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IN MEMORIAM

Aguilar family mourns loss

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Christian Aguilar spent less than two semesters at UF, but he left an impact on Gainesville forever.

Students first heard of the 18-year-old freshman when he was reported missing Sept. 20. His parents drove up from Miami that weekend, launching a nearly monthlong search with hundreds of volunteers — first looking for Christian injured but alive and then hoping to recover his body.

About 14,000 Facebook users joined a group to coordinate volunteer efforts; an Indiegogo campaign raised more than \$12,000; and national media outlets picked up the story, working to get Christian's name out to the public.

To CNN, he was Christian Aguilar, the missing college student in Florida. To UF students, he was a name and face on missing posters all over campus.

But to his best friend, he was

just Chris.

A simple case of assigned seating in a physical education class brought Christian Aguilar and Sebastian Arias together for the first time in 2005.

Seven years later, upon graduating from high school, the two took different paths. Christian went to UF for biomedical engineering while Arias stayed in Miami to study pre-medicine at Miami Dade College.

Despite the distance, Christian and Arias' friendship remained intact. Arias made plans over the summer to visit his best friend for Gator Growl.

"I always kept a connection with Christian," Arias said. "Nothing much had changed."

Their plans were interrupted when Christian went missing.

Arias came to him anyway. He joined the search party the weekend after Christian went missing. On Friday, he was headed into work in Miami when he heard the news: Hunters had found a body 40 miles southwest of Gainesville, and

police believed it was Christian.

"My time with him was cut off way too quickly," he said. "I feel like I have Christian's presence around me, but I have to tell myself that my friend just died, and I can't process that."

A fan of the Barcelona Football Club, Iron Man and eating out with friends, Christian was "the friend you had to have," Arias said.

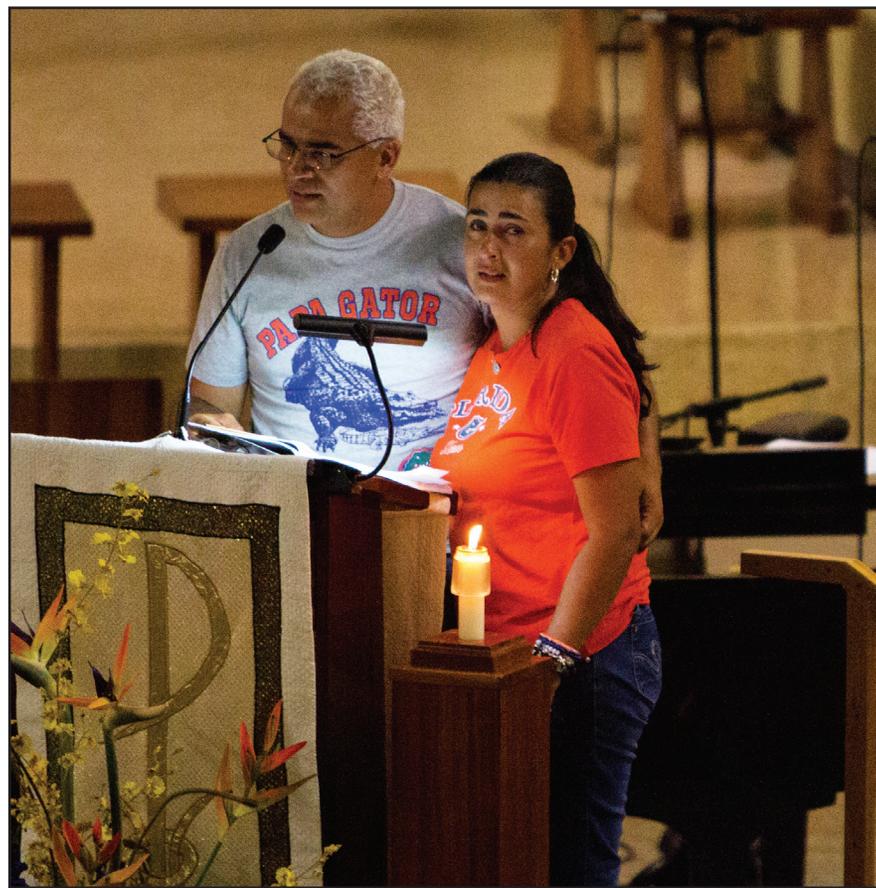
"Being Christian's friend was such a valuable thing for me," he said. "Every time I hung out with Chris, it was like winning the lottery."

Christian liked rap and often listened to Kanye West, Kid Cudi and the Notorious B.I.G. He carried a 160-GB iPod everywhere he went.

"He was an extremely smart kid," said his brother, 16-year-old Alexander Aguilar. "He knew what he wanted, and he knew how to get it."

The siblings shared a close relationship while growing up. They played soccer, watched

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Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Carlos and Claudia Aguilar speak at St. Augustine Church on Monday night at a memorial for their son, Christian Aguilar, whose remains were discovered Friday.

Hiring for new college graduates projected to increase by 13 percent

► FINANCE DEGREES CAME IN AS THE NO.1 DEMANDED DEGREE.

ANDREA CARROZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

Job prospects could be looking up for students graduating in 2013.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers published a survey last month that found employers projected a 13 percent increase in new-college-graduate hiring.

According to the survey, the top 10 bachelor's degrees in demand for the graduating class of 2013 include finance at No. 1 and economics at No. 10. Others

listed were business administration and mechanical engineering

"I think this information is showing a positive sign and that the economy is getting better slowly," said Heather White, director of the Career Resource Center.

White said students in technology fields aren't the only ones whose job opportunities could be increasing.

"I see the positive trend all around," she said. "One of the largest student groups by major that come by the [Career Resource Center] is liberal arts."

White said many people don't realize that technology-based companies also hire nontechnology students because

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SECURITY

Past Bright Futures recipients might be victims of breach

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Staff Writer

UF students who were eligible for Bright Futures Scholarships between 2005 and 2007 may be affected by a computer security breach at Northwest Florida State College.

"I would want to know what kind of information could've been compromised. I feel like this should be maybe bigger news."

Erica Bass
UF alumna

The college is investigating the breach and will notify people if their personal information, including Social Security numbers, could be accessed from the Internet, according to a UF news release.

UF was informed of the breach last week, but it could be up to 45 days from the time the college found out about the leak until people are notified, UF spokeswoman Jan-

ine Sikes said.

"It's a huge, long, lengthy process," Sikes said.

No leaks occurred at UF, and the university is referring people with questions to Northwest Florida State College.

Erica Bass, a 24-year-old UF alumna, said she's not sure the Bright Futures database has any information she'd be worried about, but she was concerned she hadn't heard about the breach yet.

"I would want to know what kind of information could've been compromised," she said. "I feel like this should be maybe bigger news."

Bright Futures recipients of the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic year who attended any Florida college or university should call 1-800-688-0656 with questions.

If you believe you may be the victim of identity theft, contact the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-438-4338.

Contact Erin Jester at ejester@alligator.org.

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Come out to Pugh Hall today at 6:30 p.m. to learn about local and global economic development with a discussion on microfinancing and the United Nations' contribution to the cause. Also, learn how to get involved in the cause. Help launch Recurso's first Microfinance Team by pledging a donation to a third-world entrepreneur of your choice.

Authors@UF featuring Professor Richard Scher

Why is it so difficult to vote in America? Are you voting in November? Are you sure? There will be a conversation on historical voting barriers like literacy tests, poll taxes and more current obstacles in Smathers Library, Room 1A, today at 5:30 p.m. Come out for an informative hour about a controversial topic at the heart of American democracy and the 2012 elections. Drawing from his award-winning new book, "The Politics of Disenfranchisement," Richard K. Scher will discuss the tradition of restricting or denying voting rights to large numbers of Americans. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Culture, located at 1510 W. University Ave. This event is open to all males and will start at 6:30 p.m. with food and drinks provided. For more information, visit the BMDI Facebook page.

Golden Key general body meeting

UF Golden Key will hold a general body meeting in Little Hall, Room 109, on Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are trying out a new meeting format involving smaller groups, more member feedback and group discussion. 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/uf-goldenkey.

Project MASCOT silent auction

Project MASCOT will be having a silent auction outside the Reitz Union Colonnade on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help MASCOT raise money to send at-risk Alachua County elementary school students to SeaWorld in the Spring.

Enactus hosts Career 180 career fair

Career 180 will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Santa Fe College Center for Innovation and Economic Development. The fair targets individuals looking to re-enter the workforce. Career 180 will present many of the issues Gainesville community members must consider during the job search. It's an opportunity to connect with local resources, network, explore job options and gain the confidence needed to successfully re-enter the workforce. Topics covered at the fair will include resume updating, interviewing skills, professional dress and budgeting. The fair

will consist of tables and workshops. Participants may come and go throughout the day, and lunch will be provided.

Students for Big Brothers Big Sisters meeting

Students for BBBS will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in McCarty Hall A, Room 1142. Students who attend will learn more about how to make a difference in the lives of Alachua County children by developing one-on-one relationships through one of the most renowned mentoring programs in the United States. Applications to become a Big Brother or Big Sister will be available at the meeting. For more information, email bbbsatuf@gmail.com.

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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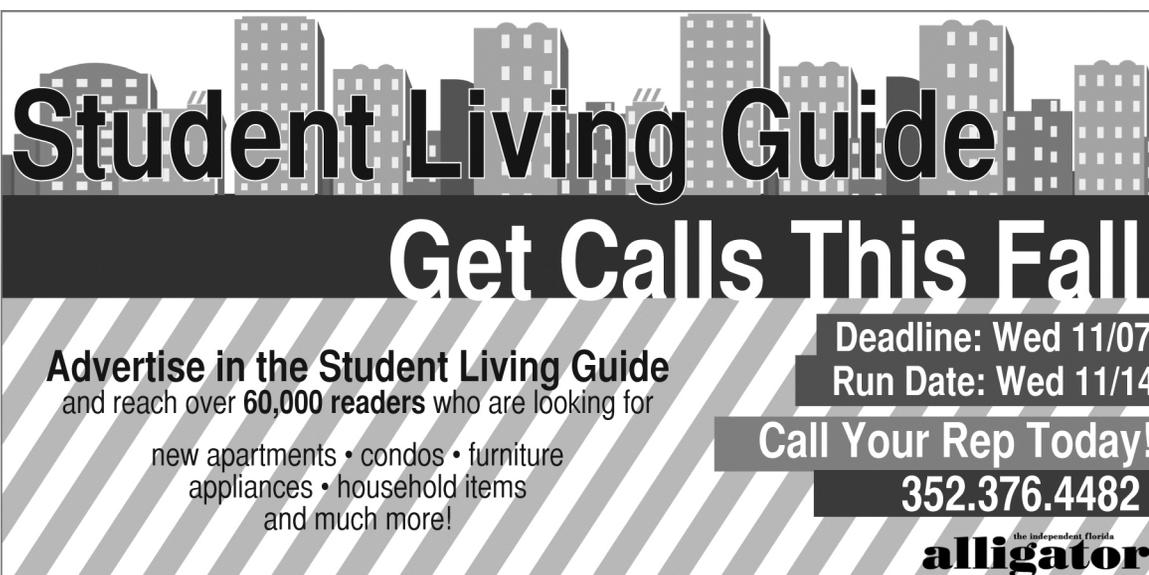
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Paint It Blue

Konstantin Dimopoulos, a 57-year-old Australian artist, paints the trees outside of the Reitz Union Colonnade as a part of the social art exhibit, Blue Trees.

UF Supreme Court rules two election codes vague

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Staff Writer

The UF Supreme Court of the Student Body ruled Monday that two Student Government election codes were unconstitutionally vague.

One code stated candidates or representatives of political parties can only distribute campaign material via hand-to-hand delivery, residence hall boxes, email or standard mail. The code also states that candidates or political party representatives can only display campaign material in on-campus residence halls if they have permission from the owner or have complied with the policies established by the Department of Housing and Residence Education.

The other code the court ruled as unconstitutionally vague stated that candidates must leave campaign ma-

terial that the candidate carries upside down or reversed when unattended.

Monday night, Associate Justice Michael Hacker said the statutes have ambiguities.

"It is impossible to simultaneously enforce them," he said after the hearing. He said when dealing with conflicts like this, the least specific statute is eliminated.

One of the contradictory statutes the court discussed said that cloth, plastic or paper banners can be hung only in areas designated by the university and the supervisor of elections.

Chief Justice Matt Michel said the codes the court struck down were "vague, contradictory and impossible to simultaneously comply."

Read the rest of the story online at alligator.org.

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County health department continues West Nile surveillance

► THERE HAVE BEEN 4,249 CASES OF WEST NILE NATIONWIDE.

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One month after the Alachua County Health Department found two Gainesville chickens that tested positive for West Nile virus, Anthony Dennis, county environmental health director, said the county is buzzing with surveillance and precautions.

There have been 4,249 cases of

West Nile reported nationwide so far, including 168 deaths, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dennis said the health department's strategies have not changed in the last month. It continues to run weekly blood tests on sample chickens to look for the West Nile antibody, which can indicate the disease's presence in an area.

He said the department also continues to collect mosquito samples to monitor the numbers of the *Culex nigripalpus* mosquito variety, the species capable of carrying West Nile if infected.

Dennis said the health department is also keeping an eye on the situation by tracking community input.

He said large-animal veterinarians have frequently reported when horses are infected with West Nile. Horses are particularly susceptible to the disease.

While the virus is still maintaining a presence in Alachua County, Dennis said this trend is partly due to standing water left by Tropical Storm Debby in July.

He said no human cases have been reported in the county so far.

"Our function is mainly in the

surveillance," Dennis said, "so we continue to monitor all the surveillance data closely and advise the public as necessary."

"We can't go to somebody's house and fix their screens and make them wear repellent, but we can educate them."

Catherine Seemann

advertising, marketing and media coordinator for the UF Student Health Care Center

Right now, Dennis said, the advice to the public is to take personal precautions.

He said the health department's theme, "drain and cover," means residents should drain standing water, cover their windows with screens and cover themselves with repellent or extra clothing.

Catherine Seemann, advertising, marketing and media coordinator for the UF Student Health Care Center, said the center continues to follow the health department's lead and to relay the information it publishes across campus.

"We can't go to somebody's house and fix their screens and make them wear repellent, but we can educate them," she said.

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Libertarian vice presidential candidate to speak at UF today

He was invited by a UF junior

SARAH BRAND

Alligator Contributing Writer

The third-best-known political party in the United States believes in economic freedom and individual liberty.

"We're the party of peace and prosperity," said Adrian Wyllie, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Florida.

Libertarian vice presidential candidate Jim Grey will speak about educational reform and other important issues at 10 a.m. today in the Reitz Union Auditorium.

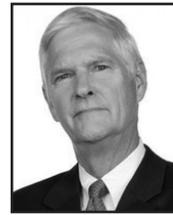
Wyllie said neither the Republican nor Democratic parties follow through with what they promise. Libertarians are the only party that wants to balance the budget, elimi-

nate the Federal Reserve, and end the war overseas and the war on drugs.

UF student Josh Vadeboncoeur invited Grey to campus.

Vadeboncoeur, a 20-year-old political science junior and campus coordinator for the Gary Johnson 2012 campaign, reached out to his camp earlier this year.

The event, hosted by the Graham Area Council and Inter-Residence Hall Association, aims to inform



Gray

Council thinks it's important to in-

form students and residents there are more candidates than what they see on TV," said Brandy Myers, 20-year-old business and criminology sophomore and Graham Area Council president.

Grey will not be paid to speak. "There are more than two parties, and the Graham Area

form students and residents there are more candidates than what they see on TV," said Brandy Myers, 20-year-old business and criminology sophomore and Graham Area Council president.

Tori Lovins, a 19-year-old biology sophomore, said she's looking forward to hearing the Libertarian vice presidential candidate speak.

"I think that in order to understand your own beliefs, you must expose yourself to others," she said.

CAMPUS

Former Gators football player runs back to support loan website

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Former Gators running back Fred Taylor came to UF on Monday to warn students not to fumble when it comes to student loans.

Taylor, a class of '98 UF alumnus and former Jacksonville Jaguars running back, came out to the Plaza of the Americas on Monday afternoon to support student loan site Loanlook.com.

Loanlook.com provides federal and private loan information, budgeting tools and a



Taylor

live chat with trained loan counselors, all on one dashboard that can be accessed from students' computers and phones.

"I saw the interest my family accrued on their student loans as time went by, and it was a financial nightmare," he said. "I made it to

the NFL, so they would hit me up to help pay off the loans, and it even got draining on me."

Sabrina Blake, a second-year UF marriage

and family counseling graduate student, said she admired that Taylor came back to support the community where he got his start.

Blake, 24, grinned from ear to ear as she posed for a photo with Taylor.

"The fact that he is a well-known athlete and keeps the Jacksonville and UF communities in his heart will help students be aware of the different options they have financially," Blake said.

Taylor said he knew it was important to engage students about their financial situation because they need to know what they are get-

ting into with student loans and how to handle them in the future.

He said Loanlook.com is the solution to getting the right background information on loans.

The site will tell students how much they owe on their loan, the interest on it and who they owe the money to.

"I think we see students way too much nowadays take out student loans carelessly and don't look at the future impact," said Alex Romero, a 21-year-old linguistics junior. "The site looks very convenient."

No liberal arts made the list

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each company has different departments. The survey showed that of those employers surveyed, the ones likely to increase hiring of new college graduates were in fields like computer and electronics manufacturing, retail trade, real estate, and chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Although no liberal arts or humanities degrees made it on the survey's list, many UF students are still hopeful.

English and history senior Dylan Fay, 21, said he's not scared of unemployment.

"I think there will always be a demand for people who think critically," he said.

However, sociology senior Sherry Akanni, 22, said she's concerned about not getting a job. But she said internships and leadership activities often make students more marketable to employers.

Others, like health education and behavior junior Esther Celestin, 20, plan on enrolling in graduate school.

"Getting a bachelor's is not enough," she said.

Economics and history junior Josh Cole, 20, said he thinks the survey results are promising.

"It appears a recovery is under way, despite policies that work against it," he said.

Cole plans to attend graduate school; he said he believes he will have a greater chance of getting a job in the future. He said it's good to "wait it out a little bit."

As for students' time at UF, White suggests students network with potential employers, plan career goals and utilize the CRC.

"My motto here is 'Come early and often,'" she said.

About 150 people attended the memorial

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television and studied together. Christian especially loved the show "Scrubs."

Alexander Aguilar said he watched his brother mature before going off to college. With a knack for math and an interest in the arts, Christian excelled in his academics, graduating summa cum laude from Doral Academy Preparatory School.

"He wouldn't have to have my parents push him," Alexander Aguilar said. "He would push himself."

Since Christian was in middle school, he had wanted to attend UF.

"Christian liked the environment, and he was determined to go," Arias said.

Arias remembered the phone call he re-

ceived when Christian got into UF.

"He told me, 'My life has just changed, I got accepted into UF,'" Arias said. "It made me happy that my friend did. I was supportive 100 percent of the way."

Christian planned to become a cardiologist. He wanted to change people's lives by performing heart surgery.

"It's delicate work, but Christian said he could do it," Arias said.

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The Aguilar family's dream of their son going to college and starting a new life came to an abrupt end in September.

On Monday, the family was notified that police positively identified the body found in Levy County as Christian's.

Later that night, about 150 people packed the St. Augustine Church to attend a memorial service.

Carlos and Claudia Aguilar, Christian's parents, sat in the front row as priests led the church in prayer and gospel readings.

UF President Bernie Machen expressed his condolences to the Aguilars, saying he and the university were devastated about Christian's death.

"When we lose a student like Christian, it is a loss not only for those who knew him but for our whole community, and also for his family's communities in Miami and in Colombia," he said. "Christian was missing for a time, but he can never be lost again — he is in our hearts, and in our souls ... that we will remember forever."

Dave Kratzer, vice president of Student Affairs, praised police and the Gainesville community for assisting the Aguilar family in the search.

"Sometimes we see the very best in people during times of crisis," Kratzer said. "There's an amazing strength in ordinary people that manifests itself when it matters the most."

Carlos and Claudia Aguilar were the last to speak. They stood at the lectern, wearing Gators T-shirts.

Carlos Aguilar thanked volunteers and police officers for their support.

"All those people deserve to be known because they are doing something that would be, in this community, a landmark," he said.

Even though Christian will no longer walk UF's campus, his name and story have touched lives, including that of Scarlett Diaz. Diaz, 18, made a tribute video to her lost friend, saying the day Christian went missing would stay with her for the rest of her life.

With Christian resting in peace, Diaz says in the video, she is reminded of his presence.

"He is in the sea, in the rain, in the river ... becoming one with nature, becoming one with God."

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Courtesy to the Alligator

Christian Aguilar smiles in class at Doral Academy Preparatory School in Miami. He dreamed of graduating from UF and becoming a cardiologist.

Israeli consul general speaks about Arab Spring fallouts, Iran

He spoke at UF Hillel

MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON
Alligator Writer

Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico, Chaim Shacham, spoke at UF Hillel on Monday about politics in what he called “one of the toughest neighborhoods in the world.”

“Personally, I wouldn’t have

mind if Joseph had brought us to Canada,” he joked in front of a crowd of about 60 student leaders.

Attendees heard the consul general speak about the fallout from the Arab Spring revolutions and the dangers of a nuclear-capable Iran to both Israel and the U.S.

“There cannot be a more important time for campus leaders to un-

derstand the U.S.-Israel relationship and the threat Iran poses to both of our countries,” said Taylor Nichole Parker, a 20-year-old political science junior and vice president of Gators for Israel, the organization that brought the consul general.

Nominees for Florida’s third congressional district Ted Yoho and J.R. Gaillot also spoke to students about their political platforms.

Shacham told students how recently ousted Arab regimes have been replaced by radical Islamic leadership in the last year.

“A change in the Arab world isn’t like one more regime change,” he said. “It’s a historic tsunami, which sort of reorients the relationship of Western democracies with a good quarter of the world.”

Now, decisions in those countries are made on the basis of tribal allegiance instead of national security issues, Shacham said. As a result, civil rights, equal suffrage and rule of law have suffered.

“This a step 100 years back,” he said. “It’s a change of the purpose of a state in the Arab world.”

He also spoke about how a nuclear-capable Iran could obtain a hegemony over the Persian Gulf. Iranian leaders have expressed their intentions to attack Israel with nuclear weapons in the past.

Shacham said he wanted to reframe the news students read about Israel. Leah Robbins, a 19-year-old Jewish studies freshman who spent a year living in Israel, agreed.

“Israel is very misrepresented in the media,” she said. “Israel is not some imperialist country trying to get land. It’s in a constant state of defense.”



Alex M. Sanchez / Alligator

Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico Chaim Shacham speaks about 60 UF student leaders at UF Hillel on Monday.

CAMPUS

IRHA gallery promotes artistic passion

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Alligator Contributing Writer

For this week, the walls inside Reid Hall have transformed into a collage of colored canvases, and its floor space has become a sea of 3-D forms.

UF’s Inter-Residence Hall Association has set up its annual art gallery, which this year is themed “The Nature of Art.” The grand opening event was Monday night, and the art will be up in Reid Hall’s first floor Fine Arts Living Learning Community space until Friday.

From intricate drawings and paintings to expressive photography and sculpture, all art featured in the gallery is student-submitted. The deadline to submit artwork was Friday. Students of all majors were invited to submit work of any medium.

Elizabeth Lunior, director of the art gallery and a 19-year-old psychology sophomore, said she and three assistant directors decided on the theme because they believe it provoked interest and left room for artistic expression. But submissions didn’t have to be nature-themed.

“We thought it would be appealing to a large range of students and also to the artistic-appreciating community as well,” she said.

The directors intend the main focus to be on the students’ work, Lunior said, not the nature-themed decorations.

She said the gallery strives to unite both artistic students who wish to showcase their creativity in a public environment and other students who are solely interested in viewing and discussing art.

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ent that’s on this campus,” Lunior said. “The event is a great way to promote artistic passion that you don’t normally see in everyday university life.”

Sarah Flanders, a 19-year-old animal science sophomore, said she was excited to show her large black-and-white photography piece in this year’s gallery. The piece is a collage of 12 still-life images, including portraits of family and friends and captured moments from everyday life, she said.

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Elizabeth Lunior
director and UF sophomore

Displaying her art in the IRHA gallery is thrilling, not only because she’s able to show her work, but also because the artists can bounce ideas off of each other, she said.

“You’re able to get ideas from others’ art and play it off in your own work,” Flanders said.

Health science senior and IRHA staff member Alicia Jeffrey, 21, said she’s excited to visit this year’s gallery because it’s impressive to see what types of artwork other students are creating.

She said she believes the gallery provides a refreshing social atmosphere for students.

“It’s a little touch of culture in the swarm of not-so-classy alternative outings at Midtown,” Jeffrey said.

UF employees urge action before catastrophe strikes

► A FERAL CAT COLONY IS LIVING NEAR BRYAN HALL.

KELLY PRICE
Alligator Contributing Writer

When Kat Worden heard there was a cat trapped under sealed grates near Bryan Hall on UF’s campus Monday, she went home to get a crowbar.

Worden, the office manager at the Warrington College of Business Administration’s Center for Management Communication, said “it wouldn’t matter if it was a puppy or a kitten or a raccoon” — she wanted to save the crying animal.

Worden’s removing of the grate is one of many recent actions taken by a handful of UF employees to care for a feral cat colony near Bryan Hall, which houses Warrington.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said the university’s policy prohibits the feeding of wild animals, be they raccoons, alligators or cats. However, trapping or removal of animals is up to the Environmental Health and Safety Division.

Sikes said she didn’t know of any complaints about a trapped cat beneath the Bryan Hall grates this week or ever before.

“There have been no calls from anyone letting us know there was a cat there. No one alerted us or notified us,” she said. “This is the first issue I’ve heard of related to cats in my five years here.”

About a month ago, Bryan Hall was treated for ants, roaches and fleas, said Bill Properzio, director of the Environmental Health and Safety Division. He said his team tried to determine what was attracting the pests. Raccoons or cats could be to blame.

Workers secured openings beneath the building with grates, Properzio said, and they didn’t look for animals that might have been trapped beneath.

“You can tell there’s a cat-hating community among workers,” said Joan Lyon, senior secretary at Warrington.

Monday, Lyon said a co-worker heard a cat’s cries coming from the grate. Lyon managed to push some food and water through the grates to the “half-dead” cat.

“We should have probably told the Physical Plant to make sure no animals were down there,” Properzio said.

“We’re not trying to do animal cruelty or anything like that.”

He said that while he understands why some people may be passionate about saving the cats, food left for them often attracts other animals like raccoons and roaches. He said as predatory animals, the cats also negatively affect wildlife like birds and reptiles.

Properzio’s department traps cats infrequently, he said, but when they do, the cats are sent to Alachua County Animal Services. There, Worden said, the cats are often euthanized.

Properzio said he wasn’t sure if there was an alternative, viable policy or solution UF could implement.

Worden said UF employees around the Bryan Hall area have been catching the cats and paying out of pocket for their spaying or neutering, and vaccinations. Worden even kept one and named it Luther. She said she has found homes for at least three litters born at UF and is currently fostering four kittens.

Julie Levy, director of the College of Veterinary Medicine Maddie’s Shelter Medical Program at UF, said the solution lies in coordination across UF’s campus. If nothing is done, the feral cat population will grow to a “nuisance” level, she said.

At the University of Central Florida, Levy said, volunteers reduced the on-campus cat population from more than 100 to about 10 now over 20 years. She said volunteers spayed and neutered older cats and sent younger ones to be adopted.

She said UF has an added advantage because there’s a veterinary school on campus.

“The policy on campus has been to remove the cats, so it’s technically against policy [to help them],” Levy said. “We haven’t taken an active role yet, although we would like to.”

Back at Warrington, Lyon said cat-loving employees need help from UF to continue caring for the feral felines.

“It’s not easy, and it’s expensive, and we’re receiving no assistance from UF,” Lyon said. “My dream would be for UF to adopt a policy like those around the country that allows the population to naturally die off. For having one of the best vet colleges in the country, it’s just really not the best we can do.”

Opinions

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Editorial

Barbara's Bonkers

Not all lady journalists are great

Maybe you've noticed that we're strong proponents of women's rights here at the Alligator. Because we're, like, humans or whatever. No big deal.

That doesn't mean we have to be fans of every lady to ever grace this planet.

Enter Barbara Walters.

She's not our favorite journalist or our favorite lady. She never lets her co-hosts on "The View" speak because she thinks she's more important than them; in the case of Elisabeth Hasselbeck, we're less upset. Her words aren't always important.

Walters has had a historical career, as far as interviews go. She interviewed Gaddafi and Castro, as well as Miss Lewinski.

If you want a scoop, Walters is the one who will have it.

Enter Lindsay Lohan.

She's, uh, not exactly the poster child for a successful career. Or a successful life. But, she'll be portraying Elizabeth Taylor in the upcoming movie "Liz & Dick."

Lohan hasn't had a major interview since March, when Matt Lauer asked her about the end of her probation and about hosting "Saturday Night Live."

Ever since, she's basically been going out with Amanda Bynes and hitting everyone with their cars.

Last week, she got into a huge argument with her mom and ended up calling her dad in the middle of it, claiming that her mom was totally on crack. Scandalous, right?

There's drama going on everywhere all the time, and Americans just love to hear about it. It's why the paparazzi have such a strong business model.

Lohan might also have a strong business model, but it's not a healthy one. Plus, the poor girl has even endorsed Mitt Romney for president. That's when you really know that someone needs help, am I right, folks? Right?

Just because Barbara Walters was a respected journalist doesn't mean she is one anymore. Why did she break down so many doors or barriers for female reporters if she's going to waste all of that on a damn interview with Lindsay Lohan.

We can understand covering that kind of thing when you're a young buck just out of journalism school, but there are more important topics to cover.

For example, Babs could have done a piece on the Taliban shooting victim in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai. She was shot because she was advocating for the education of girls in schools.

"The Taliban have said they will target her again," said a BBC article.

Astounding. Terrifying.

Much more worthy of coverage, Barbara Walters, than a celebrity-former-teen-star woman in trouble.

Yousafzai is being airlifted from Pakistan to the U.K. for further medical treatment.

"She remains in a serious condition after the attack, which the Taliban said they had carried out because she had been promoting secularism," said the BBC.

Seems like a better cause than Lindsay "Caused a Scene Because She was Drunk and/ or High" Lohan.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you concerned about finding a job in your field after graduation?

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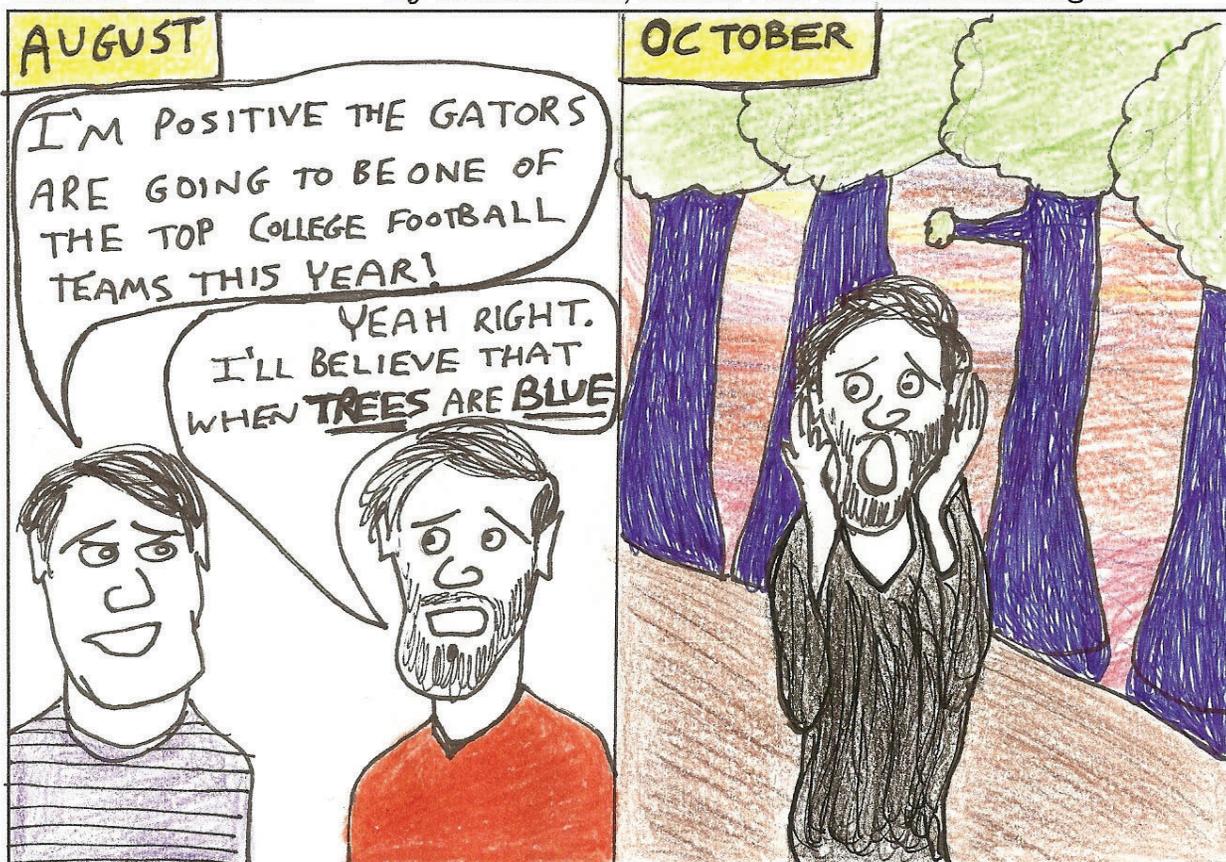
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Column

Soda industry combats Bloomberg's limits

Restrictions proposed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and approved by the Board of Health plan to ban the sale of sugary drinks and sodas in containers larger than 16 ounces at restaurants, street carts and entertainment venues in New York City.

However, a group composed of soft-drink industry leaders, and New York restaurants and businesses filed a lawsuit in hopes to overturn the restriction.

Mayor Bloomberg was previously successful in implementing a smoking ban and mandatory disclosure of calorie information at dining establishments in the New York City area.

He and advisers feel the Board of Health has every right and responsibility to see that this regulation passes for the safety of the public.

The businesses involved in filing this lawsuit are extremely bold and seem to disagree to the point of legal action.

Whose argument is more valid?

The Board of Health's goal is to encourage healthier choices in beverage consumption, and by doing so, to incite a reduction of obesity and related health issues.

Businesses feel they shouldn't be limited in what they sell and how they sell it for the sake of profit. They also want customer satisfaction to stay high — "consumer freedom," they call it.

The freedom to drink all the sugary soda you want and not have to go through a hassle to get it, that is.

I personally don't believe that is how we should show appreciation for the free choice we do have in this country.

Unfortunately, a wide variety of dining establishments and access to all kinds of food and drinks have played a considerable role in health issues resulting from irresponsible dietary habits.

Dining out and dining heavily is extremely popular in our culture. Sometimes people don't know how much is enough.

Maybe legislation like this should be considered and not seen as absolutely outrageous.

However, if this regulation were to go through, how effective would it really be?



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New Yorkers could still have all the soda they wanted. They'd just have to purchase it at a higher overall cost and carry it around in 16-ounce containers. The soda industry and New York beverage and dining establishments are satisfied.

Maybe some will feel embarrassed, self-conscious or financial-

ly angered by having to do so and will limit themselves. The Board of Health is satisfied.

Take the couple on a date at the movies. What if they want to share a drink? Considering packaging and lids, is it more environmentally friendly to use one large container rather than two smaller ones?

A friend of mine fell subject to gaining the "freshman 15" during her first year as a college student. Looking back and thinking about it, she cited her successful effort to take complete advantage of unlimited soda refills in the dining halls as a contributing factor.

The soda debate is just one part of a bigger issue.

One thing I've learned in my life is that you cannot save everybody. No matter how hard you try to help someone, not every person will take heed to advice or aid that is given with their benefit in mind.

In our society, many people believe that just because they have certain rights and privileges, any type of behavior is acceptable.

We live on the premise of threats and, honestly, sometimes do positive things only because we're required to.

When federal laws have to stop people from making unwise decisions regarding their personal health and well-being, it says something about our society.

Just make good choices. We should practice our right to make decisions as we please but shouldn't use it as an excuse for absent-minded, irresponsible or reckless behavior of any sort.

Anayo Ordu is an advertising sophomore at UF. Her column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Guest column

Feral cats deserve better treatment at UF

I am concerned that other universities around the country have implemented a more humane policy concerning their feral cat populations than UF. Although current UF policy forbids feeding stray animals, some of us feel responsible for the number of cat colonies that exist on campus.

Current UF Policy:

I communicated with Ken Glover, UF's pest management coordinator, earlier this year after learning that cats were being trapped and was informed that UF was a wildlife sanctuary and that "feral cats and native wildlife are incompatible." Once trapped, the cats are taken to Alachua County Animal Services, where they are euthanized.

A number of us have participated in Operation Catnip's program to trap, neuter and release the adult cats back into their colony. Several of the kittens and a few adult cats have been placed in loving homes. Although we realize that most of the cats in the colonies are feral, and we cannot find homes for all of them, we hope to change UF's policy concerning the feral population to be more humane. After all, humans caused the problem; we should fix it humanely.

Future UF Policy:

Other universities have managed feral cat populations in a more humane way, and I feel confident that with a few changes, UF would be able to do the same. UF should follow directives given from programs at institutions such as Stanford University, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and several others.

Kat Worden
Speaking Out

The cats on campus could be managed with a few minor changes. Operation Catnip and the UF Small Animal Hospital are already working together to trap, neuter and return feral cats to their colonies. This solution successfully decreases the population, reduces birth rates and improves the overall health of the colony.

Julie K. Levy, a doctor of veterinary medicine, is the director of Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at UF's College of Veterinary Medicine, a proponent of the trap-neuter-release program and works with Operation Catnip.

"The results of our study indicated that long-term reduction of free-roaming cat numbers is feasible by TNR," Levy wrote in an article published in 2003. "It has been reported that feral cats become less aggressive toward each other and more friendly toward their feeders following neutering, and this may have encouraged adoption of previously feral cats."

UF has the resources and the heart to take care of this problem humanely and effectively. The current approach is inhumane, distasteful and could be a public relations nightmare.

I am confident that we can find a better way to deal with this, and I hope that you, as a fellow animal lover, are willing to take a stand.

Kat Worden is the office manager for the Warrington College of Business Center for Management Communication.

Uwire

HPV shot doesn't cause promiscuity

Sex is a tough subject to be open about, and as a result, it is usually hushed, its meaning lost between the lines.

But no matter how hard it is to be serious about sex, it's even harder to hold an open dialogue about sexual health — and specifically, the human papillomavirus, otherwise known as HPV.

Last week, Gardasil, one of two vaccines protecting against many forms of HPV, was given the OK in a study conducted by the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center. At most, the vaccination could result in a skin infection or same-day fainting — a preferred alternative to cervical cancer.

This is a fantastic step forward for cancer prevention, and hopefully it will drive down the death rate due to cervical cancer, which is one of the most fatal cancers observed in women. However, the study won't dispel the controversial nature of the vaccine. In the six years since the Food and Drug Administration approved the vaccine, Gardasil has undergone so much scrutiny for a vast number of reasons — but all of them come back to society's discomfort with acknowledging the nature of sex.

While I was in high school, I remember the administrators encouraging the Student Body to get vaccinated. But the girls I knew made fun of each other if they did end up receiving the vaccination because that must mean "she's a whore." Some parents even looked down on their friends for getting their girls vaccinated because they must have been somehow "tainted."

I doubt those who took part in the backlash — both on the community and political levels — understood that cervical cancer is directly caused by HPV and that the vaccine would prevent transmission of the virus. I also doubt they understood that the vaccination is most effective if administered prior to being sexually active.

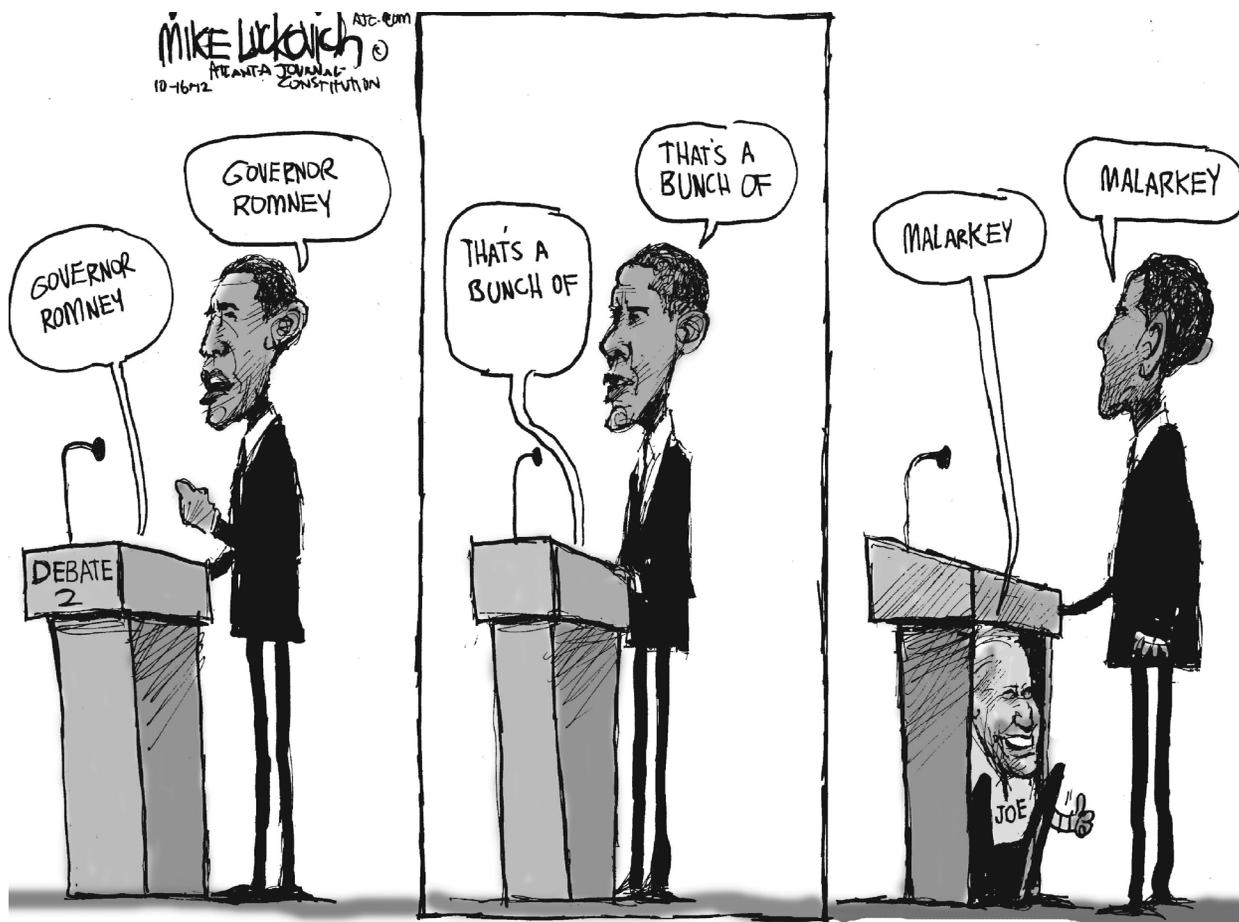
It's this lack of understanding about the vaccine that puts people off from promoting it. There may be a general understanding that Gardasil can lower your chances of developing cervical cancer, but people have still stigmatized the vaccine: Those who receive it must be sexually promiscuous — why else would they need to be vaccinated?

The medicine behind prevention has made great strides in progress within the past decade. We have the power to make cervical cancer virtually nonexistent.

But we need to catch up psychologically. We need to put aside our fears for being considered socially tainted because risking a cancer diagnosis isn't worth fitting into social standards.

Nora Ibrahim is a columnist for the Daily Illini at the University of Illinois.

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Former drug addict finds solace in his three furry friends

He takes them to church

SHELBY WEBB
Alligator Staff Writer

More people know Wayne Wheeler by his pets than by his name.

When people ask for him, a puzzled look glazes over the faces of the members of the Pentecostal Church of Gainesville.

Then, a glimmer of recognition. "Oh, you mean Raccoon Man?" an elderly woman asked. "I think he's changing into his choir robes now."

Wheeler is the proud owner of three pet raccoons: Sister Ricky, a feisty 3-year-old; Sheba, Wheeler's little baby; and Eli, who acts more like a monkey than a raccoon.

The word "pet" may be inappropriate to describe Wheeler's re-

lationship with these animals. They have their own room in his home. They come with him across town when Wheeler's company, All Maintenance & Remodeling, gets a call to do a job. Wheeler's car has been transformed into a raccoon sanctuary.

He opened the side door of his minivan, and three furry faces peered out into the night.

"Come here, little monkey!" the 47-year-old squealed to Eli. "Come give Papa a hug!"

Eli jumped onto Wheeler's shoulder and climbed onto his back. The nimble animal made a dive for Wheeler's back pocket before Wheeler put him back in the car.

"Watch out, they'll empty your pockets," Wheeler said. "Their fa-

vorite toy is my wallet."

Though Wheeler's eyes light up with excitement nowadays, he said they used to be full of drug-fueled despair.

He grew up in the small town of Palatka, and he said he went from sometimes sneaking in a beer with a bad group of friends to being completely dependent on alcohol and crack cocaine.

He spent much of his young adult life drifting in and out of the Putnam County Courthouse, cashing in paychecks to feed his growing addictions and being generally dissatisfied with his life.

"I was ready to blow my freaking brains out," Wheeler said. "I had friends with so many [heroin] track marks, it looked like they had chicken pox."

He tried cleaning up once, but he soon found himself back in front of "his" judge, Peter T. Miller.

Wheeler said he was going to give the judge a scripted answer so he could get off with probation, but he felt different this time — like something had come over him.

"I told my judge, 'If you don't put me in jail, I'll die out here,'" Wheeler remembered.

The judge gave him a year in the county jail, which thrilled Wheeler.

He used that time to get clean and get his life on the straight and narrow. He also found God, who he credits for his successes.

"He exposed the emptiness of my soul and filled it," Wheeler said passionately.

After he was released from jail, he got an unexpected phone call from a friend. The friend told Wheeler about two baby raccoons he found behind a Lowe's Home Improvement store and asked if Wheeler wanted the animals.

They were wild at first — seemingly untamable. He named them Rocky and Ricky, who was later renamed Sister Ricky when Wheeler found out her gender.

While Sister Ricky seemed to mellow as time wore on, Rocky was a fierce ball of energy.

He'd growl. He'd bite. He'd jump around the room so fast you couldn't even see him to catch



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Wayne Wheeler's 3-year-old pet raccoon, Sister Ricky, leans back and swigs some soda from a Sprite bottle in Wheeler's van on Sunday.

CAMPUS

UF Libraries receives grant for museum-library collaboration

BEATRICE DUPUY
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently awarded UF's George A. Smathers Libraries a \$477,312 National Leadership grant.

UF and the libraries jointly matched the contribution with \$541,976, according to a press release.

"You could apply for up to \$500,000," said Rachel Schipper, associate dean of Technology & Support Services for the libraries and co-principal investigator of the grant. "Our award of the \$477,312 is pretty much one of the top awards that we could have been given."

The grants will be used for three years toward the Panama Canal collection the libraries received from the Panama Canal Museum in Seminole, Fla., after it closed in March.

The museum transferred 20,000 objects to the UF libraries.

Some of the objects are currently being housed on campus, and others are stored in a climate-controlled facility.

"We have a very large Latin American collection," Schipper said. "That is one of the reasons the museum chose to have the objects here permanently."

Schipper said the grant will be used for processing the collection, which includes

some digitization, creating exhibits and educational materials centered around the Panama Canal, hiring employees to process the collection and managing volunteers.

"We have a very large Latin American collection."

Rachel Schipper

associate dean of Technology & Support Services for the libraries

Lauren Wright, a 25-year-old political science graduate student, said she thought the Panama Canal was a huge accomplishment for Americans.

The 100th anniversary of the Panama

Canal's completion will take place in 2014.

As part of the anniversary, the libraries and collaborators will host a centennial celebration of the canal in August 2014 that will run through Spring 2015.

The yearlong celebration will include local exhibits, educational seminars and conferences.

Non-UF institutions participating in the collaboration include Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry, the Natural History Museum of San Diego, Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá and the Association of Southeast Research Libraries, according to the release.



Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

Wayne Wheeler pours a drink for Eli, one of his three pet raccoons, outside the United Pentecostal Church, at 8105 NW 23 Ave., on Sunday.

him.

In short, he was a handful. But Wheeler knew what to do.

He was living with a few other post-prisoners when he decided to gather everyone in the living area.

"We prayed over Rocky at the halfway house," Wheeler said. "Three weeks later, he turned into nothing but a teddy bear."

Years later, Rocky accidentally licked some of his topical flea medication and died of a heart attack.

Wheeler and Sister Ricky were devastated.

But Wheeler and Sister Ricky welcomed two new friends to share Wheeler's nest of a car.

When it's quiet and Wheeler isn't around, the three masked mammals slink around the car, stopping only to investigate a loose piece of fabric and sniff the dashboard.

The second the door opens, they're ready to play.

Wheeler jolted a seat in the car and Eli took off, practically flying from seat to seat.

Sister Ricky will suck on Wheeler's thumb if she's in the mood, and she can unscrew the cap of a water bottle with her little hands and drink.

Despite her training, Sister Ricky still refuses a harness and leash, un-

like her two companions.

"They're exactly like a 3-year-old little boy with ADHD," Wheeler said. "They can hold things like a kid, but they play and eat like kittens."

But raccoons are unlike most animals people are accustomed to.

They have two coats of thick, coarse fur. They love to splash around in water and shake their heads when they want to play.

Wheeler said they make more than 200 distinct noises.

What may be more fascinating than the animals themselves are people's responses to Wheeler's domesticated raccoons.

Some of his favorite responses happen at red lights.

Once, a couple of girls pulled up next to him, drumming a beat on their dashboard. When they looked over at him, Wheeler grabbed Sister Ricky and held her up to the window.

"They flipped," he said.

But no matter what others may think about his unusual pets, Wheeler wouldn't give them up for the world.

"They're my best friends," he said. "I don't know what I'd do without them."

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By Fax: (352) 376-3015

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****Full \$100 Queen \$125 King \$200****
 Orthopedic pillow-top sets. Brand name matching sets not used or refurbished. Still in plastic, direct from factory! 352-333-7516. 12-5-7-6

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 Network specialists
 We buy computers and laptops
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10 For Sale

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 are underway...bikes, computers, printers, vehicles & more. All individuals interested in bidding go to: surplus.ufl.edu 392-0370 12-5-12-71-10

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 Great Scooters, Service & Prices!
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 12-5-71-12

12 Autos

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 ●Trucks, Vans - Titled only●
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12 Autos

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 02 VOLVO STYPE \$8999
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 NO CREDIT CHECK!
 CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS!
 30 DAY WARRANTY
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AMERICAN FREIGHT
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 Furniture - Mattresses
 Free Layaway Same day Delivery
 4222 NW 13th St. 352-336-3133

12 Autos

99 HONDA ACCORD \$6999
 02 TOYOTA COROLLA \$6999
 03 NISSAN SENTRA \$6999
 02 TOYOTA CAMRY \$7999
 352-375-9090 12-5-71-12

03 HONDA CIVIC \$8999
 04 TOYOTA COROLLA \$8999
 03 NISSAN ALTIMA \$8999
 04 TOYOTA CAMRY \$10,999
 352-375-9090 12-5-71-12

98 FORD EXPEDITION Gold 128k
 Safe Strong Reliable New brakes
 New ball joints Newer Michelins
 6 CD Premium Sound 3rd row seats
 loaded! \$4,200, 352-332-4672 10-23-7-12

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13 Wanted

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 ★ Gold ★ Diamonds ★ Gems ★ Class Rings
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 OZZIE'S FINE JEWELRY 352-318-4009.
 12-5-71-13

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 for gold jewelry, scrap gold, Rolex, diamonds, guitars, etc. Top \$\$\$ Get my offer before you sell! Call Jim 376-8090 or 222-8090 12-5-71-13

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 Road to Recovery Volunteers Needed!
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
 to transport cancer patients to treatment.
 Flexible schedule.
 Training and liability insurance provided.
 Please call
 352-240-5062 if interested.



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 HOMELESS SHELTER AND SOUP KITCHEN
 St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.
 St. Francis House is in need of donations such as personal hygiene items and household cleaners such as bleach and liquid Lysol.
 If you are interested in helping, please contact
 Stephanie Breval at (352) 378-9079 or by e-mail at
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 I AM BLIND & WOULD LIKE HELP WITH:
 ● Rides to church: Mass at Queen of Peace.
 ● Learning to rake knit hats to send to Haiti & other places.
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 10-19-12-71-13

13 Wanted

CUTTING-EDGE UF RESEARCH STUDY
 ● BOTH smokers AND never-smokers
 ● Periodontal (gum line) sampling only
 ● 5 visits over 2 years; up to 1.5 hr each visit
 ● FREE oral exam, up to \$160 compensation
 Call: 352-392-2945 or 352-641-0319 10-16-12-30-13

DISABLED ELDER LADY IN SCOOTER NEEDS:
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 ● Portable oven
 Call 352-318-0711 10-17-5-13

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 \$14.50 base/appt -FT/PT openings
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STUDENTPAYOUTS.COM
 Paid survey takers needed. Gainesville. 100% FREE to join. Click on Surveys 12-5-12-69-14

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 Do you want to quit smoking? Smokers are needed to participate in a smoking cessation study. If interested, please call the University of Florida Smoking Laboratory and Clinic at 352-234-6640 or e-mail us at ufsmokinglabclinic@gmail.com 11-13-40-14

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 Begin \$10/hr. Apply at Tripintoblu@aol.com
 9-21-12-4-14

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 delivery drivers & assistant managers. Drivers earn between \$14-\$17 per hour. Apply at gatordominos.com 12-5-12-43-14

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS	DOWN	39 White-tailed shorebirds	51 Aussie bounders
1 Foursome times two	1 Gambling letters	41 Login requirement	55 Weapon used with a shield, maybe
6 "And there you have it!"	2 Unfriendly dog	42 Onion's cousin	58 Memo abbr.
11 Barnyard bleat	3 Swaps for a better model	43 Comparison words	59 What you used to be?
14 Supercharged engine, for short	4 "___ Baby": "Hair" song	45 DDE's command	61 Mother Nature's burn balm
15 Like much bar beer	5 No-nos	47 Articles of faith	64 Getty display
16 Foul up	6 Whirlpool	48 German subs	65 Street cover
17 Ice cream headache	7 Dollar bill	49 "The Last of the Mohicans" author	66 Deface
19 Theology subj.	8 Suburban suffix	50 Cuthbert of "24"	67 U-turn from WSW
20 Of the state, to Sarkozy	9 Lounge around		
21 Fur from a weasel	10 Simon Says player		
23 Woolly mama	11 Sheep prized for its wool		
25 Whistle-blower?	12 "Am too!" retort		
28 Soon, to Shakespeare	13 "What's My Line?" panelist Francis		
29 Dieter's progress	18 Kismet		
31 Written permission to skip school	22 Macho guy		
34 Campbell's line	23 End of a vague threat		
36 Old Russian leaders	24 Goes a-courting		
37 Support, as a cause	26 Pretense		
40 Response provokers	27 Tousele		
44 Earthy tone	30 Scared, as horses		
46 Soothes	32 Warmed the bench		
47 Elmer Fudd, at times	33 Albany-to-Buffalo canal		
52 Old Nair rival	35 The like		
53 Concert reed	38 Moo ___ pork		
54 Flight school finals			
56 "King Kong" studio			
57 Proficient in			
60 Corn Belt resident			
62 Google Earth offering			
63 "What a dumb idea!" (or what you might say about the beginning of 17-, 31- or 47-Across)			
68 Put away some groceries?			
69 Holy ark contents			
70 Citizen under Caesar			
71 Cold War state: Abbr.			
72 ___ Sweet: aspartame			
73 Agriculture giant celebrating its 175th anniversary this year			

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

P	A	C	E	I	G	L	O	O	C	H	I	C
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Vincent Loncao III
 White Male
 (DOB 07/04/77); 5'10",
 150 lbs, Brown Hair,
 Brown Eyes

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STUDENT OR FACULTY CUT \$8.95
 FREE Lite Dry & Shampoo

Blow-dry style, curling iron, set, design lines or specialty cuts extra.

14 Help Wanted

Seeking Brilliant Students IN CHEMISTRY OR ECONOMICS to write comprehensive study guides. Send resumes to hr@omninox.org 10-18-12-10-14

F/T legal secretary. Duties include, drafting, scheduling, and client management. Writing skills a must. Please call 352-371-4000 for inquiries. 10-25-12-15-14

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Clerical/Technician Position Full Time Please apply in person Institute of Veterinary Spec 3603 NW 98th St. Suite A 10-17-5-14

TENNIS INSTRUCTOR NEEDED
Looking for an experienced tennis player with teaching experience of young kids and adults to teach group lessons and private lessons. Upbeat personality, patience. Please, only inquire if you have experience \$15 to \$20 per hour. Mike at 352-376-8250 - or email me your resume oranskym@bellsouth.net 10-17-12-5-14

Wanted: After school care for our two kids ages 7 & 11, including pick up from school and transportation to after school activities (2:30-6pm, M-F). Car and clean driving record a must. bsetlow20@gmail.com 10-17-12-5-14

Immediate opening for a PT Medical Front Office person. Multi-tasking and accuracy is a MUST! Please email your resume to trc0102@yahoo.com 10-19-12-6-14

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Mother's helper needed asap! I need a reliable student to pick my daughter up from school and bring her home 4 days a week. GREAT PAY! SUPER EASY! Prefer female. Call Alison 333-4993. 10-19-5-14

Apt Leasing Agent / Office Assistant
Friendly, Outgoing, Organized. Computer Skills & Customer Service Exp Required. Afternoons Mon-Fri, 20-30 hrs/wk, \$7-9/hr Email Resume: Info@PineForestHomes.biz 10-26-12-9-14

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Linebacker continues to produce during senior season



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Senior linebacker Jon Bostic (1) pursues Vanderbilt quarterback Jordan Rodgers (11) during Florida's 31-17 win on Saturday at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, Tenn.

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Staff Writer

Jon Bostic just keeps doing the same thing over and over again.

It's been a successful approach.

Through the first six games of the 2011 season, Bostic recorded five tackles for a loss and three sacks.

This year, he has sacked opposing quarterbacks three times and has recorded six tackles for a loss in as many games.

"Not really," Bostic said when asked if the coaches had been using him differently. "A lot of things are the same."

Despite similar results, Bostic noted that his explosiveness has improved.

Bostic displayed his ability to get into the backfield on the first play of the fourth quarter in Florida's 31-17 win at Vanderbilt on Saturday.

He ran around Commodores right tackle Andrew Bridges nearly untouched and stripped the ball from quarterback Jordan Rodgers. Neiron Ball recovered the fumble on Vanderbilt's 14-yard line.

Bostic's five-tackle performance against the Commodores earned him defensive player of the game recognition from coach Will Muschamp, who said Bostic has fought through blocks more effectively this season.

"He's getting on big linemen in our league and shedding them and getting off and making plays," Muschamp said. "You're going to get blocked. That's going to happen. Good players don't stay blocked long, and Jon hasn't."

Fellow veteran linebacker Jelani Jenkins has missed three games with a fractured right thumb and a left hamstring injury.

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Will Muschamp

UF coach

The two usually share organizational duties on the field, so Bostic has had to handle more responsibility when it comes to instructing other defenders where to be on each play.

Several underclassmen have seen time on defense for Florida this season, including freshman defensive end Jonathan Bullard and freshmen linebackers Dante Fowler Jr. and Antonio Morrison. Bostic said he's done a better job of helping his inexperienced teammates.

"Really just trying to get the defense lined up," Bostic said of his

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FIRE JOE MORGAN

Drops costly in Florida's sub-par passing offense

Dropped passes are the only thing keeping Jeff Driskel from making West Virginia's Geno Smith green with envy.

If not for his pass-catchers' butterflies, Driskel would lead the nation in completion percentage. Nearly 30 percent of his incompletions have been drops. Florida has the worst passing offense in the Southeastern Conference.

The Gators average only 145 passing yards per game, and they have reached the end zone through the air just four times. In the past two games, Jeff Driskel has failed to eclipse the 100-yard mark.

The struggles are understandable. Driskel is a first-time starter under center, and running back Mike Gillislee has established himself as one of the best in the country.

If giving the rock to Gilly 30 times per game is working, why should Florida's



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lack of a legitimate passing game be a concern?

Because one-dimensional teams — no matter how talented — are

doomed to fail.

Take last year's LSU squad. The Tigers reached the BCS Championship Game with an elite defense and the second-best rushing offense in the Southeastern Conference.

However, Alabama exposed LSU's 106th-ranked passing attack in New Orleans and dominated the SEC champions en route to its 14th national title.

Along with an elite defense of its own, the Crimson Tide had the best rushing

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Strong finish motivates junior

LONDON WATNICK

Alligator Writer

On March 10, Casey Prather leapt into the national spotlight.

Midway through the first half of the Southeastern Conference Tournament semifinals against Kentucky, the 6-foot-6 Prather drove down the lane and emphatically dunked over Wildcats forward Kyle Wiltjer.

Although it was Prather's only field goal of the game, the highlight slam earned the swingman a spot on ESPN's top-10 plays.

"It helped identify that I'm capable of doing things like that," Prather said. "It helped prove to myself that I'm capable of doing it. It's just up to me to go do it."

After struggling with turnovers and undisciplined play throughout his first two seasons, Prather found his groove in March and was a key contributor during UF's second consecutive Elite Eight run.

Prather hopes his strong finish last sea-

son will carry over to this year. With Florida embracing a more defensive identity than in previous years, the athletic junior will likely see more minutes than the 9.5 he averaged per game in 2011-12.

"The one thing that is clear right from the get-go is we have incredible potential defensively," coach Billy Donovan said. "You have Prather, who is a very, very good defender. Hopefully, after how he played last year, he'll provide us with more this year."

Prather's best performance as a Gator came only six days after UF's SEC Tournament loss to Kentucky.

Providing a spark off the bench in 22 turnover-free minutes, he recorded a career-best 14 points on 6-for-7 shooting in No. 7 seed Florida's 71-45 win against No. 10 seed Virginia in the second round of the

UF Basketball

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Transfer Vicky McIntyre has found a new home at UF after her coaches at Oklahoma State died in a plane crash. See story, page 15.

Poll Question

Who is to blame for Florida's anemic passing offense, which ranks last in the Southeastern Conference? *Vote online at alligatorSports.org.*

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Senior off to unexpectedly hot start for Gators golf team

Mou leads after first round

CHARLES KINGSBURY
Alligator Writer

Competing in his first tournament since last year's Gator Invitational, senior Tommy Mou has powered Florida into first place at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

The Bradenton native thrived on the fairways, carding a 68 (-2) in the opening round of his fall debut. Mou strung together four birdies at the par-70, 7,204-yard course and is currently in a tie for

first with Auburn's Michael Johnson and Alabama's Cory Whitsett.

During Mou's four years as a Gator, he has recorded only two top-10 finishes in addition to carding even or under par in just 12 of his 60 rounds.

Florida recorded 282 (+2) in the opening round of play. Because the tournament was delayed by fog, teams could not complete the second round before nightfall.

Along with strong efforts from seniors T.J. Vogel and Tyler McCumber, the Gators hold a six-stroke lead among a competitive

field that includes four teams ranked in the most recent Nike/Golf World Coaches' Poll in addition to Florida.

"We played solidly in the morning," coach Buddy Alexander said.



Mou

Both McCumber and Vogel turned in 71 (+1). Vogel birdied on holes 16 and 17, regaining his footing after a sluggish start that included three bogeys. At the end of Round 1, the pair was tied for seventh with two other Southeastern Conference players — Alabama's Bobby Wyatt and Mississippi State's Alex Boasson.

Sophomore J.D. Tomlinson finished the opening round in 72 strokes (+2) — good for an 11th-place tie, just one stroke behind McCumber and Vogel.

Freshman A.J. Crouch shot a 78 (+8) for the day.

Florida boasts four players inside the top 30 of the individual leaderboard, including three in the top 10 of the 60-player field.

"Having five guys go out there and play well is exactly what you want," Alexander said.

The Gators will finish what is left of the second round Tuesday morning, followed by the third and final round of the tournament.

Senior's coverage improved in '12

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responsibilities. "Really just trying to bring everybody along. We've got some young guys that have to step up each and every week in different positions. Just bringing them along and helping them."

In addition to producing in the offensive backfield, Bostic has also improved in pass coverage. He has two pass breakups in 2012 after recording two last season.

"(He's a) very instinctive player," Muschamp said.

"He plays well in space. He covers well in space. I'm very pleased with his play to this point."

Muschamp added that he was lucky to have a player like Bostic already on the roster when he took over at Florida.

"You're only as good as you are up the middle," he said.

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Muschamp

Forward wants to improve decisions, foul less

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NCAA Tournament.

Prather also excelled on the defensive end, compensating for the absence of then-sophomore forward Will Yeguete (fractured left foot).

Prather drew two offensive fouls against Virginia's leading scorer, Mike Scott, sending the big man to the bench with foul trouble in the first half.

"Obviously, I was struggling a little while, and [those] games were big for my confidence," Prather said. "That's a good start, good direction to go to."

Prather joined Florida in 2010 as a four-star recruit ranked No. 71 in his class by Rivals.com.

"Obviously, I was struggling a little while, and [those] games were big for my confidence."

Casey Prather
UF forward

Before March 2012, Prather's work ethic in practice did not translate to results on the court.

He averaged two points per game on 36.7 percent shooting, the lowest clip for a Gator competing in at least 25 contests last season.

In two years, he has averaged only 1.4



David Carr / Alligator Staff

Casey Prather poses at Florida's media day on Wednesday. Prather rarely played in his first two seasons before shining in the 2012 NCAA Tournament.

rebounds per game. Prather's free-throw percentage (39.3 percent) was the second worst on the team in 2011-12.

In addition, he had the most turnovers per minute on UF last year, surrendering the ball 21 times in 266 minutes.

Prather was also one of Florida's most foul-prone players, committing nearly seven fouls per 40 minutes on the floor. He drew the whistle 45 times last season.

He dealt with similar turnover and foul issues during his freshman season.

Prather attributes his past turnovers to poor decision-making and pacing.

With the starting small forward spot still up for grabs, the junior is motivated to clean up his game.

"It would mean a lot (to start), but just playing means a lot," Prather said. "Whatever it takes to win, I'm happy."



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Frankie Hammond Jr. watches after a pass deflects off his hands in the end zone during Florida's 20-17 win at Texas A&M on Sept. 8.

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offense and fourth-best passing offense in the SEC last season. 'Bama was balanced.

The Gators have been winning with a great defense and a powerful running game in 2012. But increased production from Driskel and the receiving corps is a must if Florida is to achieve its goal of playing for the SEC championship in Atlanta on Dec. 1.

Driskel certainly has room to improve as a passer. Checking the game replays, 20 of his 37 incompletes this season have either been underthrown, overthrown or tossed at a defender.

But the pass-catchers are also to blame for the struggles. Of Driskel's 37 incomplete passes this season, 11 have been catchable throws.

Driskel missed out on another completion when Quinton Dunbar simply fell down on a wide-open route against Bowling Green.

For our purposes, a catchable pass is one that hits a receiver in the hands. You can't get much more accurate than hitting a man's palms with the football.

Granted, some tosses from Driskel may have a little more mustard on them than others, but Division-I receivers wearing state-of-the-art gloves should not be dropping as many passes as Florida's pass-catchers — er, droppers are this season.

The Gators are averaging nearly two drops per game. In Florida's past three contests, seven passes have hit fingers, then grass.

Through six games this season, the Gators' 11 dropped passes have cost Driskel at least 132 yards and two touchdowns. Had the drops not

occurred, Driskel would lead the nation with a 76.6 percent completion rate.

Frankie Hammond Jr., who UF coaches have praised as the team's most consistent wide receiver, has dropped four passes. Jordan Reed and Trey Burton have two each.

No wide receiver is immune to drops. To err is human, and the last time I checked, Calvin Johnson is the only known robot playing wide receiver.

Florida is a serious national championship contender this season. The No. 2 spot in the BCS standings is a big deal, no matter what coach Will Muschamp and the players say.

However, in order to turn 6-0 into 12-0, and maybe even 14-0, the Gators receivers need to quit dropping the ball — literally.

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Rising Above the Ashes

After tragedy, transfer finds family at UF

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Florida women's basketball assistant David Lowery sat in his office, typing at his desk.

Behind him, Vicky McIntyre crept in. At 6 feet, 6 inches, she towered over him, and before he could sense what was coming, she wrapped her arms around his neck and put him in a playful chokehold.

"Her arms are so freaking long," Lowery said. "All I saw was this arm, and I was like 'Oh, God!' I got up and almost ran out of the room."

McIntyre, from Omaha, Neb., just laughed. "Coach, I got you," she crowed in her Midwestern accent.

The two have developed a special relationship, one that has helped ease McIntyre's pain since she transferred to Florida last May. Lowery, known for his perpetual jumpiness, is often on the receiving end of McIntyre's pranks.

"I've caught on to her game," Lowery said. "I've got my ears listening, because I'm not trying to play that no more."

As he said it, he began to smile. It's clear how important she is to him. It's clear how important having her smile again is.

He knows how difficult her situation has been. He knows what she has endured.

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Nov. 17, 2011, was a Thursday.

Four days earlier, Oklahoma State won its first game of the season, beating Rice. The team was

preparing for a game against Grambling State that Saturday.

They never played the game. Tragedy changed everything.

The team was scheduled for a normal Friday. Practice at 3 p.m. and a film session to prepare for the weekend's games.

Instead, McIntyre awoke early in the morning to the sound of her roommate telling her they had been called in.

The players gathered in the locker room, anxious to learn why the coaches called the impromptu meeting. An assistant, Jim Littell, was waiting for them.

It was about coach Kurt Budke and assistant Miranda Serna. The two were on a recruiting trip.

They never made it to their destination.

Both were killed when their single-engine plane went down about 45 miles west of Little Rock, Ark. Pilot and former Oklahoma state senator Olin Branstetter and his wife, Paula, also died in the crash.

Budke was 50. Serna was 36.

"There wasn't a whole lot of speaking," McIntyre said, remembering back to the few minutes she spent in the locker room that felt like eternity. "There was mostly crying."

McIntyre had never experienced a loss like that. Budke was a father figure. As the lone female on the coaching staff, Serna had a unique connection with the players.

Suddenly, they were gone.

"It didn't really sink in all too much," McIntyre said. "There were just moments when I was like 'This isn't real.' Then you come home and

it's on ESPN."

The coaches held a special place in McIntyre's heart. The losses were catastrophic.

"It was total trauma," said Pamela McIntyre, Vicky's mother. "We were in disbelief. She was pretty much an emotional wreck."

Although Vicky flashed a smile when she returned to the court nine days later, the reprieve from anguish was fleeting. She struggled with her emotions the rest of the season.

"It was weird, especially when we got back into the swing of really playing," she said. "There's some times in practice when you just can't help but cry."

She thought back to her first days at Oklahoma State and the two people who believed in her even when she didn't believe in herself.

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Vicky's path to major college basketball started one night in Stillwater, Okla. She was in the car with her dad at a gas station that some of the locals called Cowboy Corner, waiting for a member of the Oklahoma State coaching staff to pick them up and show them around the campus.

After waiting a few minutes, Vicky saw a white car pull up. Miranda Serna jumped out, rushed over and gave her a hug.

Coming out of Omaha, Neb., Marian High, Vicky garnered interest from some northern Big 12 schools, but Oklahoma State was a step above. She was nervous, wanting to make a good impression.

Seeing Vicky's size, Serna envi-



Courtesy of The Daily O'Collegian

Vicky McIntyre's debut with Florida will make school history. The 6-foot-6 center (34) will be the tallest UF women's basketball player ever.

sioned her potential dominance. The two got along from the beginning.

After spending the evening visiting the campus, the two stopped to chat before Vicky returned home. Right then, Serna won her over.

Vicky wasn't confident she was talented enough to play for Oklahoma State. After more than an hour, Serna gave it to her straight.

"Coach has this trust in you, this belief in you," Serna told her. "You can do this. We can help you."

Later in the recruiting process, Budke and Serna traveled to the McIntyres' home in Omaha.

Pamela remembers cooking a barbecue dinner with fried potatoes and green beans. She saved a homemade apple pie for dessert.

"This is how my mom used to make them," Budke told Pamela. "This is the best recruiting dinner I have ever had."

The dinner marked Pamela's first meeting with the coach who would become an integral part of her daughter's life.

"He was like family to us," Pamela said. "He always made the time to come over and talk to us privately. He would kind of report to us how she was doing. That's the kind of man he was."

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Family has always come first for Vicky, whether it is her biological family or her coaches and teammates. She once had one at Oklahoma State, but it was no longer there.

The situation had become too difficult. She had to transfer.

Gators coach Amanda Butler did not know much about Vicky, but she was immediately intrigued.

"Wait a minute, this cat is 6-foot-6," Butler thought. "This is worth investigating."

The Florida coaching staff quickly reached out to Vicky.

Shortly afterward, she was traveling to Gainesville. Her visit went so well that before she left town, she had already canceled her other trips. This was her new family.

"I just knew I was supposed to be at Florida," she said.

She talked it over with her parents and Jim Seward — her personal coach since her sophomore year of high school. Vicky signed with the Gators in May.

"It is a perfect situation for Vicky," Seward said. "They really care for their players."

The Gators begin the season at home against Fairfield on Nov. 9. When Vicky steps onto the floor, the 6-foot-6 center who Florida lists at 6 feet, 7 inches will be the tallest woman to ever play for UF.

Though she has been adopted into the Florida family, she still has a place in her heart for the family she lost. Budke and Serna were the ones who first gave her a chance. She will never forget that.

"It's always going to be trying to live out their legacy and make them proud and prove to the world what they thought was true," McIntyre said. "I can do this."



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Center Vicky McIntyre (back row, left) has found a new family at Florida since transferring in May. The deaths of coach Kurt Budke and coach Miranda Serna at Oklahoma State took a heavy emotional toll on McIntyre.

Gators coaches, players not focused on No. 2 BCS ranking

UF looking toward matchup with South Carolina

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Omar Hunter doesn't care about the national attention that comes with the No. 2 ranking in the BCS standings.

The defensive tackle didn't even watch the rankings show, which ESPN aired on Sunday night.

"It's whatever," Hunter said. "That's not going to get you to Atlanta or to the national championship. We've still got a lot more games to play, and that's where we're at right now."

Six regular season games remain for No. 3 Florida before a potential appearance at the Southeastern Conference Championship Game in Atlanta on Dec. 1.

UF controls its own future with three conference games left to play, including matchups with SEC title contenders South Carolina and Georgia.

Florida has a one-game lead in the division.

Three of its six remaining games are against teams currently ranked in the top 15 of the BCS standings. But the Gators have a

more immediate goal.

The "one game at a time" adage was the message from the Gators on Monday. Coach Will Muschamp said his team has one goal in mind — beating No. 9 South Carolina on Saturday in The Swamp.

"Really nothing matters other than playing South Carolina and preparing ourselves well throughout the week," he said.

Both teams enter the game ranked in the top 10 for the first time ever in the series. For Florida, this is the highest BCS poll position since UF went undefeated through 12 games in 2009.

Florida is second behind top-ranked Alabama. Oregon ranks third.

Although the Gators may not say so, the ranking is something to be proud of for a team that finished 7-6 last season and wasn't bowl eligible until it beat Furman 54-32 in its second to last game of the 2011 regular season.

"We don't get too caught up in rankings, but we're undefeated and we had a tough schedule," quarterback Jeff Driskel said. "Rankings don't matter until the end of the season, but we're 6-0, and that's what we look at. We can't be any better than we are right now."

Pittman iffy for South Carolina: Although at least 10 players left UF's game against Vanderbilt on Saturday due to injury, only one is questionable for Saturday's game against South Carolina.

Freshman wide receiver Latroy Pittman suffered a right ankle injury last week while blocking for Omarius Hines in the second quarter on a play that began at the Vanderbilt 2-yard line.

Pittman is questionable for Saturday, Muschamp said.

Linebacker Jelani Jenkins (hamstring) and offensive guard James Wilson (eye)

didn't play against the Commodores, but both are expected to be ready to go on Saturday, Muschamp said.

Jenkins suffered a fractured right thumb on Sept. 8 against Texas A&M and wore a cast the length of his right arm against LSU on Oct. 6 — his only game since the injury. Jenkins suffered the hamstring injury against LSU.

"[The trainers] have modified [the cast] down a little bit, so it shouldn't be as restrictive as it has been," Muschamp said. "He should be good."

"Really nothing matters other than playing South Carolina and preparing ourselves well throughout the week."

Will Muschamp

UF coach



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Coach Will Muschamp (right) shakes hands with Vanderbilt coach James Franklin after Florida's 31-17 win on Saturday at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, Tenn.



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