is wrong, they are asked to digitally sign an affidavit with their correct address.

Several students were incorrectly registered for District E, which included zip codes not in the other four districts. Classification errors also occurred in the Fall 2011

elections.

Students may have been placed in District E because their permanent home address is saved with the Office of the University Registrar, according to Alligator archives.

Maggie McGovern was registered in the wrong district Tuesday when she tried to vote at the Computer Sciences and Engineering building.

"I was registered for District E, but I know I'm in District D," the 20-year-old anthropology junior said. She signed the affidavit with her new address.

When a student is registered for District E, the screen displays that the student doesn't live in any of the other zip codes. But when

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

We Didn't Start the Fire

Gainesville Fire Rescue workers use a firetruck's lift to look for signs of a fire on top of Marston Science Library on Tuesday evening. They responded to reports of smoke in the Computer Sciences and Engineering building. Students were evacuated while GFR workers investigated and contained the smoke to the fourth floor. The cause of the smoke was a faulty air-handling unit.

JOBS

Study finds gender bias is present in hiring for STEM jobs

KELLY PRICE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Female students in science, technology, engineering and math fields experience gender bias when applying for jobs, according to a recent Yale University study.

But faculty and students are trying to prevent that bias from impacting UF's campus.

Solutions lie in educating employers and teaching female students to promote their skills, said Teresa Balser, dean of UF's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

"I suspect it is just as big a problem at UF as at any other university," she said. "Now that I know the study is out there, we can ensure there isn't a bias against students."

The study, which was published online Sept. 17 by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, assigned fake male and female names to identical mock applications for a lab manager job, said Corinne Moss-Racusin, a post-doctoral associate at Yale who worked on the study. Biology, physics and chemistry professors were given the applications.

The team found that male applicants were offered salaries

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of about \$4,000 more per year, Moss-Racusin said. Most professors said they would choose the male applicants before the female applicants to mentor or to bring to conventions.

Moss-Racusin wasn't shocked that female professors

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Friends, family, police pooling resources to search for missing student

▶ ABOUT 300 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN SATURDAY'S SEARCH EFFORT.

CHRIS ALCANTARA

Alligator Writer

The response from police and volunteers has been substantial in the search for a UF student who disappeared Sept. 20.

The Gainesville Police Department de-

ployed officers on horses, aerial units and police dogs as well as officers to assist in the search for Christian Aguilar.

Dozens of law enforcement agencies from throughout the state have donated resources, including officers from Aguilar's hometown, Doral, Fla., police dogs from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and investigators from the FBI.

GPD spokesman Ben Tobias said officers from different areas, like the department's Training Bureau, have been moved and tem-



Aguilar

porarily reassigned to investigate Aguilar's disappearance.

"That's going to continue as long as we keep getting fresh leads," Tobias said.

He said police searched about 25 locations around the city Monday.

"It's very spotty," he said. "It's almost like throwing a dart to a map."

These darts, however, are calculated, Tobias added. The locations are determined by leads and from phone calls to the department.

Alongside police, volunteers traveled to Gainesville to help the Aguilar family find its missing family member.

Tobias said about 300 people, including Gainesville and Miami residents, participated in the search effort Saturday.

"I can't remember in my eight years here

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UF Offensive Line Faces Tough Test in LSU:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free Documentary Screening: "Hungry for Change"
Mindful Movies will present its second screening in Meeting Room A of the downtown library. "Hungry for Change" exposes shocking secrets the diet, weight loss and food industries don't want you to know about, such as deceptive strategies designed to keep you craving more. Could the foods we are eating actually keep us stuck in the diet trap? You owe it to yourself to understand how to eat healthy. Join our discussions Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To find out more, visit www.mindfulmovies.info.

Golden Key third general body meeting
UF Golden Key will host Fall's third general body meeting in Little Hall, Room 109 at 7 p.m. It will discuss upcoming events and opportunities like its new Freshman Mentorship Program and its gameday recycling efforts in conjunction with Green Team. Stop by the meeting a few minutes early, at 6:45 p.m., for free pizza and soda. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ufgoldenkey.

American Pharmacists Month
Join APhA-ASP and other pharmacy students around the country to celebrate American Pharmacists Month during October. As medication experts, pharmacists have become a vital part of the health care process and are involved in medication therapy management, improvement of patients' quality of life and overall healthcare cost reduction. Celebrate and learn more about pharmacy at the APhA-ASP at www.pharmacist.com.

Study Abroad in Europe Info Session
Meet students and faculty of the Center for European Studies' five summer programs, in Brussels; Istanbul; Krakow,

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Poland; Prague; and Salzburg, Austria. Enjoy pizza while learning about the six-week programs. The info session will be in Turlington Hall, Room 3312, Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details, contact Jim Robbins at jwrobins@ufl.edu.

Small Satellite Design Club hosts speaker
UF Small Satellite Design Club will host Bob Atkins, Ph.D., UF alumnus and former senior member of the Lockheed Martin Human Space Flight team at the Kennedy Space Center. Atkins led a long and successful career at KSC, where he supported the Space Shuttle Team as well as provided leadership for the launch site elements of Advanced Program Development. Learn about the space systems industry and the experience of one of UF's own on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Arredondo Cafe in the Reitz Union.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund hosting workshop
The HSF Scholar Chapter at UF will host a resume-building workshop Thursday in Rinker Hall, Room 220, at 7:30 p.m. The club will also introduce the two service projects for the semester and will provide free food.

First Friday: Swamptoberfest
Don't miss October's First Friday, Swamptoberfest, in downtown Gainesville Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Participating downtown shops and restaurants will have specials, music and

activities. Swamptoberfest-themed events include German cuisine and beers at select restaurants and bars, the chicken dance every hour on the hour and live musical performances. Purchase a \$20 VIP wristband to get five additional free things. Join the Suds Drive benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Gainesville by bringing laundry detergent, and get half off a VIP wristband. Check out www.facebook.com/first-fridaygainesville for more information.

Asthma study
If you are an African-American between ages 18 and 75 and have been diagnosed with asthma for more than a year, you may be eligible to be part of a research study at UF. Enroll at Eastside Community Practice through December 2012. If you're interested, please call Cheri Knecht at 352-219-7366.

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Fair offers tutoring resources

CHARMAINE MILLER
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF Student Government's Academic Affairs Cabinet will host the inaugural Steps to Success Tutoring Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

Tutoring companies like Study Edge and Smokin' Notes will offer promotional products and coupons for their services to people who stop by. Eight groups are scheduled to attend and aim to make students more aware of their options, said Emily Hilton, SG director of academic affairs.

"Most students don't realize there are free tutoring services, even on campus," she said.

Food science and human nutrition sophomore Abigail Gruspe, 18, had mainly heard of tutoring services that charge fees.

"Most students don't realize there are free tutoring services, even on campus."

Emily Hilton
SG director of academic affairs

"I'm sure the way they condense it is helpful," Gruspe said. "But I really think that with Smokin' Notes and those kinds of things, it's more important that you go to class and take notes."

The fair will provide free snacks and drinks. The first 150

students to check in at the SG table with their Gator1 cards will receive free T-shirts.

Michael Mas, an 18-year-old mechanical and aerospace engineering freshman, said he is interested in visiting the event. But he wasn't sure how to balance his time between the tutoring fair and Career Showcase.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to find out what's out there and to increase the overall academic success at our school," Hilton said.

Family, youth and community sciences junior Theresa Faleti, 20, said the fair could be helpful, depending on what classes UF students are taking.

"If I needed it, I would definitely go," Faleti said.

SigEp moves charity event

► SURF FRENZY IS SOLD OUT.

AUDREYANNA LOGUERRE
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SigEp Surf Frenzy is an annual event, but tonight it'll be at a new location.

The Florida Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon decided to move its philanthropic event from the Florida Theatre to the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts this year to cater to audience members, said John-Paul Suastegui, the event director. He said the fraternity had to turn people away last year because the building reached capacity.

The Phillips Center can seat more

people, said Carlos Gordian, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It will cost the fraternity about \$5,000 more to host the event in the new location, the 21-year-old material science and engineering junior said.

This year's Surf Frenzy is sold out, with 1,680 tickets sold, Suastegui said. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

"It's a very competitive event that people care about," Suastegui said. "They know at the end of the day it's going to a good cause."

The fraternity's goal is to match the \$24,974 it raised last year, said Suastegui. The money will benefit the Florida Diabetes Camp, a year-round camp that provides recreational activities and diabetes education to diabetic children.

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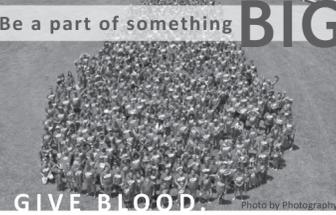
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Survey shows half of US adults have mobile Internet access

▶ ABOUT 44 PERCENT OF U.S. ADULTS HAVE SMARTPHONES.

NOELIA TRUJILLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Ten UF students sat scattered on an RTS bus Tuesday. While each had his or her differences in appearance, they had one thing in common: They were looking at their smartphones.

Criminology and law sophomore Edwin Velazquez, 19, was one of the UF students heading home from class glancing at his Sprint HTC EVO smartphone with headphones in his ears.

Velazquez is one of the about 50 percent of U.S. adults who have mobile access to the Internet through a smartphone or tablet, according to the Pew Research Center's Project for Ex-

cellence in Journalism survey released Monday.

"I like listening to music when I use my phone on the bus," he said. "And I'm definitely reading up on the election debate and the topics that will most likely be presented at the debate."

The survey found that tablet and smartphone ownership has increased among adults. About 22 percent of U.S. adults now own a tablet, and 44 percent of U.S. adults own a smartphone.

"The simple fact that technology is booming forces most Americans to catch up with new trends," Velazquez said.

Other students said they feel the same way.

"I always see people on their smartphones," said Sheila Scolaro, a 20-year-old plant science junior. "They're mostly on Facebook, texting or checking their emails."

After owning an iPhone 4 for a year and an iPad for two

years, Scolaro said she can't imagine life without them.

She said she likes to check her email on her phone and to see her planner electronically. However, she prefers to look at the news on her laptop.

While the Pew survey said that almost two-thirds of the smartphone and tablet owners use their devices to read the news, it also found that 41 percent of mobile users prefer to view the news from their computers.

UF health science major Juliet Eirikis, 19, doesn't own a smartphone or a tablet.

She said she won't pay for the unnecessary data plans that come with smartphones.

"Last time I purchased a phone, I noticed how few choices there were for nonsmartphones," she said. "I think that's what the consumer wants, and that's what the industry is pushing toward."

Four complaints were filed with the Election Commission on Tuesday

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students are registered for other districts, the zip codes did not appear.

When Vatsal Vora voted at the CSE building, he didn't know which district he should have been registered in.

"I'm not 100 percent sure, but it seems like it was correct," said the 18-year-old computer engineering sophomore.

Supervisor of Elections Stephen Davis did not return phone calls regarding the districts.

Students Party President Ford Dwyer was placed in District B even though he's running for District D, where he lives.

"We are disappointed but still deciding what will happen about that," Dwyer said.

Despite potential district issues, he said the first day of elections ran smoothly.

Swamp Party spokesman Daniel Landesberg echoed that sentiment.

"I think they went well, but I guess we'll see [tonight]," he said.

Landesberg said he doesn't think the issue regarding districts will cause problems. He said the multiple chances given to students to change their districts worked well.

The Election Commission also heard two complaints, filed by the Swamp Party, Tuesday. The commission voted the Students Party must remove by 10 a.m. today

fliers that were left at Stoneridge Apartments. The other complaint, which was about the Students Party tweeting during a summer Student Senate meeting, was dis-

missed because the commission could not find a violation.

The commission will hear other elections violation complaints Thursday. As of press time, it had received four complaints, said Election Commission chairman Wes Stephens.

The Supreme Court also heard an appeal regarding the Election Commission's decision that the Swamp Party cannot be referred to as "the former Unite Party," or any variation thereof, in campaign materials. The court lifted the cease and desist order.

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Andrea Sarcos / Alligator

Jeremy Melendez, 20, Roman Quintana, 20, and Marcy Khan, 20, cast their votes Tuesday at the Reitz Union computer lab. They said they want a say in what happens at UF.

Seats:

9 seats for District A, which includes zip codes 32601, 32609 and 32641

7 seats for District B, which is 32603, 32605, 32606 and 32653

7 seats for District C, which is 32607

13 seats for District D, which is 32608

1 seat for District E, which includes all other zip codes

The search starts at 9 a.m.

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a search that has taken this kind of magnitude," he said.

Due to the limited number of officers available to manage search teams during the weekend, Gainesville Police limited the number of volunteers who could participate, Tobias said.

Since then, volunteer participation dropped. Tobias said about 20 volunteers helped police with the search Monday and Tuesday.

"We still have volunteers coming out, wanting to give this family some closure," he said. "I've never seen a response like that."

Volunteers interested in helping with the search can sign up at the Florida Farm Bureau, 5600 SW 34th St. The search will start today at 9 a.m.

This time, anyone will be able to help, and there will be no limit to how many people can participate.

"If you show up, we will find something for you to do," he wrote

on the GPD's Facebook page.

Miriam Pardo, an Aguilar family spokeswoman, said volunteers will be provided with food, water, supplies and tips from officers.

"They'll get trained for what they are trying to look out for," she said.

University Police vans will then take volunteers from the check-in to the search locations from the Florida Farm Bureau.

Because the search for Aguilar is now a search and recovery effort, Tobias cautioned potential volunteers that they need to understand what they're looking for.

"At this point, you're searching not for a live person; you're searching for the victim of a murder," he said. "We don't want kids out there. We want people to be fully aware that more than likely what they're going to discover, if it's a civilian that discovers it, is going to be disturbing."

Contact Chris Alcantara at calcantara@alligator.org.

Bias is unconscious, professors say

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were just as likely to be gender-biased, but the bias was stronger than she expected.

"It shows how pervasive these biases are in our culture about women not being as good of scientists and those kinds of messages," she said. "There was no difference between young or old professors or those in fields with less gender parity. Their bias seems to be evenly distributed."

Jean Larson, a professor in UF's mathematics department, said she was not surprised by the study's findings. She said she had seen previous studies come to similar conclusions.

"Almost all of the people in the mathematics department are male," Larson said. "It's been that way for a long time, but it's a lot better now than when I started in 1974."

Larson said she was the first woman to get a doctorate in

mathematics at her graduate school, Dartmouth College, but she has not felt discriminated against.

Kent Crippen, associate professor of STEM education in UF's College of Education, said the study implies the bias is deeply rooted and requires a new approach to correct it.

"Almost all of the people in the mathematics department are male."

Jean Larson
mathematics professor

"If it's unconscious bias, it tells us we need a whole different approach," he said. "It's much more subtle than we think it would be. They don't say 'No, you can't,' or 'You're not capable,' but they send messages very clearly."

Crippen said he has heard students and colleagues at UF talk about the issue, but that it "isn't necessarily connected to one place."

The study raises concerns about the field Alina Ciornii, a 21-year-old chemical engineering senior, wants to go into. But she said she hasn't seen effects of gender bias at UF.

As president of the Society of Women Engineers, Ciornii's college experience has focused on spreading the word about opportunities for women in STEM fields. She said opportunities like the Career Showcase have helped her get interviews, and the club has acted as a support system, "saying, 'It's OK to be a woman in engineering.'"

Ciornii said she thinks that as more young women graduate with STEM degrees, the bias will diminish.

"I think a lot has to do with older generations who maybe haven't gotten used to changes in the last 40 years," she said. "Bias may exist, but I think the biggest thing is not to be pessimistic but not be complacent, either."

UF to offer Chinese medicine to reduce students' stresses

The exercises are on Tuesdays

DANIELLE BOYD
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF Counseling and Wellness Center is now using traditional Chinese medicine to reduce students' anxiety and stress.

The center hosts a group called Moving the Anxious Mind, which implements qigong exercises, that meets Tuesdays at the center from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"Stress is a perceived threat," said Barbara

Welsch, a licensed psychologist and group instructor. "Stress is the brain overriding the body's desire to choke the hell out of someone or something that deserves it."

Interested students should to call the center to sign up for the group or contact Welsch.

Instructors will teach students how to target areas of pain where stress has settled in, using a small ball and slow fluid-like move-

ments.

"If you don't try and just go through the movements, it won't work," she said. "You have to try. Most importantly, smile from your heart, and then you will do qigong."

It is a lifelong practice that will help manage stress and prevent its effects, with just 15 minutes a day, Welsch said.

Stark Jones, a first-year Ph.D. molecular biology student and power yoga instructor, said all bodies have electrical impulses that affect the health of muscles, organs and cognitive abilities.

Sometimes the flow of energy can become

blocked, fatigued or inactive, causing insomnia, mood changes, pain and immune system problems, he said.

These slow fluid-like movements allow the body to guide qi, or energy, to tense muscles and parts of the body, Jones said.

Qigong will help bring your mind back to what you were doing — the here and now, he said.

"Qigong has shown to be very beneficial," Jones said. "By reducing the amount of stress and anxiety in their lives, qigong helps students with sleep, concentration, focus, cognitive behavior and the immune system."

Security cameras added to all RTS buses

► THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WAS \$235,000.

MEREDITH MULVIHILL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Smile — you're on RTS camera.

Beginning this semester, UF students who get on Regional Transit System buses will be on camera during the rides.

As of the end of the summer, all RTS buses have cameras on the inside and outside of the vehicles. Some new buses already had the cameras installed, and the older buses had the cameras installed during the summer, RTS spokesman Chip Skinner wrote in an email.

These cameras are constantly running and can be used in the case of on-board incidences and crashes, he said. The total cost of the project was \$235,000.

"No particular incident caused the installation of the cameras," Skinner said. "Cameras inside and outside the buses have become an industry standard in the last five years or so."

There are five cameras on each bus, he said. Three are inside the bus: one each in the front, in the back and watching outside the windshield. Two

outside cameras face the front of the bus.

He said that most bus drivers are happy to have the cameras on board, and the video surveillance has already saved the city from paying out some accident liability claims by showing the RTS driver was not at fault.

"There are a very few that still do not like the cameras, as they feel it is an invasion of their privacy," Skinner said. "However, we tend to find those operators are usually doing something against our policies and procedures."

For the most part, students see the installation of the cameras as a positive thing. Danielle Capitini, 19-year-old UF criminology and law sophomore, said she knew about the addition of cameras and didn't feel they were an invasion of privacy.

"I think it's just there to protect the students," she said. "A bus isn't really a private place anyways."

Luigi Forvil, a 23-year-old UF philosophy junior, said he thought the cameras could be an invasion of privacy.

However, he felt the cameras are more helpful than harmful.

"It's a good thing because if there's a robbery, police can track it down easier," Forvil said.

Voter registration deadline is Tuesday

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Students who want to vote in Alachua County have less than a week left to register.

The deadline is Tuesday for general election voter registration.

Students can grab a form on campus from various voting organizations on Turlington Plaza and at the Reitz Union. Forms are also available at public libraries and the Supervisor of Elections office. Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said all forms must be postmarked by Tuesday.

"The future is in their hands."

Pam Carpenter
County Supervisor of Elections

There will be federal, state, county and municipal candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Carpenter said Florida law requires voters to be registered for at least 29 days before voting in an election.

She said anyone who is eligible to vote can register by visiting the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections website and printing a voter registration form.

"The future is in their hands," she said. "They're the ones who are going to be living whatever future is created."

Billy Farrell, president of UF College Democrats, said the club wants all students to be able to vote.

"Our goal is to register every student, regardless of political affiliation," the 20-year-old environmental science junior said.

He said UF College Democrats will be outside the Reitz Union and

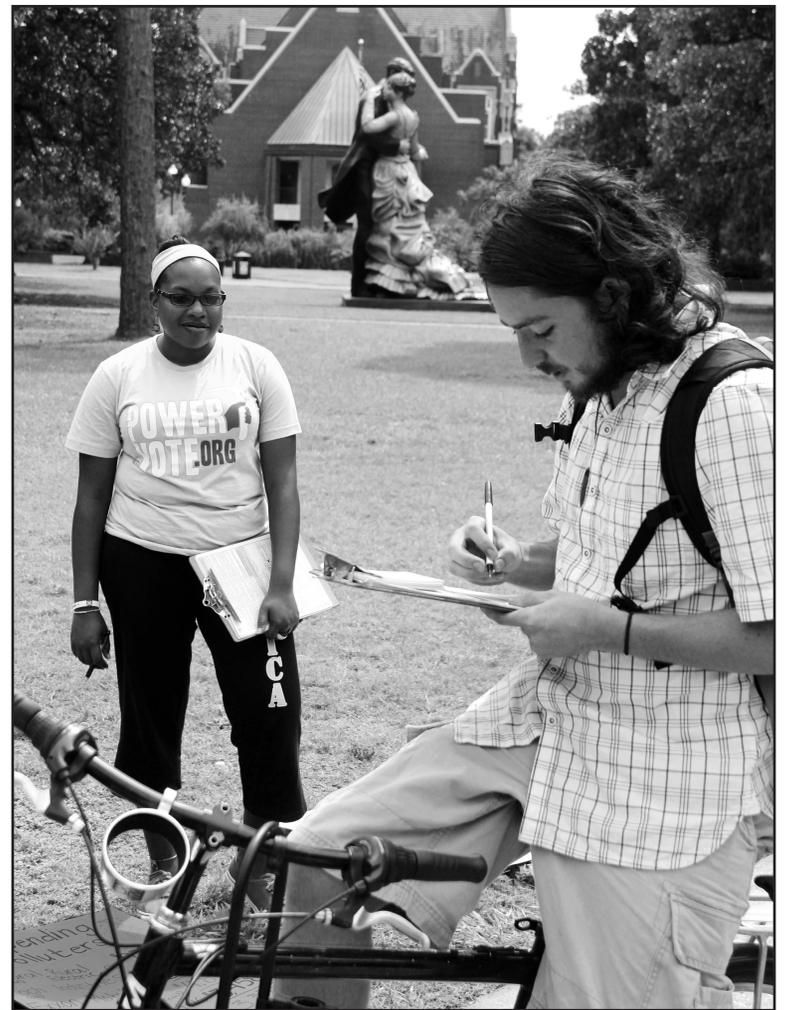
Turlington Hall with voter registration forms every day this week.

"There's no excuse not to register," Farrell said.

Katy Melchiorre, 21-year-old political science and telecommunica-

tion senior and chairwoman of UF College Republicans, said students should realize their votes matter.

"It really can make a difference, especially in a state like Florida," she said.



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Janine Monfries, 21, helps with the Power Vote campaign while Alec Shoelson, 22, fills out a Power Vote pledge card on Thursday.

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Editorial

Orange vs Black Vote "NO" on the racks referendum

Well, we don't know how to explain the racks referendum that is on the ballot to you.

We had to explain it multiple times during the summer, and now a lot of our efforts are sort of being undermined.

And by who? By fellow Gainesville publications.

The Odyssey is about to publish its latest edition, and in it is a condemnation of the racks referendum.

Their fliers are threatening; they say if you support UF, then you should vote "yes" on the racks referendum.

We all support UF, but we also support the access to free speech.

A Facebook event designed by The Odyssey to rally support claims that the new black modular distribution "units have allowed our publication to expand its distribution on campus in a fair and sustainable manner."

First of all, we think you meant "manner."

Second, it's not just about you.

The newest edition of The Odyssey, which will be released Thursday, the day after Student Government elections come to a close, states: "While we appreciate that the independently owned orange racks have been a tradition on our campus, we must disagree with the Alligator's First Amendment argument since the color of the distribution rack does not affect the access to the content of it or any publication."

This isn't an issue of color, guys.

Let's get something straight here: It does not matter what color the racks are. What matters is the access.

If people have limited access to an independently owned newspaper, then that's not terribly American.

We understand that UF has the right to decide what is on its campus. We don't need an SG that works with the administration to remove available free press. Not to mention, it will not always be free to rent space in the new racks.

We're not loaded-out-the-butt with money like some publications.

The paid members of the Alligator staff receive at most minimum wage, if not less than that. It takes a lot of work to put out a daily, free publication — as opposed to a weekly one.

Voting on the racks referendum will not accomplish much one way or another. It is simply a way to gain opinions from the voters that will translate into the Senate. The problem comes down to who makes up a majority of the Senate.

Let's say, hypothetically, that a large percentage of voters vote "no" on the racks referendum. If the Swamp Party holds a majority of the seats, then they will most likely ignore that large number of students who oppose the removal of the orange racks. If the Students Party holds a majority of the seats, then they will fight for what the Student Body wants.

That's why it's important to vote. That's why this racks referendum is about more than what color the racks are.

This is about your free speech as a student, and how certain SG parties may not defend that right like they should.

Your vote matters. It matters to us, and it matters to the Students Party.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you have a smartphone?

Tuesday's question: Are you going to the career fair? **46% YES**
54% NO

70 TOTAL VOTES

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Column

Christianity is a crazy religion at times

There isn't a politically correct way to say this, so I'll just say it: Christians are crazy people.

It's a generalization, and technically I'm one of them.

I've seen some extreme stupidity perpetuated by "Christians," so I hesitate to identify myself as such. Still, I have to call a spade a spade: I'm a Christian, and we're crazy.

I think I'm okay with that, though. Faith simply doesn't sit well in the belly of Western rationality. An invisible deity is a strange cog to place in modern intellectual machinery.

Everybody has beef with God, and many have good reason. Honestly, I'd be concerned if a rational person didn't have some serious questions after taking a look around our world.

I'm sure you have your doubts.

Well, join the club.

There's so much that doesn't make sense to me. Suffering? I could do without it. Disease? I'm over it. And don't even get me started on the existence of mosquitoes. Really, God?

I'm being facetious, but I've got deeper questions that I want answered, and the God of the Bible seemed to come up short when I started asking.

Somewhere along the road, I bought the idea that faith meant brainwashing myself into baseless adherence to a code. This was tantamount to intellectual dishonesty for someone who felt compelled to have all the answers from the God that he couldn't see.

People weren't much help.

One person judged me for having doubts, and another advised that I throw the pursuit away entirely.

Eventually, I stopped asking around and resolved to go straight to the source. I started by hitting up the Bible, and supplemented my research with earnest questions aimed directly at the big man.

It was a crazy idea, especially because I had doubts about the Bible (the most popular game of "telephone" the world has ever seen — or so I was told).



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I was surprised when further research revealed the Bible was the most thoroughly documented book in all antiquity. If I threw that out, I'd have to throw out every other ancient text to be consistent.

It turns out that God is pretty secure.

He wasn't threatened by my doubt.

In fact, he welcomed my incessant questioning, because he designed me that way. As I ruminated on the nature of my budding spiritual relationship and compared it to other relationships I'd seen, I was struck by a strange realization.

If two married humans can directly interact and barely understand each other while enjoying the journey, why did I think that I had to have all the answers about a God that I couldn't see? A lover's faith is based on his or her experience. What he or she has seen pushes that person to fight through the relational darkness of another shady human.

I realize that this sounds crazy, but I radically encountered God in a way that was relational. The doubts don't quite nag the way they used to.

I'm not saying that everything makes sense to me.

Take the conundrum of the Trinity, for instance.

God is one, but three? Foolishness!

It registers as a rational impossibility, although some probing of physics and wave-particle duality has recently tweaked my definition of the word impossible.

To paraphrase Billy Graham, I might not see the wind, but I can see its effects. The invisible God is more than just my homeboy, and my soul is forever changed.

We don't quite match, but we coordinate.

Despite my doubts, I've found it difficult to walk away from the journey that I'm on.

Doing so would be crazy.

Ryan Galloway is a religion senior at UF. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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UWire

Low voter turnout could be a good thing

Whichever candidate takes office in January will have plenty of people to thank, most notably the Americans who voted him into office. But more than a third of us won't have participated.

Less than 60 percent of registered voters have shown up to cast ballots in recent presidential elections, and attendance at midterm and local elections ranges from five to 40 percent — certainly not encouraging figures for those who value democratic participation.

Civil-minded types will point to dismal returns from the ballot box as a failure to perform basic civic duties. This is especially true at crucial local and state elections in which a single vote carries much more weight than one vote in large national elections.

But registered voters staying home may be a sign of an improving, established democracy rather than a failing one.

On Nov. 6, millions of Americans will perform their "duty" and walk out of a polling place proudly displaying an "I Voted" sticker, proving to their communities that they care about their country. The "Get Out the Vote" and voter registration drives sprout up across the country in election years to preach that regardless of who you cast a ballot for, showing up to the polls is positive.

It's not negative to feel good about participating in government or influencing others to do so, but isn't it strange that a major motivation for voting is personal pride?

More important, we should question whether pushing citizens to the polls is truly beneficial to our democracy.

Every vote cast should be made by an educated and informed citizen who has a stake in the effect of his selection. The most inconsistent voters, those who show up to one election but not another, are also the voters most likely to be less

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UWire

educated.

There are two reasons why low voter turnout can actually benefit government and representation.

First, those who aren't motivated to show up to the polls are unlikely to be educated on or have an opinion about the issues and candidates on the ballot.

Second, voting on every issue as a matter of civic duty means that voters will inevitably select between options on policy or platforms that don't affect their lives, diluting the weight of every vote cast by an affected citizen.

In some cases, this is OK; an educated voter can choose an option likely to benefit the whole of society. However, in most instances, an unaffected voter will find it difficult to understand the reach of his or her vote and how he or she is changing other citizen's lives.

Voting is a citizen's right, not duty. People who choose to vote, however, should understand the civic duty of being an informed voter. There are no points for bubbling in ballot choices without researching their meanings.

Show up to the polls this November. Being involved can, and should, be absolutely positive. Show up prepared and for the right reasons, and you will be part of the most important part of our democratic system.

But, afterward, understand that the "I Voted" sticker on your chest doesn't tell the whole story. Maybe that sticker should include a modifier in the form of an asterisk:

"I voted*
*responsibly."

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UWire

All information pointed to a terrorist

Maybe, despite killing Osama bin Laden, the Obama team is actually a bunch of "soft" warriors who want the United States to be liked, especially in the Middle East.

I, for one, called it right after the attack took place on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, Sept. 11, which left four Americans dead, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

The Republicans are now launching a concerted attack on the Obama administration, claiming a cover-up and calling it "Libya-gate." Are the Republicans right? Was it a massive intelligence failure not to know who's who in Libya? Was it sloppy security to have a virtually unprotected consulate in Benghazi? Was it an act of extreme political correctness for the United States to virtually apologize for the anti-Muham-

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UWire

mad video that was thought to have triggered the demonstrations in Cairo and other parts of the Islamic world? Could this be an "October Surprise," — one of those last-minute events that have so often shifted

the outcome of a presidential election?

Why, so many weeks later, is the FBI team still in the capital of Libya, 400 miles away from where the attack occurred? It's all very disturbing.

Of course, the intelligence agencies also missed the horde of killers who attacked us Sept. 11, 2001.

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Column

Las Vegas bets put referees back on the field

Seeking recovery from the embarrassment of using "replacement referees" for nearly a quarter of a 16-game season, the National Football League hopes to wipe the slate clean and move forward from the debacle that frustrated the hearts and souls of football fans and players alike.

The outrage that ensued from the referee scandal signaled that the NFL, arguably the most popular professional sporting league in the nation, has been negatively impacted by complicated labor negotiations. The use of replacements arguably diluted the quality of play and removed the sports focus from the players to the failure of the referees, highlighting a process that would serve as a detriment to the NFL.

Having nearly succumbed to a complete work stoppage in the previous year, the NFL could not afford to continue being viewed in such a negative light in the short term. Future losses that would result from potentially declining viewership would decrease revenue, albeit on a limited scale.

Although the league seemed to be negotiating in good faith, it may appear that the losses that resulted from betting were the straw that broke the camel's back with respect to putting regular referees back on the field.



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Following the madness that ensued from the monstrosity of a result in Seattle, about \$300 million in bets changed hands, according to Vegas oddsmakers.

This loss would have resulted in additional lost money as bettors claimed that up to 20 percent of wages that would have been bet over the course of the season would have been withheld. Due to the unpredictability that resulted from the referees, a large number of bettors would have avoided betting money on football.

Effectively, demand for the NFL would have decreased due to the mistrust and lack of consumer confidence that was caused by the presence and focus on the replacement referees.

While the NFL was already well on the way to finalizing a long-term labor agreement with the referees, the decrease in demand on the part of bettors would eventually reduce interest in the league.

This served as a prime incentive for reaching a swift agreement that put the regular referees on the gridiron this weekend.

There is no doubt that the league was impacted negatively by replacement referees. According to a study, 50 percent of fans said they would watch less football and 74 percent claimed the lockout had a negative effect on their opinion of the NFL.

There was no avoiding a major controversy that would damage the reputation of the league.

While not explicitly stating it, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell seemed to agree with this point.

He said in respect to the referee crisis, "This has gotten a lot of attention. It hasn't been positive. We had to work through it to get to an eight-year agreement."

Regardless of the impact of betting in accelerating negotiations, the referee crisis was bound to be resolved eventually.

The Monday Night mistake that cost bettors millions essentially forced the NFL's hand and necessitated an immediate agreement. As such, gambling in fact may have corrected an issue, unlike in other sporting leagues in which it has created major long-term problems.

Clearly, the NFL was pressured into developing a resolution so that the public's focus would shift from the replacement referees back toward the players so that the league could return to labor peace.

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UF receives portion of grant for water research

▶THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO TREAT DRINKING WATER.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced UF will be among a group of universities to receive a \$1.5 million research grant to look into ways to treat drinking water.

The EPA gave UF and USF's team \$499,360 for the four-year project. The EPA Science to Achieve Results program funds the grant.

Treavor H. Boyer, UF and USF principal investigator, said the grants are funding new, innovative ideas. He said the program is starting by figuring out how to treat water from U.S. cities and could eventually be used in more rural parts of the world.

"We are trying to remove multiple contaminants from water at the same time," he said. "A lot of processes just focus on removing a single contaminate from water."

UF plans to give some of the grant money to USF, so its researchers can be involved in the project, he said.

"We are trying to remove multiple contaminants from water at the same time."

Treavor H. Boyer

UF and USF principal investigator

Boyer said he decided to involve USF in the research, because he respects its life-cycle analysis program and the work being done there. He said the research made at UF will be more expensive, because it will be completed in a laboratory, while USF research will be done on computers.

The money from the grant will sponsor one Ph.D. student at each university to continue the research.

Boyer said the research will focus on ions and the range of potential environmental impacts.

Boyer said one method to treat water is to draw contaminants out by using methods similar to a magnet. An opposing charge attracts the contaminants, he said.

The \$1.5 million grant, which was announced early this semester, is a supplement to a previous grant, which included eight colleges. UF, USF, University of Nevada and Clarkson University are recipients of the new grant.

The project's pilot program will test the water at Cedar Key, he said.

"I'm really excited by the EPA making it a priority to help small water systems," he said.

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Sales tax to repave county, city roads will be on Nov. 6 ballot

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When the Nov. 6 elections roll around, Alachua County voters will have a say in whether local sales taxes should increase.

The Alachua County Commission put a referendum on the ballot about whether to add a sales tax that would raise \$550 million to repave roads.

The surtax will add a .75 percent sales tax to most items already affected by the tax.

During a series of meetings to discuss transit improvements, the city and county commissions decided at the beginning of the year that an additional sales tax could improve Alachua County's transit system.

"The city and the county agree on the fact there's a problem with the transit system," said City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins.

The city plans to use the money for road projects to loosen congestion.

The county plans to use the money for road repair, said Tricia Kyzar, county public works administrative assistant.

Hawkins said he's bothered that the county insists the surtax be used on road repairs instead of transit projects.

"We've got to have transit," he said. "There's a problem with transportation in the community, but taking better care of the roads isn't going to solve the congestion."

Alachua County has 666 miles of paved roads, said County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson. He said the county has about \$380 million in unfinished infrastructure projects.

The county estimates the new tax could bring in \$22.5 million every year, which, over the course of its suggested 15-year life, would

total about \$340 million.

He said the money from the current gas tax isn't enough to address that need, which is why the extra sales tax is necessary to complete the project.

Originally, most of Gainesville's road and transit problems were fixed by funds received from a fuel tax.

But the County Commission suggested the tax isn't as effective as the county would like because hybrid vehicles are using less fuel, and the tax isn't being adjusted for inflation.

The county said fuel taxes have dropped by about \$600,000 since 2008.

The city and county went through a few variations about how money from the surtax should be split.



Hawkins

The city of Gainesville and Alachua County were supposed to evenly share about 86 percent of the money from the surtax. The remaining 14 percent was to be divided between the remaining cities.

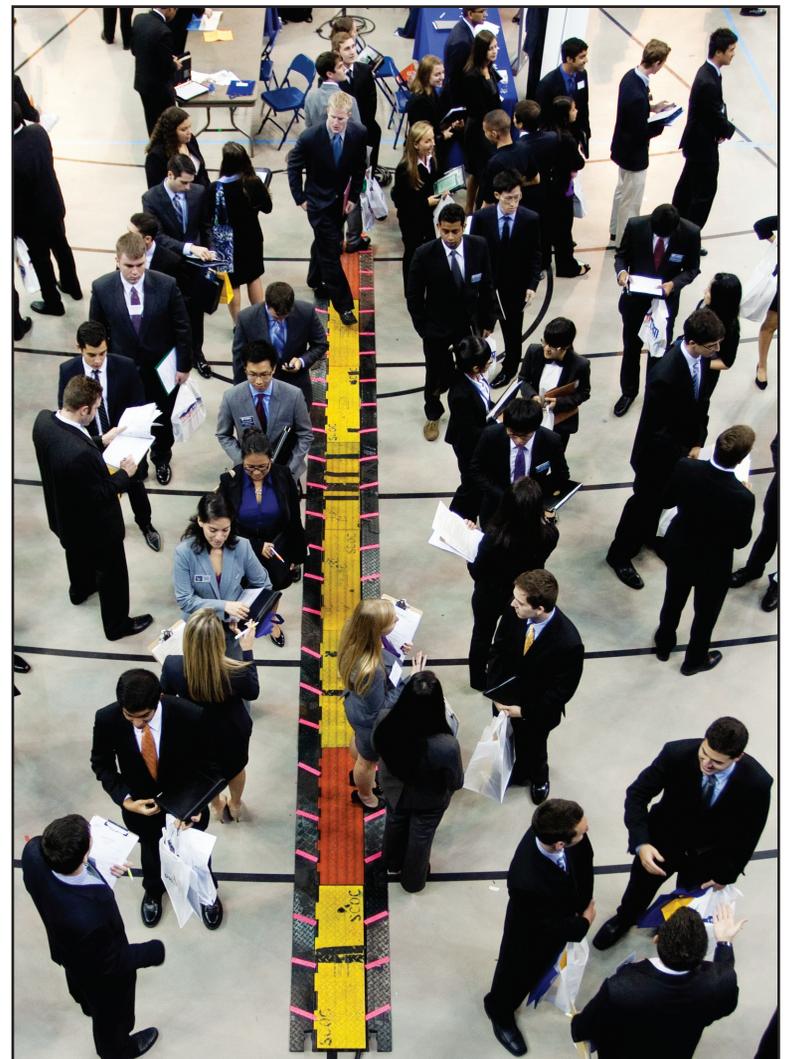
But the County Commission changed its mind on May 22.

Pinkoson said the new plan is to give 43 percent of the funds to the county, 16 percent to outlying municipalities and the rest to the city of Gainesville.

Pinkoson said fixing roads is the county's main priority with this proposed surtax.

"All the people have to do is drive around, and they'll see the roads need some help," he said.

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Men In Suits

Job searchers wait in line to talk to potential employers at the Career Showcase at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Tuesday afternoon.

Weight gain continues after freshman year

► SOME STUDENTS LOSE WEIGHT AS FRESHMEN.

ANDREA CARROZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

The "freshman 15" doesn't stop at the end of freshman year, according to a new study.

A survey of 131 college students found that 70 percent of them gained an average of 10 pounds and 18 percent gained 20 pounds or more during four years in college.

The study was published online Sept. 17 by the NRC Research Press journal, Applied Physiology, Nutrition and Metabolism.

Jane Emmerée, GatorWell health promotion specialist, said most studies that looked into the validity of the freshman 15 found that few freshmen actually gained 15 pounds.

Catherine Seemann, advertising, marketing and media coordinator for the Student Health Care Center, said there is truth in the well-known myth.

"The freshman 15 is a legend but is based on a little bit of facts," Seemann said. "Some people gain more or less, and some don't even gain at all."

However, she said she doubts this study's results, because too few people were surveyed. She said the results are not necessarily represen-

tative of all college students.

She said UF's students have a variety of eating and fitness habits.

Some freshmen have said they've lost weight since they began college.

Heather Joura, a 17-year-old UF freshman, said she doesn't have time to eat and has lost weight.

"I pick up whatever is at my dorm and eat it," she said. "I probably haven't eaten a whole meal since I started school."

Biochemistry junior Jamal Green, 19, said he gained about 20 pounds in mostly muscle weight during his freshman year.

"I definitely gained weight but from going to the gym," Green said.

Marketing junior TanTaneya Williams, 19, said she started to gain weight once she got an all-access meal plan during her freshman year.

"Go to the gym," she said. "It'll induce that habit of going to the gym even after graduating."

Emmerée said sleep habits and stress management also cause weight changes.

"When we're tired, we don't make the wisest decisions," she said.

Seemann said it's also important to monitor what food you eat.

"It's never a bad thing to splurge, but don't make value meal No. 3 your lunch every day," she said.



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Gators offensive line to be tested against Tigers front

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

Coordinator Brent Pease called the offensive line the Gators' strongest unit. It's time for the big men to flex their muscles.

LSU's defense may boast the best front four that Florida will face in 2012.

UF's front five are the primary protection separating quarterback Jeff Driskel from multiple trips to the ground in The Swamp on Saturday.

"We know about their speed rushers," Driskel said. "They're going to get in there quick. ... Our line is ready for the challenge."

"[LSU's defensive linemen are] the guys that take out so much of the coverage situation because they get to you so fast," Pease said.

"It's not that maybe they're sacking you all the time, but it's just moving you around in the pocket. When you start having to move, your eyes become different as a quarterback on where you're trying to focus and throwing on time and rhythm. It's disruptive."

The Tigers' defensive line includes ends Barkevious Mingo, Sam Montgomery, Lavar Edwards and Jermauria Rasco.

Bennie Logan, Anthony Johnson, Josh Downs and Ego Ferguson rotate at tackle.

Mingo and Montgomery each earned first-team spots on the All-Southeastern Conference preseason squad. Logan was a third-team selection.

LSU's eight defensive linemen have impressed in 2012, contributing to the nation's No. 4 total defense.

The big men have combined for 23.5 tackles for loss, seven sacks, 16 quarterback hurries and a safety in five games.

"We're going against some better athletes, but we, especially as an offensive line, we've come a far ways from last year. We're more meshed as a unit. We've been working this whole offseason for a situation like this."

Jonotthan Harrison
UF center

Despite the Tigers' impressive numbers this season, center Jonotthan Harrison feels his unit can slow them down.

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David Carr / Alligator Staff

Center Jonotthan Harrison (72) waits to snap the ball to quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) during Florida's 38-0 win against Kentucky at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sept. 22.

Tackle likely to play vs. LSU

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

Chaz Green could play in a game for the first time in three weeks on Saturday.

Coaches expect the junior right tackle, who suffered a right ankle sprain against Texas A&M on Sept. 8, to see the field when No. 10 Florida hosts No. 4 LSU this weekend.

"Chaz should be available," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "If he can go, obviously he's a good player and gives depth at the spot because he's had a lot of game experience, so that would be a big plus for us."

Junior Kyle Koehne started the past two games at right tackle.

After surrendering eight sacks

against Texas A&M on Sept. 8, Florida allowed only three combined sacks against Tennessee and Kentucky.

UF averaged 6.1 yards per carry the past two weeks after gaining 4 yards per attempt during the first two weeks.

UF Football

"Kyle Koehne has been doing a great job," center Jonotthan Harrison said. "Chaz coming back is just going to help get a tackle rotation going and stay fresh the whole game."

Learning from a young age: Offensive coordinator Brent Pease never got away from football. His father, a former high school coach, taught him the game.

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JURNY DUTY

UF must establish run to win

Jeff Driskel has been a revelation for the Gators.

He has made more big plays in the passing game this season than most expected he would.

With each game, he has shown an ability to evade pass rushers and a willingness to attempt more throws down the field than he did in 2011.

Driskel has also flashed his scrambling skills on numerous occasions.

But he shouldn't be asked to do any of those things on Saturday.

Florida will be facing one of the toughest pass defenses in the Southeastern Conference, and the UF coaches should place the onus on the running game.

Led by Barkevious Mingo, Sam Montgomery and Anthony Johnson, the Tigers' defensive line is too disruptive for opposing offenses to throw downfield effectively.



Josh Jurnovoy
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"They've got speed on the edges and power in the middle," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "You can't just sit back there at seven yards and expect to pass the

ball every play."

The numbers support Pease's observations.

The Tigers rank sixth in the nation in passing yards allowed per game with 134.8. Regardless of the fact that LSU has yet to play a ranked opponent, that's an impressive total.

They have also allowed just 4.6 yards per pass attempt, good for third in the country.

The highest-rated pass defense Florida has faced to this point is Kentucky, which

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Junior middle blocker Chloe Mann has transformed into a dominant force at the net for the Florida volleyball team. See story, page 16.



Quotable

"I still am the Tim Tebow of the defense."

Omar Hunter
UF defensive tackle

on drawing comparisons to Tebow as a high-profile recruit

Gators in the NFL

Former Florida safety Major Wright notched two interceptions, two pass defenses and five tackles in Chicago's 34-18 win against Dallas on Monday night.

Senior carries Florida to second place

► VOGEL SHOT A 68 (-2) IN TUESDAY'S FINAL ROUND.

CHARLES KINGSBURY
Alligator Writer

Last season at the Olympia Fields Invitational, senior T.J. Vogel got off to a hot start before catching fire in the latter part of the tournament.

On Tuesday, Vogel built upon Monday's late surge, powering the Gators to a second-place finish at the same invite in Olympia Fields, Ill.

Florida posted a final-round score of 286 (+6) to leapfrog Florida State and Duke en route to a second-place finish at the par-70, 7,080-yard course.

Florida carded an 867 (+27) for the tournament, finishing 13 strokes behind first-place Arkansas (854).

"I said earlier that I believed we had a good day left in us, and we did," coach Buddy Alexander said.

Vogel was efficient early, using his putting to amass seven birdies through 14 holes. After consecutive birdies on holes 13 and 14, Vogel bogeyed three of the last four holes to card a 68 (-2) on the final day of play.

The round matched his best showing in three trips to the Olympia Fields Invite.

He shot a 214 (+4) for the tournament, tied for seventh place overall. The performance marked his second straight top-10 finish.

After unfavorable weather led to a 295 (+15) on Sunday, Florida strung together consecutive rounds of 286 (+6). Sophomore

Santiago Gavino carded a 71 (+1) while freshman A.J. Crouch turned in a 72 (+2).

Gavino posted a 71 (+1), the lowest 18-hole score he's recorded at Florida.

He totaled a 228 (+18) for the tournament.

Senior Tyler McCumber and sophomore J.D. Tomlinson each shot a 75 (+5) on Tuesday. McCumber totaled a 218 (+8), finishing 20th on the individual leaderboards.

Tomlinson finished in a tie for 25th.

"It was a good way to finish against a strong field," Alexander said.

Florida has more than two weeks to prepare for its next challenge of the season. UF will travel to Birmingham, Ala., for the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate on Oct. 15.

Alabama will host the tournament, which takes place at the Old Overton Country Club.



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Senior T.J. Vogel finished tied for seventh after carding a 68 (-2) in the final round of the Olympia Fields/Illini Invitational on Tuesday.

TENNIS

UF thrives in qualifying

MAX MATTERN
Alligator Writer

Florida junior Sofie Oyen and freshman Danielle Collins traveled different roads to get to the qualifying round of the Riviera/ITA All-American Tournament in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

But both roads led to the round of 16 on Tuesday.

"It was a very good day for Danielle and Sofie," associate head coach Dave Balogh said. "[They] were in some tight spots ... during their matches and really stepped up their games at the end."

No. 32 Oyen cruised through her first match against No. 76 Samantha Adams of Texas Tech in two sets (6-2, 6-1) before winning her second match against No. 74 Alejandra Granillo of Pepperdine in three sets (2-6, 6-4, 6-4).

During her freshman year in 2010, Oyen reached the third round of qualifying for the Riviera before falling short in three sets (6-4, 0-6, 6-2) to NC State's Sanaa Bhambri. Oyen was hoping to improve upon her rookie result as a sophomore, but she was defeated 6-3, 6-0 by then-No. 31 Brynn Boren of Tennessee.

So far in 2012, Oyen has started on the right foot with a perfect 6-0 record in singles matches.

Collins had no prior tournament experience going into the Riviera.

She continued her success on Tuesday, defeating No. 77

Li Xi from Virginia 6-4, 6-0 and No. 62 Kate Fuller from Georgia 6-4, 6-4.

Collins is a perfect 8-0, including four wins against top-100 opponents.

The Gators have been competing in the Riviera/ITA All-American Tournament annually since 2001 but are yet to have a player reach the main draw by advancing through both the pre-qualifying and qualifying rounds. Collins has



Balogh

the opportunity to end that streak.

But she and Oyen have one more hill to climb before advancing to the final draw — a third match.

In the qualifying round of the ITA All-American Tournament, the players have to win three consecutive matches to move on to the final draw.

Carolina Hitimana, Olivia Janowicz and Alexandra Cercone all suffered opening-round defeats.

The third match for both players will be Wednesday.

Both of the Gators will be looking to join senior Lauren Embree in the final draw, which will take place Thursday through Sunday.

"Hopefully, we can get Danielle and Sofie to join Lauren in the main draw," Balogh said. "They've been very focused and it will be exciting and tough tennis."

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Pease's father one of many mentors

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The offensive coordinator named his father as one of his mentors. Together with his coaches, Pease's father taught his son how to be a professional on a day-to-day basis.

"Especially with my dad, I had to do it out on the field but still come home to it every night and deal with that," Pease said. "That's always difficult. ... It was always good in the long run. You can see where it was beneficial."

At Montana, Pease played quarterback under coach Tommy Lee.

Pease led the nation in total offense in 1986. He played for the Grizzlies from 1985-86 after two years at Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College.

"I probably started learning more football once I got into college with Tommy Lee and the Don Reed system, when I was throwing the ball in four wides and throwing the ball 55-60 times a game," Pease said.

Lee is now the offensive coordi-

nator at Hawaii.

Pease worked with current Southern Methodist coach June Jones while playing with the Houston Oilers from 1987-88. He served as a backup quarterback in the World League of American Football for the New York/New Jersey Knights, who were coached by Darrel "Mouse" Davis.

Pease arrived at UF after spending five seasons coaching on Chris Peterson's staff at Boise State.

"Definitely learned a lot about coaching quarterbacks from Mouse Davis," Pease said. "I learned a lot with Chris Peterson [about] offense in general and him being a head coach. Those are the guys that have groomed me that I have taken things from."

Driskel beyond his years: Jeff Driskel will be facing the biggest test of his young career on Saturday against LSU, but Pease doesn't want the first-year starter to press. Pease said Driskel's performance in the

first four games should be enough to be successful, provided his teammates come through.

"This isn't about Jeff Driskel," Pease said. "This is about 11 guys out there executing a plan."

Pease only wants Driskel to continue progressing, as he's done through UF's first four games. That means taking care of the ball, managing the game and completing a high percentage of his passes.

Driskel has faced two Southeastern Conference teams on the road in his first four career starts, which hasn't been done by a Florida quarterback since Chris Leak in 2003.

"He really is a mature guy," Harrison said. "We love what we're seeing out of him. He's been in some tough situations, even playing Tennessee on the road. It was a loud atmosphere. But of course, by the fourth quarter, it was a complete opposite as the stands were completely empty."

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ranks 30th nationally.

"They roll with two different groups," Pease said.

"They're rolling seven, eight or nine guys at times, but their four-man rush really gets to you, so they don't have to do a lot of blitzing and scheme-wise (to) try to mix it up on you."

Pease believes moving the ball through the air will be a challenge against LSU, so the run-to-pass ratio must remain near the 2-to-1 mark it has been so far this season.

The Gators will need starting running back Mike Gillislee to play at the level he did against Bowling Green in Week 1, when he ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries.

If Gillislee is anything short of that, backups Matt Jones and Mack Brown will need to have their best performances of the season.

Jones and Brown have averaged a combined 36 yards per game in 2012.

However, the players don't think they will need a better-than-average effort from the rushing attack.

Center Jonotthan Harrison said LSU's pass rush wouldn't put any more pressure on Florida's run game, noting that the Gators want to run the ball successfully no matter the opponent.

The running backs' lead blocker, fullback Hunter Joyer, also said the Gators do not need any special performances.

"If all of them have a good game, we'd be pretty successful," Joyer said of the running backs. "I don't think one guy needs to step up. I think one of them will in the course of the game, but I don't think we really need it."

But they do need it.

To ask Driskel to carry Florida to a win against LSU would be unreasonable. Pease said that load might fall on the shoulders of Gillislee.

"If he needs to carry [the ball] 30 times this time, he'll carry it 30," Pease said. "If he's got to carry it 12, he'll carry it 12."

Gators fans should hope Gillislee ends up with more than 12 carries.

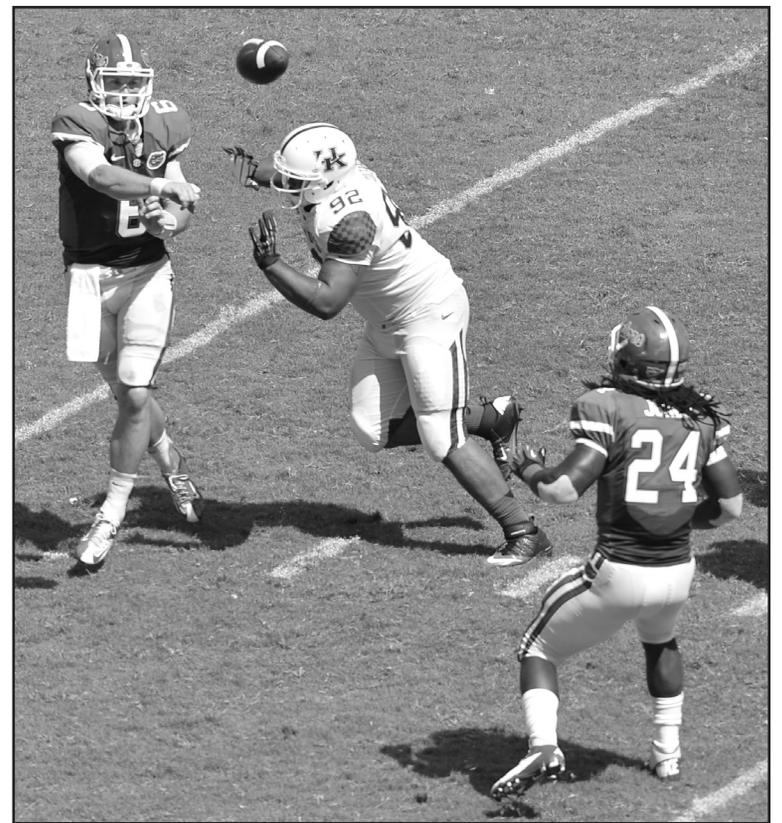
If he doesn't, it will mean Florida fell behind and never had a chance to play the run-heavy style UF needs to top LSU on Saturday.

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Running back Mike Gillislee (23) runs through the Kentucky defense during Florida's 38-0 win at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sept. 22.



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Quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) attempts a pass during Florida's 38-0 win against Kentucky at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sept. 22.

Coaches to help line by varying Driskel's release point vs. LSU

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While Florida has surrendered only three sacks in two games since giving up eight against Texas A&M on Sept. 8, LSU's pass rush presents a stiffer test.

As a result, coach Will Muschamp plans to make sure Driskel is not as vulnerable should UF's protection break down.

"They're a difficult group to block," Muschamp said. "(You have) got to get the ball out of your hand and stay multiple in what you do. You can't get in a one-dimensional game. You've got to change the launch point on the quarterback as much as you can."

"You've got to kind of move him around," Pease said.

"You've got to sprint out. You've got to roll him a little bit. You've got to kind of change where he's going to be so they can't zero in."

If switching up the launch point does not work, Driskel will have to do what he has done all season: scramble out of the pocket to try to make a play.

Driskel's dual-threat

style has called for a sharper awareness by the offensive line, Harrison said.

"If we've seen the D-line-men change direction of their rush, then we have to be alert and say, 'OK, maybe Jeff is rolling out, so we just need to keep protecting,'" Harrison said.

"It just emphasizes the fact that we need to protect as long as possible and not just give up or take a break on one play."

Since Muschamp called the Gators "soft" late last season, the offensive line has worked to shed that label.

Harrison believes LSU's defense will reveal how far Florida's offensive line has come since 2011.

"The whole season, [Muschamp] said he wants to increase the physicality of our team because we're going to be a hard-nosed football team," Harrison said. "As long as we get out there and we're physical and mentally sharp, we'll be a successful team."

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Pease

Outside backs helping UF on attack, defense

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For some players, changing from offense to defense would mean a major shift in focus. For Taylor Travis, the switch only makes her more effective moving the offense.

"I've played in the attacking third a lot of my life," Travis said. "It makes it a little easier to see certain options."

This season, Travis made the switch from forward to outside back. Junior Maggie Rodgers and sophomores Tessa Andujar and Lauren Silver also play the position.

As outside backs, their job in Florida's formation is to push the attack forward when the Gators have the ball and to defend the backline when opponents have control.

"They're a big part of our offense," coach Becky Burleigh said. "We rely on them a lot to provide some width in the attack."

The outside backs have been a major reason the Gators have outscored their opponents 11-2 during the past three games. They recorded assists on three of those goals.

Rodgers also delivered the cross

that resulted in a hand ball against Georgia. Senior Jo Dragotta scored on the ensuing penalty kick, but Rodgers was not credited with an assist.

Burleigh said she rotates her players at outside back due to the demanding nature of the position.

Travis led the outside backs with 62 minutes against Ole Miss while Andujar, Rodgers and Silver played between 28 and 48 minutes. In the win against Arkansas, all four received between 41 and 45 minutes of playing time.

Because Burleigh keeps players rested, UF's outside backs often wear out the opposing team.

"We say we work the girl that's on us," Andujar said. "We try to show for the ball all the time, going up and down the sidelines, trying to get the opponent tired."

Travis said the outside backs playing forward give Florida the advantage against opponents who do not usually see that type of attack.

"Teams that play us aren't used to getting those numbers put against them," she said. "We almost add a lot of pressure ... and help create more options."



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Junior forward Taylor Travis (41) pushes the ball during Florida's 4-0 win against Arkansas on Sunday at James G. Pressly Stadium.

Junior pacing Gators in middle Leads UF in kills, blocks

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After Chloe Mann dominated last season, coach Mary Wise knew the middle blocker would be at the top of every opponent's watch list.

Still, Wise wasn't surprised when Mann played her best game of the season last weekend.

"You almost saw it coming because she had such a good practice Wednesday," Wise said.

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The junior middle blocker set a career high with 20 kills. She hit a season-high .621 and added four blocks as No. 11 Florida defeated Southeastern Conference foe South Carolina 3-1 (25-14, 25-23, 21-25, 25-17) on the road.

Mann topped her previous career-high of 19 kills, which she set on Nov. 13 in a five-set win against Arkansas.

But Mann's weekend wasn't over yet.

In only two sets during Sunday's 3-0 (25-14, 25-9, 25-18) win against Mississippi State, Mann had six kills with one error in eight swings for a .625 hitting clip.

"When you talk about a

basketball player who can't miss, she was sort of like that," Wise said.

Prior to the season, Wise said Mann, Betsy Smith and Simone Antwi were going to be a huge part of UF's point production.

So far, Mann has proven her right.

By racking up a .407 hitting efficiency, 157 kills and 38 blocks in 40 sets, Mann has accounted for 54 percent of the points earned by Florida's middle blockers.

Mann's 3.92 kills per set are the most on the team.

The junior has also been one of the team's best defen-

sive players.

She leads the team in both solo blocks with eight and block assists with 30.

Mann's contributions have helped the Gators lead the nation with a .328 hitting efficiency.

She ranks third in the SEC in hitting percentage and fourth in kills.

"Chloe is very compliant," Wise said. "She has that personality, that attention to detail; she's a grinder. She focuses in on whatever aspect we're asking her to and she just attacks it. I think that's why she's become the player that she is just now in her red-shirt junior year."

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Chloe Mann (10) spikes the ball over Missouri's Whitney Little (8) during UF's 3-0 win on Sept. 21 in the O'Connell Center.



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