



City-wide survey aims to increase cycling safety

▶ IT ENDS DEC. 21.

ALEX CATALANO
 Alligator Staff Writer

Dustin White braced for impact when he heard the rumble of a car behind him. Soon after, the car's mirror clipped him as he cycled along Williston Road.

The president of Team Florida Cycling can readily recite about half a dozen times vehicles hit him and his friends while they were biking.

"I don't think I know anyone who has been riding for over year that hasn't had an incident with a car," he said.

To access concerns about cycling safety, the city released a public survey Monday to gather information about cycling accidents. The data will identify dangerous areas in Gainesville to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

White remembers an accident that left two UF students seriously injured, one unconscious and another with a punctured lung.

He said this study is a positive step toward keeping cyclists safe.

Debbie Leistner, the public works planning manager, said the city is looking at crash data, policies, transportation education and roadway engineering to develop the safety plan.

"We're trying to get information from the public," Leistner said. "It'll help us develop the plan."

The city will also use guidelines on pedestrian and bike safety from the Federal Highway Administration in the plan.

The survey focuses on all of Gainesville, but so far, the data has pointed to the four roads that surround UF as problem hot spots.

University Avenue, 13th Street, Archer Road and 34th Street are high-traffic areas that return the highest number of incidents.

The survey looks at individual pockets but also focuses on larger routes people sometimes use to get across town.

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Alex M. Sanchez / Alligator

Taylor Affleck, a 25-year-old Jimmy John's employee, passes West University Avenue and Buckman Drive on Tuesday afternoon while delivering a sandwich to a customer.

Bravo pleads not guilty in UF student murder case

CHRIS ALCANTARA
 Alligator Writer

Almost a month after Gainesville Police charged Pedro Bravo with the murder of Christian Aguilar, Bravo has decided to plead not guilty in the case.

Following the written not-guilty plea filed Friday, Bravo's arraignment, planned for today, was canceled.

His lawyer requested that prosecutors from the State Attorney's Office begin to release evidence, also known as discovery, according to court documents from the Alachua County Clerk of Courts.

This phase before the trial will give the defense the opportunity to review evidence collected from prosecutors to build a case.

Police named Bravo a person of interest after Aguilar went missing Sept. 20. Bravo has been in Alachua County Jail since Sept. 24, when he was initially charged with depriving a victim of medical assistance.



Bravo

Since then, police released limited evidence which includes Bravo telling GPD detectives he beat Aguilar until he lost consciousness, and left him in a parking lot in northeast Gainesville.

Police also said they found Aguilar's backpack in Bravo's closet, a receipt that showed Bravo purchased a shovel and duct tape several days before Aguilar's

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Students sing off in talent show

LAURA HOGAN
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Tonight, performers will face off at Gator Growl's Talent Night in a new category: singing the national anthem.

The talent show, which falls under the Homecoming theme "United We Growl," is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Attendees must pay \$1 to enter, said director of Talent Night and advertising junior Lauren Herstik, 21.

Groups and individuals will compete in the music, dance and national anthem categories. Participants include the Sedotaves, DANZA and Girl Scout Troop 1029, according to the program.

"Song choice is everything," said 21-year-old materials science and engineering junior Alex Greene, the musical director of No Southern Accent. "You want something that's high energy."

The winners of each Talent Night category will perform at the pep rally Nov. 9.

The national anthem champion will open the show, Herstik said.

Performers were selected through an audition process that began in September. Tonight, winners will be chosen by a panel of judges including Gators quarterback Jeff Driskel, she said.

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Alex Greene

materials science and engineering major

This year, 50 percent of the proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project, a charity that helps the families of injured soldiers. About \$500 has been raised through audition fees, Herstik said.

The tap group Stomp the Swamp placed third in the dance category last year, said president and 21-year-old environmental engineering senior Lauren Kleiman.

But it's not all about winning. "Honestly, we're just really, really excited to share what we can do with everyone," she said.

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the event will be in the Info Commons on the third floor of Library West from 10 a.m. to noon. The events feature presentations and discussions on open access publishing and policy, the Berlin Declaration and the Open Access Awards and poster sessions. The events are free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. For the complete schedule, visit www.uflib.ufl.edu/oa/oaaweek/.

The Stephen C. O'Connell Center welcomes The Avett Brothers

Indie folk-pop group The Avett Brothers will perform Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Tickets cost \$40 to \$55 and can be purchased at the Phillips Center Box Office and at the University Box Office in the Reitz Union. For tickets and general information, visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu.

Pledge 5 Foundation's Vampires' Ball

Vampires' Ball will be Friday at Sharab Lounge in downtown Gainesville. Admission is free to anyone who donates blood at participating LifeSouth locations during October. For more information, Like its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vampiresball.

Gay Movie Night: "Private Romeo"

This gay adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet" is set in a modern military school. When eight male cadets are left behind at an isolated military high school, the greatest romantic drama ever written seeps out of the classroom and permeates their lives. Incorporating the original text of

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," YouTube videos and lip-synched indie rock music, "Private Romeo" takes us to a mysterious and tender place that only Shakespeare could have inspired. Gay Movie Night is the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and is a free service of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida. "Private Romeo" will screen Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of snacks. For more info, visit www.gainesvillepride.org/gay-movie-night/.

Theatre Strike Force hosts "Amockalypse"

As the world draws to an end in 2012, don't miss Theatre Strike Force's sketch comedy show, "Amockalypse," reflecting on where we as a society could have gone wrong. The show is Oct. 29 in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom, and doors open at 8 p.m. The show is free and food will be provided.

Got something going on?

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Community Advocates' Green Your Space: It's Easy Being Green

Want to learn more about living sustainably in your apartment or residence hall? Join the Community Advocates at its event, Green Your Space: It's Easy Being Green!, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Pugh Hall Ocora. This fair-style event will inform the Gainesville community about how to live sustainably by providing healthy, simple and affordable tips presented by a variety of agencies and organizations. There will be free food, beverages and prizes. This event is open to everyone.

Farmworker rights discussion hosted by CHISPAS

Join CHISPAS at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union, Room 278 to discuss the future of farmworker rights and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' next steps after its win against Chipotle. Get involved in social justice work and become a spark in your community.

The Politics of Privilege Program Series

In this series of "The Politics of Privilege," Zeus Leonardo, Ph.D., of the University of California, Berkeley will speak about the politics associated with the Asian-American identity and community, including historical roots and the forces shaping this experience today in Smathers Library 1A. "The Politics of Privilege" explores the discourse and practice of privilege in disenfranchised communities. All are welcome to attend at Smathers Library Room 1A. Doors open 6:15 p.m., and the event starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email APIA Director Leah Villanueva at LMV@multicultural.ufl.edu.

Open Access Week 2012 at UF

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Sustainability event features student clubs

CHABELI HERRERA
Alligator Contributing Writer

People can celebrate UF's push to go green on the Reitz Union North Lawn today with a carnival-themed Campus Sustainability Day.

The Office of Sustainability is sponsoring the event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with about 10 student organizations to raise awareness about sustainability on campus.

Each organization will have a booth with information on the group and on going green.

Every organization's booth will fea-

ture carnival-style games, said Laurel Nesbit, program assistant for the Office of Sustainability.

"Their budgets are small but their imaginations are big."

Laurel Nesbit

Office of Sustainability program assistant

To continue with the trend of sustainability, Nesbit said the carnival games will be made out of repurposed materials due to the organizations' small budgets.

"Their budgets are small but their imaginations are big," she said.

Allison Goldberg, a 19-year-old UF

geography sophomore specializing in environmental geosciences and president of Gators for a Sustainable Campus, said students need to care about sustainability on campus.

Goldberg said she has seen many campus organizations reach out to Gators for a Sustainable Campus and ask how their organization can recycle.

"I just hope that people understand more the implications of being wasteful," she said. "I feel that having so many varied organizations together will help create more unity to show that sustainability is big on campus, and hopefully that will translate into some kind of activism."

SBP: 'War for the Oar' is on this weekend

Last year UGA took the oar

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Staff Writer

Student Body President Tj Villamil encouraged student senators Tuesday to blow up social media platforms

with information about the Okefenokee Oar.

The University of Georgia's Student Government and UF's Student Government created the trophy in

2009, Villamil said. The Okefenokee Oar is a 10-foot paddle that goes to the winner of the Florida-Georgia game each year.

He said the oar is made from a 1,000-year-old cypress tree from the Okefenokee Swamp, which sits on the border of Florida and Georgia.

The Florida-Georgia game has a reputation as "the world's largest outdoor cocktail party," but both schools' Student Government organizations are trying to take the focus off that title, Villamil said. Instead, they want to raise awareness about the "Battle for the Paddle" and the "War for the Oar."

Villamil said UGA took the oar last year after winning the game and built a case in its Tate Student Center.

"I get reminded every single day that it sits in their union," he said.

About two weeks ago, SG bought a case that sits on the first floor of the Reitz Union, Villamil said after the meeting.

Information and Communication Committee Chairwoman Jamie Lowsetter also encouraged senators to spread awareness of the oar.

"We are the best school," she said. "Why should we not have it?"

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Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

Tj Villamil speaks to student senators Wednesday at the Reitz Union about taking back the Okefenokee Oar by winning the Florida-Georgia game Saturday in Jacksonville.

Juniors, seniors invited to attend graduate fair

▶ A GATOR 1 CARD IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE.

JORDAN ROBBINS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Career Resource Center will host the Graduate & Professional Schools Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Reitz Union Grand and Rion Ballrooms.

More than 160 programs from throughout the nation, including law, medical and pharmacy schools, will attend, said Angel Iverson, assistant director for career events at the CRC. Admissions representatives will be available to network with attendees and answer questions about financial aid, campus life and admission processes, she said.

Heather White, CRC director, said students will benefit from the event.

"I think it's a great way to find out more about programs and schools of interest without even leaving campus, which is remarkable," she said.

Iverson said she suggests students research programs they're interested in, prepare questions and bring resumes. A Gator 1 Card is required for entrance.

Iverson said the event is geared toward juniors and seniors, but she encouraged freshmen and sophomores to attend.

"Freshmen and sophomores can get a head start on asking what they should be doing now so they can set themselves up for success when applying to graduate school in the future," she said.

Liz Cox, a 21-year-old communication sciences and disorders senior, said she wants to attend the event to learn more about options for her future.

"The job field is so competitive now, and going to grad school makes you stand out," she said.

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UF club sells pumpkins

► THE SALE IS FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 6 P.M. TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

JEWEL MIDELIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

A section of UF's campus will be colored with Florida-grown orange pumpkins, yellow squashes and striped gourds from today until Friday.

The UF Horticultural Sciences Graduate Student Club will have about 200 pumpkins and other gourds for sale from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at Fifield Hall on Hull Road.

"We will have all kinds of pumpkins, from edibles to carving to decorative," said Gerardo Nunez, the graduate representative for the club.

The 24-year-old Ph.D. candidate in horticultural sciences said the proceeds will help club members travel around the world to present their research.

He said the UF North Florida Re-

search and Education Center and the UF Partnership for Water, Agriculture and Community donated the pumpkins. The sale is the club's biggest Fall fundraiser.

Nunez said buying from fellow students and knowing the funds support research are incentives to purchase pumpkins on campus.

"We would like people to come and meet the kind of folks that are growing the food we eat," he said.

Plus, Nunez said, the price is right.

"We always price the pumpkins lower than the stores," he said. "All of these pumpkins have been grown by people from UF and in the state. That is something you won't find if you buy your pumpkins from a large supermarket."

Tessa Keskinen, a 20-year-old environmental science and sustainability studies junior, said she wants to support the students.

"I think that doing a seasonal fundraiser is a pretty cool thing," she said.

UF professor hosts discussion on culture and nationalism

AYANA STEWART

Alligator Contributing Writer

What does it mean to be an American? If you ask Kole Odutola, being a U.S. citizen isn't enough.

"Is carrying an American passport all one requires to be an American?" he asked.

Odutola, a UF professor in the languages, literatures and cultures department, is originally from Nigeria. He discussed his book, "Diaspora and Imagined Nationality," as part of a dialogue on nationalism at the Civic Media Center Tuesday evening. Eight people attended the event.

Odutola, who has studied nationalism for nearly eight years, researched how Nigerians define themselves for his doctorate dissertation. Although his research focused on Nigerians, he said it can be applied to any country.

"I expect this work to be used and applied in the American system," he said.

Odutola said he believes citizens need to learn what nationalism really means before

they can call a country their own.

"The concepts of nationhood, nationality and nationalism demand deep reflection," he said.

He believes citizens should educate themselves, know their rights and strive for excellence. He said young people should put in as much energy as possible toward understanding their heritages and cultures.

"I expect this work to be used and applied in the American system."

Kole Odutola

UF professor

"Students should be proud of their output," he said.

Jane Pollack, a 21-year-old Santa Fe College dance student, said she heard about the event at a Nigerian Independence Day party. She thinks people need to keep their minds open to the full meaning of nationalism.

"I really enjoy talking with people about this stuff," she said. "I'm always interested in how people create their own culture."

County feral cat issue not as prevalent as some may think



Andrea Sarcos / Alligator

Emerson, a 2-month-old domestic shorthair tabby mix, plays with his mouse toy at the Alachua County Humane Society on Tuesday afternoon.

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Despite UF's recent on-campus cat problem, experts say Alachua County is home to a normal amount of feral felines.

Recently, UF had an issue with feral cats roaming the business college. This influenced perception of the number of cats in Gainesville as a whole, said Shaye Olmstead, executive director of Operation Catnip, a nonprofit organization that traps, neuters and releases cats.

About 40,000 unowned cats in the county is consistent with other places of similar human population and climate, she said.

"We don't have any statistically significant dumping happening in Alachua County as opposed to anywhere else," she said.

While the cat population isn't unique, more programs

than ever that exist to manage feral cats, Olmstead said.

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine loans space to Operation Catnip, Olmstead said, and the organization has trained about 800 veterinary students how to trap, neuter and return cats.

"It's just a result of generations of people not spaying and neutering their pets."

Shaye Olmstead

executive director of Operation Catnip

Olmstead said some people blame college students for moving around and leaving pet cats behind, but the main issue is simpler than that.

"It's just a result of generations of people not spaying and neutering their pets," she said.

Operation Catnip sterilizes about 3,000 Alachua County

cats each year, Olmstead said, and has conducted about 36,000 spays and neuters since it opened in 1990. Spaying and neutering of any Alachua County feline is free.

Many of the cats that Operation Catnip operates on come from Alachua County Animal Services. This month, animal services sent 99 cats to the organization, said Vernon Sawyer, interim director of Alachua County Animal Services. Approximately 41 of them were euthanized.

Throughout the last 10 years, cat intakes and cat euthanasia have decreased, Olmstead said, but she and Sawyer strongly recommend that Gainesville residents get their animals spayed and neutered to stabilize and reduce the feral feline population.

"It's a humane way to control the population," Olmstead said.

Bravo now has a public defender

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disappearance and blood inside Bravo's 2004 Chevrolet Blazer.

On Oct. 12, police said two hunters found a body in Levy County. Three days later, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner's Office confirmed through dental records that the body was Aguilar's.

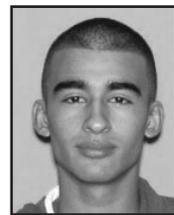
On Monday, attorneys from the Law Offices of Larry Gibbs Turner, P.L., filed an order, removing themselves from the case. They were replaced by the Office of the Public Defender, according to court records.

Ron Kozlowski, one of Bravo's former attorneys, said the cost of a potentially lengthy trial influenced the family's decision to utilize a public defender.

"They decided, considering their modest

means, they couldn't afford private counsel for the case," he said.

Alan Chipperfield, an assistant public defender, will represent Bravo in the case.



Aguilar

Bravo and Chipperfield will be called before Judge Mark Moseley at 2 p.m. Nov. 28, according to the Clerk of Courts' website.

As the case moves to trial, Kozlowski mentioned the continued suffering of the Aguilar and Bravo

families.

"I just hope both families can find some peace when this is all over," he said. "It's been hard on everybody."

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The project started in spring

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"We're trying to reach all demographics with this," said Dekova Batey, the bicycle pedestrian coordinator for the city of Gainesville.

Batey said the safety project started in late spring and was brought to the city's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board in September.

The survey is its first form of public outreach.

"Right now, we're doing a lot of data analyzation," Batey said. "We're looking at hot spot areas of concern to make sure we target certain areas."

White said the problem with safety

may lie in the tight roadways. He said drivers can be negligent by just passing cyclists.

"They don't see people laying in a hospital breathing through a tube after getting hit by a car," he said. "They just need to get from point A to point B as fast as possible."

The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Gainesville-Pedestrian-Bike-Safety.

It will be up until Dec. 21 and will be available in an online digital format, a QR code for smartphones and also in print at facilities like public libraries.

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Alachua County Commission candidates face off

Gator fan wants conservatism

Editor's note:

This is part of a series of articles that profile candidates running for state and local offices.

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Staff Writer

John Martin doesn't mind dancing to his own beat — especially at Gator basketball games.

Fans know him as Mr. Trombone, a tribute to a lively air-trombone dance Martin does when the Gator band plays "You Can Call Me Al."

But Martin said he hopes to be known for another accolade this fall by winning the District 1 seat in the Alachua County Commission.

Though the Republican will face 12-year County Commission incumbent Mike Byerly on Election Day Nov. 6, he said he'll add a fresh perspective to the job.

"Being a property owner and a business owner, I'm getting hit with huge taxes," Martin said. "I'm just fed up."



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

John Martin does a Gator Chomp at his campaign headquarters Monday. Martin was part of the Hawthorne City Commission for 13 years.

He hopes to create a slimmer government in Alachua County, as well as entice businesses to the area by removing regulations and certain taxes.

During his 13-year stint with the Hawthorne City Commission, he pushed to finish the town's sewer system, provided the first-ever retirement plan to Hawthorne city employees and fought to keep water transfer rights in North Florida.

He has a series of grievances to air with the County Commission, which he said has been headed by mostly Democrats for more than a decade.

One of Martin's biggest complaints is county business regulations, which he said have stifled Alachua County's economy and have driven talent out of Gainesville.

He said between building codes and land development laws, businesses are voting with their feet to leave the county.

"They're so cumbersome the County Commission can't even review it themselves," Martin said. "They actually have more rules than they can enforce right now."

He points to Florida Innovation Hub at UF, where the city and county removed barriers to entice businesses to roost in Gainesville.

In an ideal Alachua County, Martin would like to see these rules and regulations slimmed down and updated every few years through an idea he calls "zero-balancing." Every few years, the commission would keep the rules it is required to have by the state, but it would have to vote and rejustify additional rules the county added.

"I want to innovate Alachua County," he said.

Martin would also like to apply the same concept to the county's budget: Calculate the cost of core services like a police force and infrastructure, then vote to fund additional county programs with the leftover money.

Martin said he would also like to combine some government agencies to save time and employees. An example would be to merge the environmental protection agency into a division of the growth management.

Martin said he thinks students should vote fiscal conservatives to the commission to move the county into the future.

"But I think students should look at policies that are business-friendly and attract the types of businesses that could allow them to stay here," Martin said.

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Incumbent supports transportation

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Gainesville doesn't seem like the place for someone who went to the University of Georgia, Clemson and the University of Tennessee.

But Mike Byerly said he's used his degrees from rival schools to bolster the Gator Nation for the past 12 years as the District 1 representative for the Alachua County Commission.

As a commissioner, he supported an increased bus service, assistance programs for low-income residents and land preservation.

If elected for another term Nov. 6, Byerly said he hopes to invest more in transportation, infrastructure and land conservation.

The self-described environmentalist said he got into politics when he began to see the rest of the state develop in a way that destroyed natural resources.

"I was concerned about the way I saw the community growing and developing," Byerly said, "seeing people sort of thoughtlessly destroying things in Alachua County that make it a really beautiful place."

He also puts emphasis on transportation, including public transit, bike lanes and pedestrian areas.

As an avid bicyclist, he pushed for bike lanes near downtown and campus.

He also envisions an update to the Regional Transit System. He and the Gainesville City Commission support transforming the transit into a Bus Rapid Transit system, which is expected to speed up transportation through bus-only lanes and priority for buses at traffic lights.

However, the county changed its votes and moved to let the tax money go only to roads and other construction projects. He said his vision for Alachua County spreads further than that, which is why he no longer supports the ballot measure.

"The way the County Commission has structured it, people living in Gainesville aren't getting a very good deal," Byerly said. "They will pay the bulk of the actual tax, but by a 2-1 margin the money is going to be spent

outside of the City of Gainesville."

Aside from roads and buses, Byerly said he is especially proud of the county's partnership with UF, Santa Fe College and local businesses, especially with Florida Innovation Hub at UF and Innovation Square.

But the innovation initiatives aren't the only reasons Byerly expects to see more people migrate to Alachua County.

He said county investments in land conservation, recreation areas and alternative methods of transportation have created a diverse community for a county this size.

"All these things are the kind of things that people with talent and ability are attracted to, and it's obviously paying off," Byerly said.

While he hopes the innovation economy will bring more people and businesses to the county, Byerly said his main objective is still to make sure the county grows in a responsible way.

"Growth is going to happen, we know that," Byerly said. "But with that comes some thought and planning. We can grow and develop while preserving the best of what we have as a community."

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County Commissioner Mike Byerly sits in his office at an Alachua County Commission meeting Tuesday. Byerly is a 12-year commission incumbent.

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Editorial

Nitpicky Nerds Get off of Twitter during the debates

Why can't we just let sleeping zingers lie? On Monday night, the third presidential debate was in Boca Raton — a city known for being the host of Mitt Romney's "47 percent" remarks.

Now that social media is a lot more popular, or something, than it was during the 2008 election, jokes and remarks are more likely to get repeated and blown out of proportion.

Luckily for us, these debates allow voters to see who the candidates really are; they also show us how the candidates would act in a verbal fight in front of friends, family and millions of Americans.

What's the difference between a gaffe and a zing? We all know that Romney practiced many "zingers" for the first debate, but those quippy comments may have been more relevant in the second and third debates.

Romney's "binders full of women" remark was offensive and weird and terrible, and it's basically all we remember from that debate. How can someone so out of touch with how people want to be treated expect to win the respect of millions of voters? The memorable moment from the last presidential debate came from our very own President Obama.

"You mentioned the Navy, for example — that we have fewer ships than we did in 1916," Obama said during the debate, "Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets, because the nature of our military's changed. We have these things called aircraft carriers, where planes land ... we have ships that go underwater — nuclear submarines. And so the question is not a game of 'Battleship,' where we're counting ships."

This hilarious statement offended people like Dan Riker, who is from a military surplus outlet, Bayonet Inc. in Georgia.

"[Bayonets] are still distributed to the military all the time," Riker said in a TMZ article. "He should get educated on it."

The president obviously didn't mean to offend a minority of our population with his remark. If Romney thinks the president is scaling down the military, then Obama was trying to explain how the military's needs have changed. And don't worry, because horses are still being used, too.

"Horse-mounted U.S. commandos played a pivotal role in the toppling of the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan in 2001," said Peter Grier, a writer for the Christian Science Monitor.

People took Obama's statement seriously so quickly. And while, yeah, he's our leader, so we should take what he says seriously, he's also a human being. He's allowed to be flippant and awesome. The difference between "horses and bayonets" and "binders full of women" is the tone.

Obama didn't try to undermine the use those weapons once had, but Romney couldn't understand that human beings don't appreciate being compartmentalized.

Everybody seems to focus on the words Obama said instead of the idea and intent behind them. His intent was to counteract what Romney tried to characterize as a bad military decision.

Just chill out, everybody. Instead, focus on educating yourself before the election.

Reader response

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by Andre R. Frattino



Column

ESPN College GameDay unites campus

That one day a week when an entire campus rejoices — from students and alumni to residents and fans, the university becomes alive on football Saturdays. While I believe athletics should not dominate an entire campus and that academics should remain the primary focus, football provides an extraordinary outlet for uniting people from all backgrounds.

Each week, there is a certain buzz in the air. The excitement on campus about our beloved Gators serves as an overwhelmingly positive presence. In light of a bitter election season, in which presidential politics have divided us about the future course of our nation, for many it has been football, not politics or religion, that has kept UF united and proud. In such uncertain times, these attributes are so scarce. It appears that college campuses like UF effectively unite people with distinct backgrounds and beliefs. We all can learn something from this. By focusing on what unites us and our common goals, we can truly make a difference.

This focus essentially came alive Saturday. Whether it is rational to camp out overnight to appear on national TV, I do not know. However, actions such as camping out for ESPN College GameDay do, in fact, demonstrate that excitement and pride for a common entity and foster a unique type of creativity that we can use to create solutions to our issues.

The wide array of posters captured an immense sense of creativity and an overall awareness of culture, social norms and trends. From posters stating "Spurrier Uses Instagram," to "Muschamp Style," these creative and innovative works demonstrate that we all possess the imagination and originality necessary to develop solutions to unique problems and to analyze social norms. If our elected officials employed this sense of creativity in making policy, we would have developed simple yet efficient solutions to our complex problems. No College GameDay poster depicts this fact more than the one that pictured a South Carolina cheerleader holding a sign for the Gamecocks. The caption,



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of course, said, "Your parents must be so proud." According to the creator of this masterpiece, the idea was "surprisingly creative and just came to me." Preferring to remain anonymous, this creative force hopes to use his newly found skill to make an impact by assisting in advertising for various campus organizations, including "Gators for Romney." The witty, yet perverse nature of these posters shows us that each and every one of us has the critical thinking skills needed to make an array of impacts.

With respect to the presidential election, the polls remain tied. Media projections of the Electoral College show that it is President Obama's race to lose. However, another push in Gov. Romney's favor could potentially put him into the White House. Debate season has come and gone. Undecided voters should promptly make up their minds. Politically speaking, our country seems exceedingly polarized.

Quite frankly, the unique sense of humor present in these signs for College GameDay make us all smile. In an era of such economic uncertainty, the presence of football on campus has provided an entire city with a sense of hope and improved prospects for the future.

Presidential politics have divided us. Such a bitter, grueling and tenuous campaign has seemed to widen divisions within the public. Such controversy fails to demonstrate the creative skill and originality that we all share.

The least likely of things — fan signs — tell us that if we can spend the time to create such witty and clever machinations for a TV show, we can surely apply these skills to create a meaningful impact to make a difference in the community. After all, if we do this, our parents will be so proud.

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Guest column

The US and its enemies and allies abroad

An article in "The Gainesville Iguana" newsletter pointed out an article by Noam Chomsky with the same title as this editorial. I read it and realized this information needs to be shared. We have all been fed by various news media outlets that Iran is the "Great Satan," intent on destroying Israel with its accumulation of a nuclear arsenal. During the final presidential debate, both candidates pointed out Iran's danger. However, let's consider a scenario in which we reverse the accusations thrown on Iran:

"Iran is carrying out a murderous and destructive, low-level war against Israel with great-power participation. Throughout, Iran enjoys the support of its superpower patron. Iranian leaders are therefore announcing their intention to bomb Israel, and prominent Iranian military analysts report that the attack may happen before the U.S. elections. Iran can use its powerful air force and new submarines sent by Germany, armed with nuclear missiles and stationed off the coast of Israel. Whatever the timetable, Iran is counting on its superpower backer to join if not lead the assault. U.S. defense secretary Leon Panetta says that while we do not favor such an attack, as a sovereign country Iran will act in its best interests."

Chomsky paints this picture and states that this is probably unimaginable, but it's actually happening. Just switch out some characters and reality presents itself. Just like the

U.S., Israel uses violence whenever it deems necessary. It continues illegal settlement in "Palestinian territories" defying international law and the U.N. Security Council. Israel imprisoned and killed thousands of Gazans throughout the years.

"Thirty years ago, Israel destroyed an Iraqi nuclear reactor, an act that has recently been praised, avoiding the strong evidence, even from U.S. intelligence, that the bombing did not end Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons program but rather initiated it. Bombing of Iran might have the same effect," Chomsky wrote. And, have we forgotten that under the shah of Iran, the U.S. supported nuclear development programs there?

Of course, Iran carried out aggression in the past and definitely has its share of guilt. The Iranian government is repressive, just like the U.S. allies in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia, its most important ally, has not supported the Arab Spring in its country — in case you have not noticed.

So, Chomsky asks, "Why then is Iran the greatest threat to world peace, as seen in official Western discourse? The primary reason is acknowledged by U.S. military and intelligence and their Israeli counterparts: Iran might deter the resort to force by the United States and Israel."

He adds, "Furthermore, Iran must be punished for its 'successful defiance,' which was Washington's charge against Cuba half a century ago and still the driving force for the U.S. assault against Cuba that continues despite international condemnation."

The moral of the story? Be careful what you hear, and be critical. The U.S. and Israel are very powerful governments with bigger nuclear arsenals than Iran. During this election season, we will continue to hear many fear tactics. But, we have the ability to look at information critically, calmly and fairly — just like Noam Chomsky.

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Column

The hero dies in this one: The cure for sin is the best news you've never heard

I've got some alarming news: You are dying. Well, technically, everyone is dying, so don't panic just yet.

We can't help it.

Our immune systems combat the trend toward entropy as best they can, but we all eventually lose the battle.

No living thing escapes the iron grip of death — not even the beautifully efficient and organic machines we call bodies.

But I'm not talking medicine yet. I'm talking some serious, metaphysical Bible stuff here.

If you're a human, chances are you have a congenital "heart" condition called sin.

The bad news is it's 100 percent fatal.

Think of sin like a spiritual disease, stealing life from and eventually killing its host.

You might scoff at the notion, but the Bible isn't the only piece of literature arguing that something is terribly wrong with us.

Take a walk down the self-help aisle of any bookstore on the planet.

We know we're screwed up, even if we don't want to face the implications of our guilt.

Some would say our moral disease is akin to the common cold.

Their remedy: rest up a bit, drink some philosophical orange juice and give it a week or two before things get better.

Others would liken our moral disease to influenza: You'll feel the pain of recovery as your body fights off the infection, but most get better, even if there are casualties along the way.

We've greatly underestimated sin, though.

We look at our pride, lust, deception and arrogance and think that we'll magically recover by willing ourselves to be better.

But infection doesn't work quite that way, and it seems that God is the only one who really understands how deadly a force is within us.

Sin is cancer.

Those who have it face death, unless they take drastic measures.



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The good news is that sin is not the end of the story.

Enter Jesus Christ, deus ex machina incarnate.

He was perfection clothed in human flesh and far more than just a moral teacher.

He was God, the answer to the prayers of a dying world, even if

the people weren't aware of it.

Jesus knew that humankind deserved God's wrath.

He was aware of our brutality and murder, our lying and lust, and the rebellion that made us God's enemies.

He saw the wickedness of our condemned hearts before we could act on it, and all of it grieved him.

Jesus knew justice demanded payment for our sin, so he paid the price.

He was executed in horrific fashion, taking the punishment of criminals even though he wasn't guilty.

He was whipped and beaten, nailed to a cross and died as he was forsaken by his father.

The real pain came when he was laden with all of our sin and its consequences, suffering the weight of all of our evil.

He paid the price because he knew that we couldn't.

Jesus' message is this: I was so bad that he had to die, but I am so loved that he gladly did.

When was the last time you saw a superhero story where the hero dies for the villain?

It's a loaded concept for a limited column, but in effect, the God of the mountain comes down to carry mankind to the top.

This is the means by which a loving God reconciles his people.

This is the method that allows for the removal of our cancerous hearts to be replaced by the pristine heart of God.

It is the overturning of the death sentence and the guarantee of life, should one decide to admit his or her guilt and accept this gift.

I don't know what you've heard about Jesus, but that is really good news.

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ART

Graduate student merges art and science with exhibit

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Science and art may seem worlds apart, but a UF graduate student is fusing the two.

Jorge Pérez Gallego, a third-year fine arts graduate student with a concentration in graphic design, used his doctorate in astronomy to further his advancements in the art world with his "SCIENCESTORE" exhibit, which is opening in UF's Focus Gallery today.

The gallery, in Fine Arts C, will house Gallego's exhibit through Nov. 9 and will be open to the public on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit will be a store that, essentially, sells science, he said.

Gallego will staff the store and discuss the design aspects of science. It will be an interactive performance.

Gallego set up his store exhibit with colorful graphic posters depicting quotes from scientists like Carl Sagan.

These posters and the interactive photo booth are to find out attendees' ideas on what science and art are separately and together, he said.

Gallego said his purpose for the exhibit is to show visitors that science means more than the commodity it has become.

"I'll be bothering my clients like a Best Buy guy trying to sell you a printer," the 32-year-old said. "I want to see how people react and go along with me trying to sell them science in a can."

Although he won't actually sell the silver containers labeled with element names and scientific theories, Gallego wants to see others' viewpoints on science.

Gallego's concept is unusual, said Brian Slawson, a UF graphic design associate professor.

"Not only is Jorge using this installation as an interactive platform, but he's also performing within the project," Slawson said. "That's not something the typical design student does."



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Jorge Pérez Gallego, 32, sets up for his exhibit "SCIENCESTORE" at the College of Fine Arts' Focus Gallery on Tuesday. The gallery is located in Fine Arts C.

Daytona speedway president tells students to be relentless

► HE GRADUATED FROM UF IN 1992 WITH A FINANCE DEGREE.

EMILY PADGETT

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF alumnus and president of Daytona International Speedway Joie Chitwood III spoke in the Florida Gym during a segment of the Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute's distinguished speaker series Tuesday. He told students about his professional background and giving them career advice.

At one point, Chitwood paused, looked around at the room full of UF students, and asked them "When you guys leave your college careers, who is going to be in sales?"

Two out of about 60 raised their hands.

"I have news for you: Every single person in this room is in sales," he said. "You are selling yourself every single day to the people you work with."

Michael Odio, a 27-year-old sport management, Ph.D. candidate said speakers help professors stay connected and pass along stories.

He said Chitwood provided insight about what it's like to work in sports — knowledge that's most effective when delivered by someone in the industry.

Chitwood graduated with a finance degree in 1992 and then got his master's in business administration from the University of South Florida.

Odio said he thinks it's helpful for stu-

dents to listen and talk to Chitwood and other successful alumni who were once in their shoes.

"You have to be relentless. You have to be shameless. You have to be unapologetic."

Joie Chitwood III
UF alumnus

"It shows that you can be there," Odio said.

After college, Chitwood worked with the Walt Disney World Speedway, Chicagoland Speedway and the International Speedway Corp. He was president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway before he became the president of Daytona International Speedway.

"You have to be relentless. You have to be shameless. You have to be unapologetic," he told the audience.

Danielle Greenstein and Michael Potter, both 21-year-old sport management seniors, said that was the most valuable lesson they learned from Chitwood's speech.

"You've got to figure out how you're going to outwork the person next to you," Chitwood told the attendees.

He recommended students develop good public speaking skills and be prepared to have opinions.

Chitwood said lucky opportunities come from hard work and preparation.

"I'm responsible for my own success and my own failure," he said. "No one will do it for me."

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Tim Tebow's praying stance is now a registered trademark

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"Tebowing" is now trademarked.

New York Jets backup quarterback and former Gator Tim Tebow was granted the rights for the down-on-one-knee praying position earlier this month. In an ESPN article, Tebow said he intends to control the use of the term and meaning behind it rather than to gain financially.

Richard J. Lutz, UF marketing professor, said a trademark is the only way for Tebow to legally control the term, especially because

others have attempted to obtain the rights for commercial purposes in the past.

"Obviously, it's a huge phenomenon," Lutz said.

He said without full trademark rights, perversions of the term are possible and could reflect badly on Tebow.

"People don't know who owns what," Lutz said. "If they see 'Tebow,' then they think it's Tebow."

Steve Russell, sports director at WRUF radio, said some fans admire Tebow not only because he is a football player, but also because of his

principles.

"If you're looking at it from Tim's perspective, he's trying to protect what he feels it represents, and from his perspective, I certainly understand it," Russell said.



Tebow

However, it may be difficult to enforce the trademark among Gators fans, Russell said, and it may hurt average fans who do the "Tebowing" move as a way to pay homage.

Rebisi Owkhonda, a 19-year-old biology sophomore, said he thinks the trademark will affect the presence of "Tebowing" on social media sites.

"It's going to be a harm, because people can't actively and openly use it anymore," he said.

"Tebowing" could be used to sell hats and T-shirts, toy guns and pantyhose, according to an ESPN article.

Tebow told ESPN the money from those sales would eventually go to the Tim Tebow Foundation. Russell said it is no surprise to him that Tebow wants to donate the

funds.

"Knowing Tim, I think that was important to him — that if there was any profit to be made, so to speak, the money would go to his foundation," he said.

Lutz said the trademark could have a similar effect to the scriptures Tebow wore under his eyes during many Gators games. People might see the term and want to find out its meaning, which could be exactly what Tebow wants.

"I think most people would look at what he's doing and say he has the right to do that," Lutz said. "It's his name."

Resident goes into debt to save canine companion after accident

► THE DOG'S VET BILLS WERE ABOUT \$7,000.

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Staff Writer

Her face can melt hearts.

Rich auburn hair accentuates her amber eyes, which search the world with playful curiosity.

A permanent smile rests on her face, and it seems to spread wider every time the 3-year-old meets someone new.

The only thing strange about her appearance is her periwinkle-colored tongue and the bald patches on her side and legs.

Though Mushi, a 3-year-old Chow Chow mix, is calm now, her owner, Dan Kahn, said she's been fighting for her life.

Mushi was hit by a car Oct. 9 after digging her way under Kahn's fence while he was at work. She spent almost a week at UF's Small Animal Hospital, recovering from severe lung injuries, multiple gashes and a damaged hip and shoulder.

"It's been a crazy, wild roller coaster of a week," Kahn said.

Kahn first learned about Mushi's accident when he got a series of frantic phone calls from friends. He sped to the hospital to find Mushi barely conscious.

But her personality couldn't be dampened by medications. When she saw him, Mushi lifted two of her legs and exposed her belly so he could scratch it.

"It was the first time I've ever heard her whine," Kahn said.

She had an oxygen tube fed down

to her lungs to keep her breathing. After several days and surgeries, Kahn brought Mushi home. She brought a \$7,000 vet bill with her — about \$1,000 a day.

Kahn said it's been difficult to pay off the debt, mainly because he doesn't earn much at his job. He provides free and discounted legal services through Three Rivers Legal Services Inc.

A group of Kahn's friends hosted a charity concert for Mushi at Loosey's Downtown and raised \$1,242 to help pay the medical bills. They also set up a donation page called "Love for Dan & Mushi" at YouCaring.com.

Mark Archer, a Gainesville resident who said he's known Kahn for about a year, is impressed with Kahn's selfless nature and service to the community.

"He's one of the nicest, coolest guys you'll ever meet," Archer said.

Though the concert was a success, Kahn said he had to reach out to family members for hasty loans.

"It's really hard for me to ask for money," Kahn said.

But Kahn swallowed his pride for Mushi, who was 10 days old when he met her. In 2009, Kahn walked into one of his favorite stores and noticed something different.

"I saw this fuzzy piglet of a dog on top of a kitten cage in the back of the store," Kahn said.

The dog was found in a Micropy parking lot after a hawk tried to scoop her up with its talons, piercing her sides.

She was checked out by a vet and given to a store owner temporarily. The employees called the

dog Maggie, after the maggots that sometimes wriggled in her wounds. The vet couldn't give her stitches because she was too small. Formula food would dribble out of the holes in her belly.

Kahn left the store that day dogless but couldn't get the puppy out of his mind. He decided to foster her

for eight weeks, which turned into an adoption about a month later.

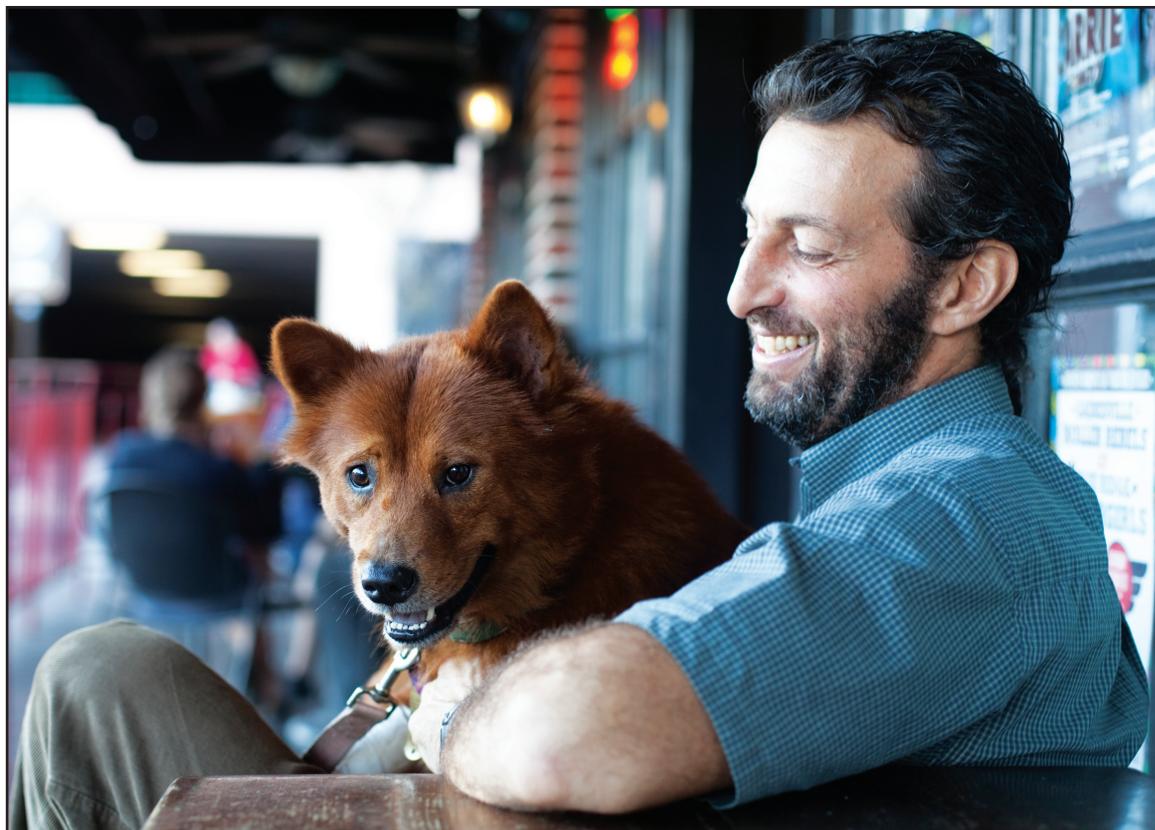
"She's a tough little monster," Kahn said. "But she loves people."

Before the car accident, Mushi assumed the role of protector-in-chief. She'd patrol the yard to make sure raccoons and opossums knew they weren't welcome on her turf.

She's still too weak to command her normal post with a thick cast on her right front leg, but Kahn said his house feels more like home again with his best friend around.

"The squirrels know she's back," Kahn said.

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Mushi, a 3-year-old Chow Chow mix, sits on Dan Kahn's lap and looks at passersby outside Loosey's in downtown Gainesville on Tuesday, two weeks after being hit by a car.

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Ball security strong for Driskel, Gators offense in 2012 *UF has made only four turnovers*

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

When Jeff Driskel drops back to pass in practice, offensive coordinator Brent Pease becomes a pass rusher.

The 6-foot-2 Pease, wearing large arm pads to emulate dynamic defensive ends like 6-foot-6 Jadeveon Clowney, slaps at Driskel's arms to try to teach him a lesson: Don't be a violator.

Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn coined the term "violators" toward the end of last season to describe players who are prone to fumbles because of the way they carry the ball.

The coaches' emphasis on avoiding giveaways has paid dividends so far in 2012, as Florida ranks second nationally with only four turnovers.

"If there's one stat you really chart every week, it's ball security," Pease said. "Outside of winning, there's really one goal board we have that we look at. It's our turnover margin."

The Gators have avoided turnovers in four of their seven games this season largely due to the efforts of Driskel, who has thrown only one interception in 127 pass

attempts.

Pease has called a conservative, run-heavy offense this season to

make Driskel's job easier in his first season as a starter.

Pease is becoming more aggressive

as Driskel gains experience, but the reliability of kicker Caleb Sturgis often leads to conservative play-calling inside the 35-yard line.

"You want to be aggressive,

but you've got to develop a trust," Pease said. "[Driskel is] gaining that."

Said Driskel: "When you have a defense like we do, you don't have to force anything, and you don't have to try to score on every play."

While the lack of interceptions can be traced to play-calling, Florida's resistance to fumbles was born in practice.

UF's coaches have consistently put an emphasis on carrying the ball high and tight.

"It's the No. 1 fundamental: how you're holding the football," Pease said. "We stress that."

The Gators run drills to work on ball security twice each week. When the rest of the team works on special teams, the quarterbacks have additional time to practice preventing turnovers.

Included is a turnover circuit, where quarterbacks try avoiding defensive linemen, stepping up in the pocket and running in the open field.

"We try to work on all those game-type situations," Pease said.

Said coach Will Muschamp: "It goes back to what you emphasize is what's important, and you can't just talk about it, you have to drill it. It's something we work on with our players."

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Jeff Driskel gets sacked during UF's 44-11 win against South Carolina on Saturday in The Swamp. Although Driskel failed to eclipse 100 passing yards for the third straight game, he has only one interception in 2012.

FIRE JOE MORGAN

Call Florida-Georgia what it is: *The biggest game of the year*

On Saturday, a football game played in Jacksonville will actually matter.

This year's showdown between Florida and Georgia is a bigger deal than the other recent installments in the storied rivalry.

For the first time since 2008, both the Gators and the Bulldogs are ranked in the Top 10 of the BCS standings as they enter their annual meeting.

Even more intriguing are the stakes.

The winner of this game will clinch the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division and advance to a de facto national semifinal in the SEC Championship Game in Atlanta on Dec. 1.

Put simply, Saturday's game is a big deal.

But UF coach Will Muschamp and his players aren't giving off that vibe.



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Florida would have you believe its preparation methods for Bowling Green and Georgia are identical. For the Gators, every team on the schedule is full of nameless,

faceless players.

"Nothing's changed for us," Muschamp said. "We're not working any longer, harder. Practice, it's all the same. We don't approach things differently based on the situation because next week's important, too."

Granted, staying the course and keeping an even keel is smart.

Florida's steady approach has worked to perfection so far this season.

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UF wants points, not yards

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

Jeff Driskel threw four touchdowns against South Carolina, but he couldn't reach triple-digit passing yards.

He hasn't done that in three games.

Florida gained a season-low 183 yards on Saturday.

But the sophomore quarterback doesn't care, and neither do his coaches.

"If you come into this thing every week asking me about yards, I mean, I'm not really concerned about that," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "I'm concerned about winning, efficiency in the red zone, third-down conversions, (and) ball security."

If that's the case, Driskel and the Gators offense are having a banner year.

Florida's first-year starter at quarterback ranks fifth in passing efficien-

cy in the Southeastern Conference.

UF converted 47 percent of its third-down chances against top-10 opponents South Carolina and LSU. UF is eighth in the nation with a plus-11 turnover margin. Last season, Florida finished 113th of 120 teams with a minus-12 margin.

Florida averaged only 2.8 yards per play on Saturday, but the Gators didn't have much ground to cover. Four first-half drives started within the South Carolina 30-yard line.

Florida finished the first half with 21 points and 29 yards.

"Now I'm looking at it as, 'Are we scoring?' We better be scoring touchdowns on that," Pease said. "So, I'm not protecting what we do or anything, but yeah, I think it's misleading

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With two center backs injured, UF is asking Lauren Smith to step in at a position she's never played before. See story, page 14.

George Earns Preseason All-SEC Honor

Members of the media named Florida forward Jennifer George to the All-Southeastern Conference first team on Tuesday. George led the Gators with 12.8 points and 8.8 rebounds per game last season.

Beisel Picks Up Weekly Award

Elizabeth Beisel earned Southeastern Conference Female Swimmer of the Week honors after notching four top-three finishes at the SMU Classic last weekend.

UF golf ends fall with lackluster showing

CHARLES KINGSBURY
Alligator Writer

The Isleworth Country Club is notorious for being one of the country's most difficult courses.

It lived up to its reputation at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in Windermere.

No. 6 Florida shot a 22-over 886 in the three-round tournament to finish sixth overall.

"It was a disappointing way to end a golf season," coach Buddy Alexander said. "It is a little disappointing after such a great semester."

UF will retake the course for the spring season on Feb. 9 at the Gator Invitational.

Florida started its fall season with three consecutive top-two finishes — including a team win at The Invitational at The Ocean Course on Sept. 9-11 — but couldn't continue the streak at the Islesworth despite shooting a tournament-low 286 (-2) in the second round.



Vogel

The Gators entered the final round on Tuesday in a tie for third place with defending national champion Texas, carding a 583 (+7) through two rounds of play. Despite the efforts of T.J. Vogel, Tyler McCumber and J.D. Tomlinson in the second round — all three finished at or under par — UF failed to keep the momentum on the last day.

Florida tallied a 303 (+15) on Tuesday, marking its worst round of the tournament.

Vogel shot a team-low 74 (+2) on the par-72, 7,544-yard course, bringing his total to 218 (+2) for the tournament. He finished tied for sixth with UCF's Greg Eason and Augusta State's Derek Chang. The Isleworth Invitational marked Vogel's fourth consecutive top-10 finish.

Senior McCumber and freshman A.J. Crouch both posted a 77 (+5). McCumber entered the day in a three-way tie for second but finished in a tie for ninth with a 219 (+3) total.

Crouch carded a 233 (+17) to finish tied for 60th.

Tomlinson, a sophomore, concluded the invite with a 75 (+3), bringing his tourney total to 221 (+5). The Gainesville native finished tied for 21st.

Rounding out the Gators' lineup was senior Tommy Mou, who finished the third round in 80 strokes (+8). Mou ended his second tournament of the fall season with a 231 (+15).

Alexander believes the time off between the fall and spring seasons will give the Gators a chance to improve.

"Hopefully, this will give our team the motivation to work hard in the offseason to get ready for the spring."

Youngsters filling in for injured veterans

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN
Alligator Writer

Until Sunday, Lauren Smith had never played center back in her life.

But with starter Annie Bobbitt out with a knee sprain and the Gators up 4-0 on Vanderbilt, coach Becky Burleigh decided to try Smith at the position.

"I kind of had to second take," Smith said. "I didn't know if she was talking to me. I was pretty shocked."

Said Burleigh: "She did a really remarkable job, considering she had never played there before."

Due to injuries to Bobbitt and All-America redshirt senior Kat Williamson, little-used players such as Smith will likely get a majority of the minutes at center back when Florida plays South Carolina on Thursday. A win for the Gators clinches the Southeastern Conference regular-season title.

Florida's woes at center back began when Williamson left the team's match against Florida International with a torn right meniscus on Sept. 2.

Before suffering her injury, Williamson had started 78 games in her career at Florida.

Following Williamson's injury, the bulk of her playing time fell to Bobbitt, who has made 10 starts this year. Bobbitt left due to injury after playing 22 minutes in the Gators' loss to Alabama on Friday.

"A lot of communication that Bobbitt offers is going to be a big loss for us," goalkeeper Taylor Burke said.

With Bobbitt out, Burleigh said she will likely play a mix of players alongside freshman Christen Westphal on the back line. Westphal has started all but one game this season.

Against the Commodores on Sunday, sophomore Karina Gutsche started in Bobbitt's place. She was one of only two players who played more than 70 minutes in the blowout victory.

"Karina is a beast on defense," Burleigh said.

"[Lauren Smith] did a really remarkable job, considering she had never played there before."

Becky Burleigh
UF coach

"She takes it personally, and she goes hard on every tackle. I would not want to play against her."

Gutsche has played in 10 of the Gators' 18 games this year, but has made only three starts. She missed time early in the season after suffering a concussion when a ball

deflected off the crossbar and hit her in the head during practice.

Like Smith, Gutsche is listed as a midfielder on Florida's roster. But, unlike Smith, Gutsche has experience at center back.

"I've played it in practice, and our practices are very game-like," Gutsche said. "It wasn't very much of an adjustment."

Luckily for Florida, reinforcements may soon be on the way. Burleigh said Bobbitt's sprain was minor, and she could be back soon if her swelling and range of motion improve. Burleigh also said the Gators could be receiving an All-America boost in the near future.

"We're hoping to have [Williamson] for postseason, for sure," Burleigh said. "It's just a matter of when."



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Florida center back Kat Williamson fights for the ball against FIU on Sept. 7. Williamson suffered a torn right meniscus during the game.

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Florida to face another elite pass rusher

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because I don't think that's a good conclusion to what the total outcome was."

Georgia end presents stiff test: Jarvis Jones had a scary Halloween three years ago.

As a backup linebacker for USC, Jones suffered a sprained neck against Oregon in 2009 and missed the season's final five games.

Lane Kiffin, who began coaching the Trojans the following spring, called it a career-threatening injury.

So ended the outside linebacker's time at USC.

Two seasons later, he squared off against Pease and Boise State with Georgia in its 2011 season opener.

"Going in, I don't think we knew enough about him," Pease said. "We knew he transferred, knew he was probably a good player, but after going against him and just watching how fast he played the game, the strength he played with, how they used him, he is definitely an impact player."

Jones earned first-team All-America honors and was second in the nation with 13.5 sacks in 2011. He recorded a career-high four sacks against Florida last season.

For the Gators' offensive line, competing against a sack machine like Jones isn't anything new.

Florida faced LSU's duo of Sam Montgomery and Barkevious Mingo on Oct. 6 before squaring off with South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney on Saturday.

Jones has 5.5 sacks this season.

"They're great players," Pease said. "Understanding what we've got to do schematically, that helps us knowing how we eventually got to some things that were successful for us handling that type of pass rusher."

Jones missed Georgia's game against Kentucky last week due to a sprained ankle suffered against South Carolina on Oct. 6.

He returned to practice on Monday.

Pease no stranger to rivalries: Pease isn't a fan of the Bobcats.

He started at quarterback for Montana from 1985-1986 and then served eight years on the Grizzlies' offensive coaching staff from 1991-1998.

Every year except one, Pease came out victorious in the Brawl of the Wild.

The annual matchup between Montana and Montana State is referred to as the Griz-Cat Rivalry by Montana fans.

"We don't call them Montana State," Pease said. "We call them the other team. Don't ever say Montana State."

Come Saturday, Pease will coach his first Florida-Georgia

game.

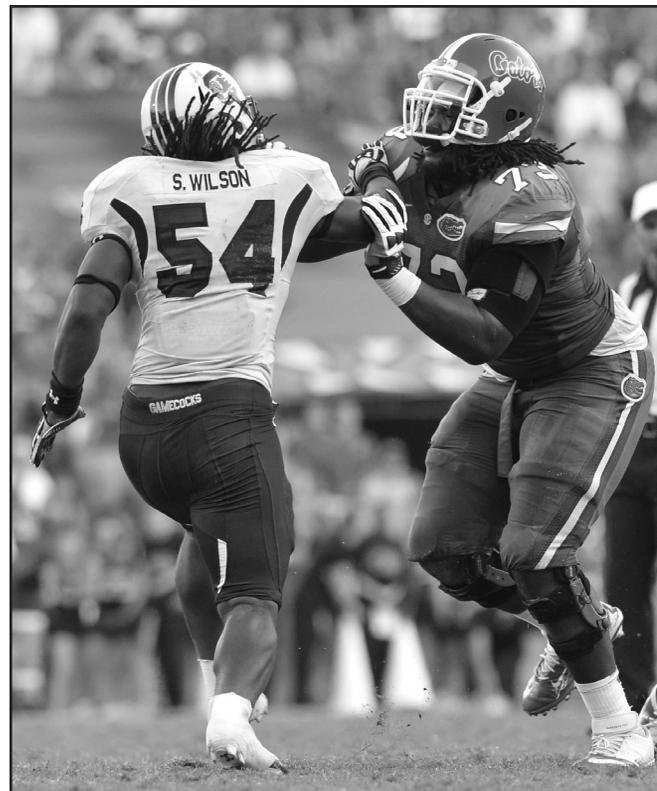
The two SEC rivals won't exchange pleasantries in Jacksonville.

"Is it nasty? I mean, I wouldn't say it's nasty," UF defensive end Dominique Easley said about the rivalry. "I mean, I don't like them. They Georgia, that's all. They Bulldogs, that's all."

Pease noticed a change in the Gators during the first couple days of practice this week. Preparation hasn't been an issue through the first seven games this season, and the players told Pease they don't need any extra motivation to get ready for the Bulldogs.

"It's magnitude of the game — I'm learning that," Pease said. "I've never been a part of the Florida-Georgia game before, but I'm understanding what it's about."

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Tackle Xavier Nixon (73) blocks during Florida's 44-11 win against South Carolina on Saturday in The Swamp.

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However, treating the Bulldogs as simply another opponent is just downright silly.

C'mon! Show a little leg! Where's the bravado?

The rivalry is called the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party, and the Gators are sitting quietly in the corner sipping sweet tea. Wake up!

The final score be damned, Georgia annihilated Florida last season.

The Bulldogs had 23 first downs compared to the Gators' 11.

UGA gained 185 yards in the ground game, and UF lost 19.

Perhaps most disturbing for the Gators: The Bulldogs snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. Georgia erased a 17-3 Florida lead by scoring two touchdowns on fourth down.

The Bulldogs offense controlled the second half, amassing nearly 21 minutes of possession after halftime, including the game's final 5:32.

"Nothing's changed for us. We're not working any longer, harder. Practice, it's all the same. We don't approach things differently based on the situation because next week's important, too."

Will Muschamp

UF coach

Meanwhile, the Gators' offense could not gain any traction in the second half, recording just one first down in the final 30 minutes.

"We felt like it was a game we let slip away," Muschamp said.

The beatdown Georgia administered to Florida last season should embarrass the Gators even more than the Bulldogs' team-wide touchdown celebration five years ago.

Georgia slowly and methodically crushed Florida's spirit, emphatically hammering the final nail into the coffin that was UF's winless October.

The Gators should be angry, hurting from last season's humiliation. Instead, they label Saturday's game a rivalry and carry on.

"I don't want to say revenge," Jeff Driskel said. "We're just going to go out there and play hard and practice hard, you know, work hard this week."

Maybe Muschamp is pumping up this game to his players behind closed doors. Perhaps the "nameless, faceless" mantra is merely an act to avoid a sparring war with Georgia coach Mark Richt, who has been brash in the media regarding Florida in the past.

The Gators' showdown with the Bulldogs on Saturday is the most important game of the season not because it's the next one, but because of what it represents.

Just like every year, reaching Atlanta has been Florida's end game since the season began.

Saturday's contest is the culmination of that journey.

Beating Georgia means more than just another win, and the Gators should act like it.

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HEISMAN WATCH

1. ▲ Collin Klein, Kansas State quarterback (20 points): 180.8 passer rating, 2,271 yards, 75.3 completion percentage, 25 touchdowns, 0 interceptions; 71 rushing yards, 2.5 yards per carry, 1 touchdown.



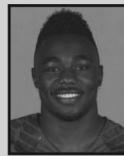
Klein stole the show in a matchup with last week's unanimous No. 1 in our poll, Geno Smith. Klein completed 19 of 21 passes for 323 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran 12 times for 41 yards and four more scores as Kansas State remained undefeated in a 55-14 beatdown of West Virginia on the road.

2. ▲ Manti Te'o, Notre Dame linebacker (12 points): 69 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions, 3 pass deflections, 4 quarterback hurries, 2 fumble recoveries.



Te'o continues to climb our poll after notching 10 tackles and an interception as Notre Dame remained unbeaten with a 17-14 win against BYU. Te'o has recorded double-digit tackles in five of Notre Dame's seven games this season. Of the 20 Division-I players with four or more interceptions, none has more tackles than Te'o.

3. ▲ Kenjon Barner, Oregon running back (7 points): 870 rushing yards, 6.6 yards per carry, 12 rushing touchdowns; 11 receptions, 11.1 yards, 10.1 yards per reception, 1 receiving touchdown.



While teammate De'Anthony Thomas earns the majority of the hype and highlights, Barner has been the workhorse for the undefeated Ducks. Barner carried 16 times for 143 yards and three touchdowns in Oregon's 43-21 win at Arizona State. Barner has four games with at least 120 yards and three games with three touchdowns.

4. Braxton Miller, Ohio State quarterback (6 points): 138.3 passer rating, 1,384 passing yards, 58.7 completion percentage, 11 passing touchdowns, 5 interceptions; 959 rushing yards, 6.8 yards per carry, 10 touchdowns.



Although a neck injury limited him in Ohio State's 29-22 overtime win against Purdue, Miller played well enough to remain in our top five. He completed 9 of 20 passes for 113 yards and an interception while rushing 12 times for 47 yards and a touchdown. Miller ranks 15th nationally and third among quarterbacks with 119.9 rushing yards per game.

5. Geno Smith, West Virginia quarterback (4 points): 172.0 passer rating, 2,414 passing yards, 74.2 completion percentage, 26 passing touchdowns, 2 interceptions; 56 rushing yards, 1.6 yards per carry, 1 touchdown.



After looking like a lock for the Heisman just a few weeks ago, Smith needed a tiebreaker to hang on to the fifth spot in our poll. Smith completed 21 of 32 passes for 143 yards, one touchdown and his first two interceptions of the season as West Virginia lost its second straight game 55-14 to Kansas State. After averaging 399.2 yards per game and 24 touchdowns in the first five games, Smith has posted only 209 yards per game and two touchdowns in his past two contests.

OUR RANKINGS

* The number in parentheses next to each name indicates how many points each candidate received from the *alligatorSports* columnists.

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1. Collin Klein
2. Manti Te'o
3. Braxton Miller
4. Kenjon Barner
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5. Matt Barkley

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4. Manti Te'o
5. Kenjon Barner



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Redshirt senior middle blocker Betsy Smith attempts an attack in Florida's 3-0 win against Ole Miss on Oct. 12 in the O'Connell Center. Smith is fourth on the team with 1.98 kills per set this season.

Middles provide offensive boost

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Middle blockers Betsy Smith and Chloe Mann have always anchored the front-line defense for No. 11 Florida, which faces No. 12 Florida State today at 6 p.m. in Tallahassee.

But after Smith recorded a career-high 15 kills on Sunday and Mann won the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week award, Wise said the duo is a force to be reckoned with offensively as well.

Mann leads the team with 3.87 kills per set, while Smith ranks fourth with 1.98 per set. Mann's .439 hitting percentage is the best on the Gators, while Smith's .363 ranks third.

At first, Wise struggled to recall a time when Florida had a pair of

high-scoring middles as strong as Smith and Mann.

"You'd have to go back some," Wise said.

"Before Benavia Jenkins got hurt, she and Sherri Williams were pretty efficient in the middle as well."

Jenkins and Williams last played together in 2003, which was the first and last time the Gators appeared in a national championship game.

Wise said this year's team has leaned on the middles in the same way Florida did nearly 10 years ago.

Smith and Mann have responded by leading the Gators to a 14-game winning streak, which has included eight sweeps and two 2-0 comebacks against SEC opponents.

"They are the X-factor for our team right now," Wise said. "Chloe Mann is having an amazing season and just seems to get better and better — Betsy as well. I think the team feeds off of her leadership

and emotional energy."

The SEC named Mann, a junior, the Offensive Player of the Week after she led the Gators with 32 kills last weekend against Alabama and Texas A&M.

She committed only two attacking errors, giving her a .566 hitting clip.

Smith, a redshirt senior, not only accumulated a career-high in kills during the comeback victory against the Aggies, but she was also the spark the Gators needed in the locker room following the second set.

"When I went into the locker room, I waited until [Smith] was finished addressing the team before I talked to them," Wise said. "It's not surprising that would be her career high."

When asked where the two middles stack up against the nation's top duos, Wise said she wouldn't know. But she did know one thing.

"Those two have been stellar," she said.

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