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OUT OF THEIR HANDS

UGA controls SEC East

JOE MORGAN
 Alligator Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE — On Saturday, Florida finally broke.

The Gators had struck a perilous balance in 2012. UF rode big plays, good defense and a one-dimensional offense to the No. 2 ranking in the BCS standings and the brink of a Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title.

However, six turnovers, a stagnant offense and yet another slow start were too much for Florida (7-1, 6-1 SEC) to overcome in a 17-9 loss to Georgia (7-1, 5-1 SEC) at EverBank Field.

Now, instead of pressing onward in the national championship race, the Gators will need help just to play for the SEC title. Florida must defeat Missouri and then hope Georgia slips up against either Ole Miss or Auburn.

"I've said all season long: We're not a team that has a

lot of margin for error," UF coach Will Muschamp said. "Six turnovers — wow. That's tough to overcome."

In just one week's time, UF slipped from the driver's seat to the back seat.

From "Florida never breaks" to "Hotty Toddy" and "War Eagle."

"It just comes down to the basics," quarterback Jeff Driskel said. "Football is about taking care of the ball, and we didn't do that tonight. When you have six turnovers, it's hard to win any game."

The Gators took pride in their turnover margin, which stood at plus-11 entering Saturday's game. Despite picking off UGA quarterback Aaron Murray three times, UF lost the turnover battle by three.

The giveaway onus fell on Driskel, who had turned the ball over only twice in his first seven career starts. Against the Bulldogs, Driskel

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Tight end Jordan Reed (11) fumbles on Georgia's 5-yard line late in the fourth quarter during Florida's 17-9 loss to UGA on Saturday at EverBank Field in Jacksonville. The Gators' six turnovers proved costly in the defeat.

Arrest made in bank homicide

THE ARREST WAS MADE IN ALABAMA.

CHRIS ALCANTARA
 Alligator Writer

A man accused of being connected to a homicide on West University Avenue was arrested in Alabama Saturday afternoon.

Clifton Rae Baxter, 33, was arrested on a warrant in Dothan, Ala., according to a GPD news release.

The arrest followed a Friday morning incident in which a witness reported seeing a man lying facedown on the ground near the Bank of America located at 1116 W. University Ave., while another man rummaged through his pockets.

An ambulance rushed the victim to Shands

at UF for treatment, where he later died.

Police have not released details regarding the man's death.

Later that day, Gainesville Police released several pictures taken at the time of the homicide, including one of a white male photographed by an ATM surveillance camera.

A second picture, taken at the same time, showed a Chevy Conversion van — police said possibly driven by a white male — parked at a gas station.

GPD spokesman Ben Tobias said detectives have identified the victim. However, he did not release the man's name or Baxter's charges by press time.

Baxter is being held in jail on a \$500,000 bond, but Tobias did not say if he was held in Dothan or brought back to Alachua County.

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Early voting brings thousands to polls, continues this week

BROCK SENG
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Early voting started Saturday in Alachua County, and thousands of registered voters stood in line in the chilly wind to make sure their voices were heard.

Pam Carpenter, county supervisor of elections, said about 4,800 people voted Saturday and about 4,200 voted Sunday.

Early voting lasts until Nov. 3, and voters registered in Alachua County can cast their ballots at three locations: the Supervisor of Elections Office, County Administration Building Location, 12 SE First St.; the Millhopper Branch Library, 3145 NW 43rd St.; and the Tower Road Branch Library, 3020 SW 75th St.

Carpenter said the turnout was in the thousands because voters wanted to take

advantage of voting on the weekend.

"The people like to take advantage of fitting it into their schedule," she said, "like checking it off the to-do list."

Early voting is shorter this year, she said. Changes in election laws cut down the length from two weeks to eight days.

"The people like to take advantage of fitting it into their schedule."

Pam Carpenter
 county supervisor of elections

Carpenter said she saw young people in and out of the voting booths all weekend. There was a station wagon shuttling them all day to the downtown voting lo-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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 our society could have gone wrong. The show is today in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom, and doors open at 8 p.m. The show is free and food will be provided.

'Education Under Fire' screening

"Education Under Fire" will be screened in the CSE Building, Room 100, today at 6:30 p.m. The film profiles the growth, struggle and inspiring spirit of the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education. Baha'is in Iran have been subjected to systematic persecution, including arrests, torture and execution, simply for refusing to recant their beliefs. They are also prohibited from going to college and blocked from many professions.

OAS Undergraduate Student Coordinator Applications now available

The Office of Academic Support Undergraduate Student Coordinators provides peer leadership to OAS Peer

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The UF chapter of Engineers Without Borders is screen printing the EWB logo. This is open to all students. Give us the item you want screen-printed — including T-shirts, sweatshirts, blankets, etc.— and your contact info, then pay at pickup. It's \$5 for one

item and \$8 for two. Drop off ends Tuesday in Weil Hall, Room 207, during office hours. See the logo and more information at www.ewbuf.org.

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Oct. 31, 1967: Dr. W. J. Coggins, director of the UF Infirmary, warned about the possibility of an increase in cases of Asiatic flu that year. After having relatively few cases the previous year, he expected an increase due to the flu's tendency to run in cycles. A mixed vaccine, offered for \$1, was recommended for students with chronic diseases, especially respiratory ones.

Oct. 30, 1997: The Division of Housing developed a plan to install fiber optic data lines, along with additional phone and cable lines, into the residence halls. The project was expected to cost \$3.7 million. The plan came as a result of almost-constant busy signals due to an increase of students and their use of modems. BellSouth representatives said there would continue to be problems because of the increase in traffic on the data lines with all the new Internet users.

Oct. 28, 2009: As UF tested the UFAlert system — about a month after releasing the Emergency Zombie Attack plan — a horde of zombies limped and moaned its way across campus. UF improv group Theatre Strike Force organized the flash mob, which included about 30 zombies chasing the one human of the group. They wore face paint and tattered clothes, to the amusement of many passers-by. Skyler Kern, vice president of the group, played the human being chased by the zombies. He was devoured outside of Library West.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS



Alligator File Photo

Zombie Attack!

Skyler Kern, vice president of Theatre Strike Force, shouts as he runs from other members limping along as zombies on the North Lawn during a flash mob on Oct. 28, 2009.

UF fan left with life-threatening injuries after Florida-Georgia

► TWO MEN FOUGHT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE GAME.

CHRIS ALCANTARA

Alligator Writer

A man was hospitalized and another was

arrested following a fight outside EverBank Field in Jacksonville during the first half of the Florida-Georgia football game Saturday.

At about 4:45 p.m., witnesses reported to Jacksonville law enforcement that a fight broke out between two men at a pond outside the stadium, according to published reports.

A YouTube user posted a video showing a

Florida fan, unable to stand, being knocked out by the alleged suspect as they grappled in several inches of water. Later, the video showed the man pulling the barely conscious Florida fan out of the water. The video has since been removed from the website.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Melissa Bujeda told Jacksonville reporters an

ambulance took the man to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Police arrested the suspect and booked him into Duval County Jail.

The victim remained in the hospital in stable condition, according to reports.

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InsideUF

Your campus news source

Homecoming 2012 enhances traditions

What do a TV sitcom actor, a country music superstar and a 12-time Olympic medalist have in common? This year's Gator Growl, the University of Florida's annual Homecoming pep rally.

"30 Rock" star Tracy Morgan and singer Josh Turner are the featured performers for the Nov. 9 event in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, to be emceed by Olympic swimmer and UF alumna Dara Torres. This year's event will feature fireworks, the Para-Commandos skydiving team, as well as

the Dazzlers, UF cheerleaders and the Gator football team's senior members.

The 7 p.m. show will honor the U.S. military with the theme "United We Growl" to recognize Veterans Day on Nov. 11. UF will be closed the next day, Nov. 12, in recognition of the holiday.



Two Homecoming events will precede Growl on Nov. 9: the SunTrust Gator Gallop and the 89th annual Homecoming parade.

The Gallop is a 2-mile run/walk before the parade down West University Avenue to downtown Gainesville. Each year, about 1,500 people participate. Online preregistration is \$15. Registration the day of the event starts at 9:15 a.m. and costs \$20 in cash only. The race starts at 11:30 a.m. at Percy Beard Track.

This year's parade will showcase bands, floats and special guests from UF student organizations and many community groups. More than 100,000 spectators are expected to line the streets for this annual tradition, which is one of the nation's largest homecoming parades.

On Saturday, a tailgate party will be held at the O'Connell Center starting 2 1/2 hours

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before kick-off. Admission is free, but the cost of a barbecue meal is \$10. Meal tickets can be purchased beforehand at the University Box Office or on Nov. 10 at Gate 2 of the O'Connell Center. There will be games, drawings and appearances by the Dazzlers and cheerleaders.

Tickets for Gator Growl are \$15 for students, \$20 for UF faculty and staff, and \$25 for alumni and guests. They can be purchased through Ticketmaster at www.gatorgrowl.org/buy-tickets. To purchase a \$25 tax-deductible ticket for a wounded veteran and his or her family through the Wounded Warrior Project, visit www.gatorgrowl.org.



Gators Give

The UF Campaign for Charities continues through Friday, Nov. 2.

Last year, employees gave \$1,036,444 to 90 charitable organizations in the region.

For more information on how to contribute, visit www.ufcc.ufl.edu

Local brews, wine offered

The Florida Museum of Natural History will hold a "Grapes & Grains" wine and beer sampling event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Registration is \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members and open to adults 21 and older. Admission to temporary exhibits is included. The Butterfly Rainforest will not be open. Attendees can sample beers and wines produced regionally. Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

Vendors include Alligator Brewing, Bluefield Estate Winery, Bold City Brewery, Cocoa Beach Brewing Company, Mile Marker Brewing, San Sebastian Winery and Swamp Head Brewery. For more information, call 352-273-2045.

Children's books featured

The Harn Museum of Art will hold "Written Inspiration: A Children's Book-Signing Event" from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The books featured at this free event will appeal to children ages 5 to 13.

More than 20 authors and illustrators from Florida will participate. Visitors can browse booths, talk with authors and have their purchased books personalized. Each author and illustrator will offer a hands-on art activity that relates to his or her book. A portion of book sales will go to Harn exhibitions and programs. For more information, call 352-392-9826 or visit www.harn.ufl.edu.

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UF Calendar of Events

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Young mad scientists experiment at Molecular Mania event

CARA CHIARAMONTE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Four-year-old Cooper Fox and 7-year-old Kennedy Fox beamed as they slammed their hands onto "oobleck" at Oaks Mall.

The "oobleck," also known as "non-Newtonian fluid," was one of 15 Halloween-themed science experiments demonstrated at the UF chemistry department's eighth annual Molecular Mania Saturday.

Event director and associate professor Adam Viege said

hundreds of children and their parents gathered at the mall for Molecular Mania. About 30 undergraduate and graduate students volunteered to perform the experiments.

"As a whole, we do try to connect to the community in different ways," he said. "It communicates science to the community in a fun and interactive way."

Sponsored by the chemistry department, UF Center for Catalysis, the Florida local section of the American Chemical Society

and the National Science Foundation, Molecular Mania allowed students to explain science to people of all ages, Viege said.

"It challenges them to communicate pretty high-level science to the general public," he said.

Viege said Molecular Mania's creative portrayal of chemistry helps capture the attention of children.

"There is real potential to turn on the next great scientist at the mall," he said.

First-year chemistry doc-

toral student Candice Ulmer, 21, worked at a station where she supervised kids playing with non-Newtonian fluid, a mixture of cornstarch and water that can act as a solid and a liquid simultaneously.

When Ulmer smacked the pink and green substances with Cooper and Kennedy, it was solid. But when the three lightly touched the surface, they felt a gooey liquid.

Cooper and Kennedy's mom, Jennifer Fox, 33, said she liked how hands-on the experiments

were.

"Some people think science is boring," she said. "I think it's neat for the young kids to come and see the experiments."

Cooper's favorite was "Peeps in a Vacuum." His eyes were glued to the glass chamber containing about 15 of the colorful marshmallows, which expanded when a vacuum sucked air out and shrank when air came back in.

"I love marshmallows," he said.

Friends of the Library book sale raises \$80,000 Saturday

► THE WAREHOUSE HOLDS ABOUT 500,000 ITEMS.

JENNA LYONS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The line looked like it never ended.

It snaked from the doors of the book-filled warehouse down North Main Street, and more literary enthusiasts kept coming to join it.

A crowd of UF students, Gainesville residents and booklovers from across the country stood chatting in the cool morning air Saturday, waiting for the doors of the Friends of the Library book sale to open.

About 700 people came out Saturday for the first 30 minutes of Alachua County Friends of the Library's biannual book sale, said Peter G. Roode, organization president.

"You can buy, like, 100 books for way, way less than retail."

Sarah Harrison
publicity chair

Sarah Harrison, Friends of the Library publicity chair, said the sale raised about \$80,000 on the first day.

Roode said he couldn't estimate how many people showed up over the weekend for the book sale at 430-B N. Main St., but he said it was easily thousands.

The warehouse, which is slightly bigger

than a quarter of a football field, was less crowded than usual. Harrison said the Florida-Georgia game drew droves of students out of town, which cut down the crowd.

Since the crowd was tamer, patrons had room to walk down most of the aisles of books, rather than squeezing through like in previous years.

The sale, which lasts through Wednesday, holds about 500,000 items such as books, videotapes and posters.

After the doors opened Saturday, a man with a baby slung on his back sifted through books as people around him filled cardboard boxes and grocery bags with items.

Blaine Beck, a UF environmental engineering sophomore, waited in line Saturday morning with his friends. He felt the fistful of coins in his pocket: \$3.80 exactly.

"I have a little coin jar, and I raided it," the 19-year-old said.

Books can be as little as 25 cents at the sale, and cheap prices attract students looking for good books.

Janeen Badillo, a UF nursing junior, spotted an old nursing textbook that only cost a few dollars.

"You see this Perry and Potter?" the 20-year-old asked. "I paid like \$100 for that."

Badillo held on to the textbook, since she's taking a pharmacology class next semester.

Harrison said the sale's prices are cheaper than used bookstores and Amazon.

"You can buy, like, 100 books for way, way less than retail," she said.

All profits from the sale go to the Alachua County Library District, said Betty Roode, a sale volunteer.

Harrison said the book sale is a staple Gainesville experience.

"It's the biggest sale in the Southeast," she said. "We've been able to create this kind of very big thing in this very small town."



Marjorie Nunez / Alligator

"I wish I had a million books," said Lily Mills, 7, before she sat with her brother Hayden, 5, at the Friends of the Library book sale. The sale, which started Saturday and ends Wednesday, raises money for the Alachua County Library District.

High school, college students hit books

E-books contribute to trend

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Contributing Writer

Books are cool again.

A study released last week by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project found that more than eight out of 10 Americans between ages 16 and 29 have read a book in the past year.

Kathryn Zickuhr, the study's main author, found that high schoolers and college-aged young adults are especially likely to have read a book or gone to the library.

Ben Walker, head of the Education Library at UF, said there has been an 8 percent increase in the education library's attendance from students since the beginning of the year.

"It feels busier," he said. "I feel like our usage is on an uptake."

The study attributes the increase in reading and library attendance to young adults' interest in "mobile technology" like e-readers and smartphones.

"They are convenient to use and it's increased the opportunity for students to view new material," he said. "And that's an important thing."

Richard Freeman, the anthropology librarian at Library West for the past seven months, said he heard the results of the study on NPR.

"All I can say is 'Woo-hoo,'" he said.

Freeman said renting e-books is becoming more popular at UF.

"There's a good amount of stu-

dents who use them, sometimes it's all that's available — especially with academic journals," he said.

College-aged adults ages 18 to 24 have the highest overall reading rate of any age group, according to the study. The study found they had an increased interest in e-books and audiobooks as compared with younger readers.

Kristen Heath, 25, a senior clerk in the UF admissions office, likes to read her Amazon Kindle outside of Library West.

Heath said she has never rented an e-book from the library, but it is something she is considering after hearing about it from her friends.

"I actually prefer print most of the time," she said. "That being said, the e-reader is much more convenient because I can carry multiple books at one time, and the books always open to where I left them."

Vote early to avoid lines

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cation.

Rachel McGovern, 20, said Gators for Obama is providing free rides to the polls each day of early voting.

McGovern, political science junior and co-chair of Gators for Obama, said she voted early to avoid the long lines that come with Election Day.

Frank Moehrle, 21-year-old political science senior and chair of Gators for Romney, said he voted early in Martin County because he wouldn't have time to go home on Election Day to vote and said he didn't want to cast an absentee ballot.

Moehrle said he researched the ballot ahead of time so he would know who and what he was voting for.

"It is better this way," he said. "That way, you have time to read the ballot instead

of making a decision right then and there."

Carpenter encouraged people to take advantage of early voting, especially with this year's ballot.

She said the ballot is several pages long and could take about 20 minutes to read.

The ballot includes more than just the presidential election. It includes

other races such as national congressional races, state congressional races and County Commission races.

There are also 11 constitutional amendments and two local issues — one regarding the school board and one regarding county roads.



Obama

Conservancy draws 2,500 for annual bat celebration

► THE FESTIVAL IS THE ONLY TIME WHEN THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED INTO THE CONSERVANCY.

TATILA BROCK

Alligator Contributing Writer

A bat hung from the cage ceiling, snatching fruit from pumpkin sculptures as admirers stared from below.

About 2,500 people attended the Luce Bat Conservancy's eighth annual Florida Bat Festival Saturday.

The festival is the only time of year when the public is allowed inside, said Brian Pope, director of the conservancy.

The conservancy, located at 1309 NW 192nd Ave., is home to 207 bats, Pope said. The species ranged from fruit bats to the largest species in the world, the Malayan bat, which has a 6-foot wingspan.

Visitors looked at tables set up by 26 vendors, ranging from merchandise to animals such as greyhounds, snakes and iguanas, which visitors could pet.

Kitty Lane, a 48-year-old Jacksonville resident, came to the festival with her family.

Lane, a Florida Invasive Plant Education Initiative and Curriculum employee, said the most interesting display was a diorama that let kids compare their arm length with the wingspan of the world's largest bat.

Kaden Keith, 3, and his family wore Batman shirts to the conservancy.

Kaden, who plans to be Batman for Halloween, said he liked learning about the winged creatures. But he really liked the games.

"I won a bat book," Kaden said. "I threw the ball into the cup and got one in."

Pope said the conservancy includes family-friendly activities to teach people everyone can know about bats, not just scientists.

"One of the main goals is to connect with the local community," he said. "We want people to come out with their families, have a good time and learn about bats."



Ryan Jones / Alligator

An Island Flying Fox bat wraps its wings up for a nap at the Luce Bat Conservancy during the eighth annual Florida Bat Festival on Saturday. The conservancy houses more than 200 bats.

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Editorial

Freaky Frankenstorm

We've seen worse, but they haven't

Apparently the East Coast of the United States is about to get completely wiped off the face of the earth.

This past weekend, Northerners spent time in bodegas and grocery stores getting prepared for the oncoming storm.

Even Kim Kardashian bought a cartload of bottled water. But also, she only bought bottled water. Is that all she needs to survive?

Let us put some things into perspective for you, just in case you think Hurricane Sandy is going to decimate anything: It's a Category 1 storm. It is one cat. One cat is not really that much to handle. It needs a little bit of attention and some cuddling every now and then, and then it's good to go.

The worst hurricane to hit Florida in recent history was Hurricane Andrew. This hit our coast in 1992. Andrew was a Category 4 (or 5) storm. That is four or five cats. Do you know how much of a problem five cats can be?

First of all, there will be poop everywhere, no matter what those kitty-litter commercials try to tell you. Imagine trying to share one toilet with five other people; that's not a pretty situation. Then you have to worry about feeding all of those cats. We'd assume it would take a lot of fuel and energy to keep that many cats going strong.

In Andrew's case, it cost about \$26.5 billion. That's a lot of catnip. Or fun toys that have feathers on them. Or treats for when they do something in a really cute way. You know, cat stuff.

To be fair, states like New York and New Jersey don't normally see a storm of this size. They aren't as well prepared for them as Floridians are taught to be.

Northern cities started to evacuate some residents as the storm approaches. Nearly 80,000 people who live in Delaware and Atlantic City, N.J., were asked to leave their homes.

Sandy will most likely make landfall sometime tonight or early tomorrow morning. Also, this storm has already killed more than 60 people in the Caribbean. A majority of those deaths took place in Haiti, a country still recovering from the last round of strong storms.

While it's always important to prepare ourselves for an impending emergency situation, we should definitely remember that we are not the only ones affected. However, Sandy has the potential to collide with a polar front coming down from the Arctic. That's why some people are calling that combination of storms a "Frankenstorm." It's one-part hurricane plus one-part Arctic front plus one-part full moon. That means it's an unusual situation; crazy winds and rains mixed with high tides do not make a safe week. "Frankenstorm" is also happening on the week of Halloween, which is super spooky.

Did you hear about the earthquakes and tsunami warnings over on the West Coast this weekend? Basically, we're starting to see that the world really will end in 2012.

Let's make it a good last few months, folks.

Reader response

Today's question: Did you go to Fest?

Friday's question: Are you excited for this weekend?

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Column

Exploration, mythology, elephants and art

Much like Snooki from the popular TV program "Jersey Shore," I often find myself reflecting on the functional reality of art.

What is art's purpose in the physiological world?

We as a race have an adventurous streak. We have gone to the very extremes of our world in search of answers — to the top of Everest, the deepest reaches of the rainforest, the North and South poles — and have been left wanting.

Is art our last great adventuring — our exploration of the world of humanity's collective subconscious mind? Answering this question would require a rigorous discourse covering thousands of years of human history and development, so instead, let's just talk about something fun like elephants.

Did I ever tell you the story about the blind men and the elephant? Well, like, there was this great big elephant and these four blind guys were wandering around the forest when they ran into it (the blind guys were in the forest because they were trying to go to Fest, but they took a wrong turn somewhere or something).

One of them grabbed the trunk and said, "Crap! A snake!" One of them felt the leg and said, "No, idiot, it's an oak tree!" One of them touched the point of the tusk and said, "Dummkopf! It's the French Foreign Legion! Here's the end of one of their bayonets!" The last one didn't say anything because all these guys in the elephant's Kool-Aid startled it, so it stomped him to death.

I told this story to illustrate a very important point: Elephants are dangerous.

You should never grab an elephant's trunk because then they will start losing their minds and flailing all around.

But how do we know that? Probably because somebody a very long time ago, around the time of the discovery of elephants, tried it. He grabbed the elephant's trunk and then a few days later, they found his mangled body in a footprint (reminds me of that "The Far Side" cartoon with the "Thagomizer, named after the late Thag Simmons").

So ever since then, it's been transmitted to us through artistic representations of people grabbing elephant's trunks that this is a bad thing to do. So, is that the purpose of art, or is it just another red herring?



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Correlation does not imply causality: Just because life often imitates art (which is itself imitating life), that does not mean that art's original purpose was to pass along important messages concerning the very survival of the human race.

We need more evidence than just some story I made up about

blind men and elephants and people getting trampled to conclude something heavy like that.

So let's analyze mythology, the very basis of Western art.

Mythology's purpose is twofold (no, providing characters for Disney to make into action figures is not one).

These are: providing lessons on the "right" way to live (as determined arbitrarily by some drunk Greek guys a long time ago) and explaining the way the world came to be the way it is.

A great myth that illustrates the first purpose is that of Baucis and Philemon: Two old people were visited by weary travelers just asking for some good down-home cooking and a place to sleep, so B&P obliged.

Well, it turns out that the "weary travelers" were really Zeus and Hermes in disguise, and so they rewarded Baucis and Philemon by turning them into intertwined trees for eternity.

More often, though, we see mythological tales filled with warnings like, "Don't feed your twin brother his own sons" and "Don't let your wife have sex with a bull." What does this have to do with art?

In art, we see the disobeying of many core traditions, if only because the artist wants to explore what happens when our fundamental cores break down.

And it usually turns out badly, like it did for the fourth blind man in our earlier story.

So, what can we conclude? Why, my friend, that is for you to decide. I'm still recovering from Fest.

Dallin Kelson is an English senior at UF. His column appears on Mondays.

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Guest column

A conversation about nuclear energy

Last week, the Alligator printed a story regarding a group of concerned citizens who were opposed to the construction of a new nuclear power plant in Levy County.

The article quoted former Gainesville mayor Tom Bussing saying that the plant would be “an environmental disaster.” As a nuclear engineering student, reading that statement shocked me and revealed to me that a factual and comprehensive conversation is needed about the merits and disadvantages of nuclear energy in our community.

To begin, it is important to understand that energy is an issue that affects us all; the energy we use when we flip a light switch on has to come from somewhere. The brilliance of engineering has allowed us to harness the energy we find on Earth and transform it into forms we can use in our everyday lives. The greatest issue with energy today is how to reconcile affordable energy with environmental stewardship.

Affordability is important because energy has become an indispensable part of our lives; having high energy prices can cripple a struggling household or slow the overall economic growth in our state and in our country.

Along with affordability is a concept known to energy engineers as the capacity factor, or the percentage of the time a specific form of energy is available for use. An energy source that has a capacity factor of 30 percent is like having a car that starts only about 30 percent of the time. Together, the capacity factor and the costs of transforming the energy determine how affordable our energy is.

The greatest tool to compare energy sources is the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s annual report.

The immediate conclusion I drew from the data presented was that no energy source is perfect.

Cheap and reliable energies usually come at heavier environmental impacts. Pure, renewable, clean energies — like wind, solar and geothermal — tend to be expensive, unreliable and rare.

The argument for nuclear energy comes from the fact that it is a carbon-dioxide-emission-free energy source. Nuclear is a clean-air energy that is designed to release only steam into the atmosphere. Nuclear energy is also cheap and competitive and allows us to power our homes without breaking the piggy bank, while boasting a 90 percent capacity factor — one of the highest

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among the readily available power sources.

Nuclear fuel is also extremely energy-dense, maximizing the amount of fuel created from the amount of material given — an

incredible asset to its environmental benefits. According to the Energy Information Center website, nuclear waste is so dense that if you piled all of the used fuel generated from all of the power plants in the United States in the past 60 years, we could fit it all on a football field.

Used nuclear fuel and facilities are kept safe, controlled and regulated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which enforces strict safety standards for all nuclear facilities and keeps them running like new yearlong. The agency ensures that nuclear facilities are complying with all environmental standards, keeping our resources clean and safeguarded before any plant can operate.

All things considered, nuclear energy supports environmental stewardship and affordable energy. It gives us the ability to power our homes without emitting harmful gases into the air while safely controlling the used fuel by-product.

Instead of fighting new initiatives for nuclear energy, we should focus on solving the real problems that prevent us from taking full use of the environmental benefits nuclear energy brings. Problems such as the political issues behind creating a nuclear fuel repository to safely house our waste and changing the policy that prevents recycling of used nuclear fuel should be our main concerns to address the environmental issues surrounding nuclear energy.

There is no clear answer to what the perfect energy source is for us right now.

If there is anything to take away from the data I have presented, it is that it’s important to keep a strong mix of energy sources to maintain affordability and promote environmental stewardship.

When analyzing the availability of our energy, it is important to consider the playing field and what is at stake, make pragmatic decisions, and not allow our good intentions to lead us down the wrong path for lack of knowledge or perspective.

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UWire

When science enters food, labels are crucial

In 1987, science fiction became reality.

In this reality, what exactly constituted “food” changed, and consumers have since been left in the dark about what they eat.

As the world watches and waits for the results of the 2012 presidential election, Proposition 37 in California, which would mandate the labeling of genetically modified organisms, has been largely ignored.

A quick rundown of statistics is startling: 85 percent of U.S. corn, 90 percent of canola, 88 percent of cotton and 94 percent of soy are genetically modified. This results in a supermarket where more than 70 percent of the products contain GMOs.

That statistic is worth repeating: More than 70 percent of foods in the United States are genetically modified. The future has arrived, and it is all around us.

The science fiction began at Calgene, a biotech firm now owned by Monsanto, whose scientists opened the door to a new food and agricultural revolution. The Green Revolution of the 1950s and 1960s increased crop yields and expanded the industrial-

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ized food system, fundamentally changing food at the molecular level.

Calgene created the Flavr Savr tomato, the first commercial GMO. This tomato unleashed a wave of genetic modification that has resulted in a food system dominated by GMOs.

GMOs have been designed to resist pesticides sprayed on fields — ironically allowing more to be sprayed — have longer shelf lives, are more tolerant to stress and even contain pesticides within the plants themselves.

The benefit has been unparalleled food production in the U.S. The costs are an uncertain future of food and unintended consequences for both humans and the environment.

While there must be a separate argument about the effects of GMOs in relation to intellectual property, seed prices, health and the potential to form superweeds (which has already occurred), the discussion facing voters is far simpler.

If we understand food as a fundamental right to all people, the right to know what is in our food must also be accepted.

Fifty countries around the world, including Japan, India and China, already require the labeling of GMOs, and many of these countries restrict their use. The development of GMOs has the potential to be one of the greatest technological advances in food and agriculture in the 21st century.

However, the greatest problem regarding GMOs has been transparency. Monsanto and other large companies conduct their own studies on GMOs, limit the distribution of their data and results (because it is “proprietary”) and are ultimately left to regulate themselves. Large companies such as Monsanto, DuPont Co., Dow AgroSciences LLC, Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc., Kellogg Co. and General Mills Inc. have combined to raise \$47 million to fight Proposition 37.

The adage “you are what you eat” has taken on an entirely new meaning in the age of GMOs, and it is essential that products be labeled so that consumers know what exactly is in them. It is their right.

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Georgia game pulls UF students away, punks come out to play

MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON

Alligator Writer

Illegally loud music, skintight fashion and the ever-present scent of Pabst Blue Ribbon invaded the streets of Gainesville this weekend.

With Gator fans flocking to Jacksonville for Florida football, about 8,000 self-proclaimed punks were expected to infiltrate downtown.

By noon Friday, the volunteer check-in line for Fest 11, a three-day Gainesville punk rock music festival, snaked across the Holiday Inn Gainesville University Center's parking lot, up the building's stairs and into the second-floor festival flea market.

Most of the festival's 360 bands had made the hotel their home for the weekend. Attendees without the money or luck to get a hotel room slept in cars, strangers' houses and wooded areas in the city.

Many went without the luxury of a shower or a change of clothes.

Lack of hygiene aside, it was one of the punk community's most-coveted weekends, with about 4,000 passes sold.

At a pool party on the hotel's third floor, 22-year-old Fest volunteer Derek Durham fished a Pall Mall menthol from his pocket. It was his fifth year at the festival and first volunteering as a stage manager.

He had driven from Tallahassee in his '98 Camry with only the clothes he was wearing and a pair of cutoff shorts, socks and some old Fest shirts in the back seat.

"I wouldn't miss this for anything," he said. "Christmas? Forget that."

Near the pool's stage, fans crowd surfed through a sea of neon-colored hair, studded denim jackets and cigarette smoke.

A white-haired police officer cast

a wary eye on the crowd. He stood guard at the pool's door. No wristband, no entrance.

Strangers shouted "Happy Fest!" to each other as they funneled malt beer in parking lots. Audience members rushed to help fallen crowd surfers. Homeowners opened their doors and backyards so Festers didn't have to sleep in their cars.

"You may pass over them as just crazy people — they're punks," Durham said. "But in all reality, they're just people, just like you and I and everybody else, that like hardcore music and living the alternative

lifestyle."

In their hometowns, Festers might be in the minority. But on Halloween weekend, Gainesville belongs to punk rock, progressivism and Pabst Blue Ribbon beer.

Festers wander up and down West University Avenue in PBR T-shirts, sipping \$1 PBR tall boys from pink PBR koozies and carrying 12-packs of PBR in blue PBR tote bags.

Although the corporate-sponsored festival fills 13 downtown venues, most UF students would be hard-pressed to find more than a

handful of names they recognize.

"A very small percentage of bands do this for a living," Durham said. "There's not enough money in punk rock to sustain yourself."

Tanner Jones, 22-year-old guitarist for Orlando-based band You Blew It!, agreed.

"Fest is a gathering of friends instead of a collection of shows," he said. "You come here, and you meet bands, and you meet friends."

The days were marathons of drinking, walking and dancing that could last until 5 a.m., only to restart three hours later. Pizza slices, nachos

and vegan hot dogs fueled Festers between shows.

"I've been on this road 48 hours straight, zero naps," Durham said as he searched for his friends on West University Avenue Friday night. "I need my naps."

The shows didn't end when the bars closed. Some Gainesville residents hosted late-night performances at their houses, and Festers traded addresses by word-of-mouth, text message and Twitter.

At about 2 a.m. Sunday, about 400 people huddled behind a storage warehouse north of Gainesville. Underneath the yellow glow of two street lamps, You Blew It! played a set powered by a gas generator.

The band and two other groups played for about an hour before two police cruisers pulled around the side of the building.

"Leave, or I will start arresting people," an officer shouted from the cruiser's PA system.

Festers swarmed past the cars. They weren't afraid of being arrested; it's how the party ends every year. Besides, there were more shows Sunday afternoon.

In the power struggle between punks and police at Fest, there were no clear winners.

An unsanctioned show would be shut down, only for another to spring up in a hotel room or garage across town. When a fragmented community assembles, it's hard to shut down the music for long.

As Festers pulled away from the warehouse, being corralled back into the city, the crisp sound of cymbals could be heard for a few minutes longer.

The beat rang out in the still October night: constant, powerful, defiant.

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Into It. Over It. performs at a warehouse show located off Northwest 74th Place at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning. More than 400 Festers showed up for the show.

Swamp Symphony flaunts fine arts It was at Flavet Field

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Dexter Veige and his brother, Fletcher, sprawled out on a blanket on Flavet Field Sunday night, eating Lunchables and waiting for Swamp Symphony to start.

Soon, UF's Jazz Band came onstage to kick off the event. Dexter, 3, threw down his Skittles and started dancing to the swing music, his 4-year-old brother following suit.

Swamp Symphony, put on by Gator Growl and UF Homecoming, featured UF Fine Arts performance groups, said director Michael Levey.

"We want to showcase the Fine Arts department because it's so great at UF," the 19-year-old telecommunication sophomore said.

The UF Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Men's Glee Club, Gospel Choir, University Concert Choir and Agbedidi Africa performed on Flavet Field's stage.

Seven Homecoming Educa-

tion Celebration awards were given to faculty and staff members in between the groups.

Judy Page, an English professor and director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research, won the 2012 Outstanding Faculty Award.

The Morrill Act Award went to Department of Agricultural Education and Communication professor Kirby Barrick, the Family Album Radio, and the faculty of the Department of Microbiology and Cell Science.

Dexter's and Fletcher's father, chemistry professor Adam Veige, won the 2012 Outstanding Mentor of Undergraduate Research Award, along with physics professor Amlan Biswas and interior design professor Maruja Torres-Antonini.

"It's really an honor to receive this award," Torres-Antonini said, holding the hand of her 18-month-old granddaughter, Tabitha, who spent her night running up and down the field in sync with the swells of the orchestra.

"She kept us warm," Torres-Antonini said, referencing the night's temperatures, which hovered in the 60s.

Audience members wrapped themselves in blankets and stuffed their hands into coat pockets as the temperature dropped with the sun.

Tucked in a hoodie and armed with a box of Cheez-Its, 18-year-old pre-pharmacy freshman Janelle Roberts shivered to the drumbeats of Agbedidi Africa. She heard the orchestra rehearsing earlier in the day and decided to come back to see the show.

"They're all really talented," she said.

Behind Roberts, the dean of the College of Fine Arts, Lucinda Lavelli, huddled in a Gators blanket.

Roberts flew in early this morning from a conference in Minneapolis to make the symphony.

"It's so exciting to see the performers and hear the music on this wonderful field," she said, adding that she was happy the audience toughed it out through the cold snap. "We can say the arts warmed us up."

Gator Growl seats will be assigned this year

ASSIGNED SEATING LAST OCCURRED IN 2009.

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Seating will be assigned at this year's Gator Growl on Nov. 9.

Gator Growl staff members wrote in a press release issued Friday that all tickets — not just those of alumni and the general public, like in previous years — will be accompanied by assigned seats. Students have not been assigned seating since 2009, said Gator Growl producer Samantha Hockenberry.

Hockenberry said change was needed because many audience members gave negative feedback after last year's event. She said some students would end up sitting in seats assigned to alumni or other audience members, inconveniencing everyone involved.

"People now don't have to search for a seat," Hockenberry said. "They can now go in whenever they would like and just enjoy the show."

The staff also decided to hire UF ROTC members to usher students to their correct seats, Hockenberry said. The ushers will not be paid, but organizers will donate \$1,500 to the ROTC program.

Students wanting to sit with their friends must pick up their tickets together, Hockenberry said. Student organizations have the option to be placed in block seating, just like at football games.

Alex Herndon, a 19-year-old recreation and event management sophomore, said assigned seating could help students who cannot get to the event early.

"The stadium will not be as chaotic anymore with people trying to find seats," she said. "It will just be a much more enjoyable experience."



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DAY ONE



This week, Albert and Alberta are taking a tour of the University of Florida campus. See how well you know the UF campus by figuring out where each photo was taken.

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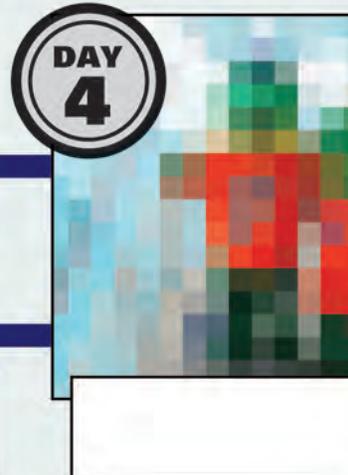
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Florida drops to No. 7 in BCS standings after loss to Georgia



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Coach Will Muschamp speaks to the media after Florida's 17-9 loss to Georgia on Saturday at EverBank Field in Jacksonville. UF dropped to No. 7 in the BCS standings on Sunday.

DUF FALLS TO NO. 8 IN AP POLL.

ADAM PINCUS

Alligator Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE — After knocking off the Gators for the second year in a row, Georgia leapfrogged Florida in the BCS standings.

UF dropped from No. 2 to No. 7 in the BCS poll and from No. 3 to No. 8 in the AP poll.

Georgia moved up to sixth in the BCS and No. 7 in the AP.

The Gators can only reach the Southeastern Conference title game for the first time since 2009 if they defeat Missouri and Georgia loses at home to Ole Miss or on the road against Auburn.

With four of the top 10 teams in the BCS falling, the Gators stayed in contention for a potential BCS national championship game appearance.

Alabama, Kansas State, Notre Dame, Oregon, LSU and Georgia are ahead of Florida in the BCS.

All six teams have games remaining against ranked opponents.

Even if Georgia wins out to keep Florida from an SEC title shot, Florida could still win the rest of its games and have an outside shot at a BCS title game appearance.

Kansas State, Oregon and Notre Dame

would all need to lose at least once, while the winner of Saturday's matchup between LSU and Alabama would need to defeat Georgia in the SEC title game. Florida could then theoretically be selected to face that team for the national title.

Even with its No. 7 ranking, Florida would qualify for a BCS bowl game appearance. The Sugar Bowl takes the SEC champion and an at-large team.

If the SEC champion reaches the national title game, the Sugar Bowl selects the next highest-ranked SEC team in the BCS.

The Capital One Bowl pits the SEC No. 2 against the No. 2 team from the Big Ten.

Gillislee slowing down: Mike Gillislee didn't have much room to run against the Bulldogs.

Georgia's three starters on the defensive line, anchored by 6-foot-3, 358-pound John Jenkins and 6-foot-6, 355-pound Kwame Geathers, weigh an average of 337 pounds.

Florida's offense entered the game with the SEC's third-ranked rushing offense.

Something had to give.

Unfortunately for Florida, Gillislee and Co. ran into a brick wall.

"They loaded the box and did a good job stopping the run," quarterback Jeff Driskel said. "That's what they said from the beginning, that they were going to stop the run, and they did that pretty much all night."

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JURNY DUTY

Gators' faults culminate in loss

JACKSONVILLE

A heavy coat of makeup can mask even the worst blemishes.

For Florida, that makeup was a perfect record, and on Saturday, all the mascara dripped off.

Prior to its 17-9 loss to Georgia, Florida ranked last in the Southeastern Conference in passing, but it hadn't mattered

The Gators were second-to-last in the league in penalties. It hadn't mattered.

They were outgained in the first quarter in each of their first seven games. It hadn't mattered.

But the superb ball security and strong second-half adjustments that Florida had displayed all season weren't there against Georgia, so everything mattered.

After every game UF won by grinding it out on the ground and doing little through the air, the prevailing sentiment was the Gators didn't have to throw the ball but could if they needed to.

Saturday's loss proved that the back end of that equation was wrong.

Thanks to South Carolina giving the ball away repeatedly last week, it didn't matter that the Gators were held to a season-low 89 yards rushing. But the Gators couldn't



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respond sufficiently through the air when the Bulldogs clamped down even more, limiting Florida to 81 yards on the ground.

"I don't think we ran the ball well enough," coach Will Muschamp said. "When you become one-dimensional against really good rushers, you know, Jarvis (Jones) is a really good rusher. We had to chip him and do some things, but you can't limit yourself in the passing game every single snap in order to chip the guy. When you become one-dimensional, it's hard. It puts a lot of pressure on [Jeff Driskel]."

The passing problem is a byproduct of the continued first-half offensive struggles. For the eighth straight game, the Gators were outgained in the first quarter, this time by a margin of 88-26. They had been winning because the run game kept breaking out later in games, but that didn't happen on Saturday.

The slow starts are a problem that won't go away. The issue didn't cost Florida when

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Tougher UF pulling together

GREG LUCA

Alligator Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE — As Florida sat in the locker room on Saturday following its first loss of the season, no one pointed the finger.

Instead of moping after Saturday's 17-9 loss to Georgia, UF's leaders stepped up to address the team. Jeff Driskel, Xavier Nixon, Jon Halapio, Mike Gillislee, Lerentee McCray, Sharrif Floyd, Jelani Jenkins, Jon Bostic and others spoke after the game.

"The biggest difference between this year's team and last year's team: We're actually pulling together during this adversity," Halapio said. "We're not pointing fingers at each other. We're not blaming this person for losing the game or this person. ... That's the big difference I see from a maturity standpoint of this team this year versus last year."

Coach Will Muschamp also addressed his players.

"You've won well together," Mus-

champ said. "Now we're going to find out how we handle adversity."

With four games left to play, the one-loss Gators still have a chance to contend for a BCS bowl.

One slip-up by Georgia puts UF back in the SEC championship game.

"There's a lot of football to play," Muschamp said. "We've got to move forward."

"The biggest difference between this year's team and last year's team: We're actually pulling together during this adversity."

Jon Halapio

UF offensive lineman

Said Halapio: "It's just a team mentality that we've got to pull together. We can't let anymore opportunity slip."

Florida's defense did its part on Saturday, forcing three turnovers while holding Georgia to 273 yards

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Right-side hitter Tangerine Wiggs set the school record for hitting percentage in Florida's win on Friday. See story, page 15.

Poll Question

Will Florida win the Southeastern Conference East despite losing to Georgia on Saturday? [Vote online at alligatorSports.org](http://www.alligatorSports.org).

Florida-Missouri Start Time Set

Florida's matchup against Missouri on Saturday will begin at noon and air on ESPN2. Georgia's matchup against Ole Miss will air at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.

Gillislee, run game sputtering

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We just came short. We didn't make enough plays."

After racking up a career-high 34 carries for 146 yards against then-No. 4 LSU, Gillislee has averaged 19 carries and 60 yards in the past three games.

The Georgia defense that allowed 206 rushing yards to SEC cellar-dweller Kentucky on Oct. 20 looked much stronger on Saturday at EverBank Field.

Florida managed a season-low 75 yards on the ground.

"We didn't run the ball well enough," Muschamp said. "We became one-dimensional against really good rushers."

Right guard Jon Halapio said the Gators offensive line had trouble communicating and timing the snap.

"There are little parts of it that can be blamed on us, but like I said earlier, it's a team effort,"

Halapio said. "Not one particular possession or one person on the team lost the football game."

Bulldogs rough up Gators: Solomon Patton suffered a broken left arm in Saturday's loss.

Patton took a sweep and ran left on a fourth-and-1 play at the Georgia 36-yard line.

Georgia safety Shawn Williams grabbed the 5-foot-9 Patton up around his shoulder pads and slammed the receiver down on his arm.

Patton left the game and did not return. He watched the second half from the sidelines with his arm in a sling.

Defensive tackle Damien Jacobs didn't travel with the team due to a hamstring injury. Linebacker Jelani Jenkins started the game before tweaking his hamstring, which Jenkins originally injured against LSU on Oct. 6.

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it dominated teams in the second half and wasn't forced to play from behind. But any team that gets a lead on the Gators late doesn't fear a comeback via the passing game.

Florida hindered its comeback efforts with 10 costly penalties, which included inexplicably getting caught with 12 men on the field twice.

Although Florida had extended an opponent's scoring drive with a third- or fourth-down penalty five previous times this season, they all pale in comparison to Dominique Easley's biggest mistake on Saturday.

Easley sniffed out a third-down screen pass deep in Bulldogs territory in the fourth quarter but was called

for defensive holding after wrapping up running back Todd Gurley before the pass arrived.

The Bulldogs would score the game's final touchdown later in the drive.

The Gators committed six turnovers, and that was the biggest reason for the defeat. But the loss highlights that UF's other flaws aren't close to being solved. Florida could have clinched the SEC East even with the turnovers if the underlying issues from its first seven games had been adequately addressed before Saturday.

They weren't. More problems arose. And because of it, Georgia now has the easier road to Atlanta.

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Linebacker Neiron Ball (11) returns an interception thrown by Georgia's Aaron Murray during the first quarter of UF's 17-9 loss on Saturday at EverBank Field.

Florida defense strong in defeat

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of total offense.

Even as UF's offense turned the ball over six times and consistently set Georgia up with extra possessions in prime field position, the defense yielded only 17 points.

"The defense did a great job of giving us opportunities," Driskel said. "When you have a defense like we do, you can't turn the ball over. They're going to make stops. You can't force things. You've just got to take points, and there were a couple of times there where we took points off the board and put our defense in tough spots."

Said cornerback Jaylen Watkins: "We look at it as a challenge for the defense. For us, it's fun. It's obviously not fun turning the ball over, but we get excited because that's

one of the challenges we like to face, just getting our offense back the ball. We did it a few times, but sometimes we didn't hold up."

A large chunk of Georgia's damage was due to one mistake: Loucheiz Purifoy's



Purifoy

missed tackle after Malcolm Mitchell secured a catch on a curl route that led to a 45-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

"We were in position," Muschamp said. "We were in position to make it, and they made the play and we didn't. Frustrating, but at the end of the day you've got to make those plays."

Although Georgia running back Todd Gurley amassed 118 yards and gashed the

Gators in spurts, Florida forced quarterback Aaron Murray to tie a career high with three interceptions.

Still, Florida wound up on the losing end. To Watkins, the loss is a sign the defense didn't play well enough.

"We lost, so I don't think it was (good enough)," Watkins said. "The object is to keep them at zero points, and we didn't do that."

That sense of accountability wasn't a staple of Florida's 2011 team.

It's a major reason why the Gators aren't pointing fingers in the locker room, and why they're ready to regroup.

"We have good leadership on our football team and we'll be fine in the long run," Muschamp said.

"We just need to push through this."

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GOLF

Sophomore's strong day leaves Florida in fourth

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Alligator Writer

The Gators finished 18 holes on Sunday at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite with a 5-over 293.

No. 6 UF took the course in Austin, Texas, for its final event of the fall season against a field that includes nine teams in Golfweek's Top 50. Florida sits in fourth place, nine strokes behind tournament leader Alabama, which shot a 284 (-4).

"Everyone did a good job of staying patient during a cold and breezy day," coach Emily Bastel said. "Overall, we had a good day. We did a pretty good job of managing our way around the course. Tomorrow, we are looking for a few more puts to drop and to improve on the mistakes we made today."

The efforts of sophomore Camilla Hedberg, Isabelle Lendl and Mia Piccio fueled the Gators' performance.

Hedberg posted Florida's lone under-par score in the first round. She started the day strong, with birdies on holes 2 and 4. Hedberg bogeyed holes 13 and 17 but would finish with a 71 (-1).

She is currently tied for fifth.

Seniors Mia Piccio and Isabelle Lendl both finished the first round

at 73 (+1).

Lendl shot a balanced round before bogeying hole 13 to finish 1-over. The Goshen, Conn., native is coming off two consecutive first-place finishes at the Dale McNamara Invitational and the Tar Heel Invitational.

Piccio began the round strong with three birdies on the front nine, putting her 2-under. On the back nine, Piccio carded three bogeys to finish 1-over. Sunday marked Piccio's first round of play after missing the Tar Heel Invite two weeks ago



Hedberg

to attend Qualifying School for the LPGA Tour.

Lendl and Piccio will open play on Monday in a tie for 19th.

JUCO transfer Elcin Ulu and freshman Ursa Orehek both carded a 76 (+4) to round out Florida's lineup.

The Gators finished tied for second at the Betsy Rawls Invitational last season, marking the team's second top-two finish of the year. UF looks to recapture that success over the course of the next two days.

The Gators will pick up play today.

Right-side hitter sets UF record

UF BEAT MISSISSIPPI STATE 3-0 ON FRIDAY.
KATIE AGOSTIN
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Redshirt senior Tangerine Wiggs has made the most of her three rotations this season by racking up 165 kills, but Friday night she outperformed herself when she set a new school record in Florida's 3-0 (25-11, 25-8, 25-11) win against Mississippi State.

In 2012, Wiggs has made the most of her swings. The right-side hitter currently ranks second in the Southeastern Conference with a .409 hitting percentage.

Wiggs has made one or fewer errors in more than half of her 21 matches, including six errorless showings. She also is tied for the fewest errors among Florida hitters who have played in at least 36 sets.

Still, the most effective performance of her career came in Friday's home match against the Bulldogs, in which she had 13 kills for a .929 hitting clip.

"My hitting percentage is solely a reflection of my passers and my setter," Wiggs said. "I'm blessed to have a really

great setter in Taylor Brauneis. She does a really great job of distributing the ball and getting me great looks, and our passers do a great job of putting up passes that create hittable sets for me."

Wiggs' hitting percentage set a new Florida record. The previous best was .923 by Benavia Jenkins in 2002. Wiggs also tacked on an assist, a dig and two blocks in the quick match, while leading all players with 14 points.

"Tangerine against either of [Mississippi State's] left sides was a great matchup for us earlier because of their size," coach Mary Wise said. "We had a lot of advantage the first time, and that was part of the game plan no matter what lineup it was; we just felt like Tange could get some good swings over there."

Florida's win marked its 12th sweep of the season, but it had to do so without redshirt senior Betsy Smith, who turned her ankle in UF's loss against Florida State on Wednesday in Tallahassee. The middle blocker has been a key part of the Gators' success this season with 120 kills, 42 digs and 48 blocks.

In Smith's absence, redshirt freshman Simone Antwi saw an increase in playing

time. Antwi registered a block and four kills, including the game-winning point off a set by Brauneis.

"This has happened before in our program where there's just not enough playing time," Wise said. "You hate to have it happen by somebody getting an injury, but we knew Simone would be ready."

The Gators (18-3, 12-0 SEC) had 36 kills against only six errors in addition to recording 10 blocks and five aces. They also performed well on defense, keeping Mississippi State (4-17, 0-12 SEC) to a minus-.141 hitting percentage and only three blocks.

"We did a nice job (on defense) tonight, but it's also understanding that Mississippi State ran a, best way to put it, nothing-too-fancy offense because they lost their setter earlier," Wise said. "It's not like playing Florida State that in every rotation (there are) three hitters running multiple quicks. If we can get [our defense] better, then I think we've got a chance to be playing some of the best volleyball at the end of the year."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

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Tight end's fumble one of many key mistakes in Florida loss

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committed four of the Gators' six turnovers.

"I made some critical mistakes," Driskel said. "That's what it comes down to. When you have a defense like we do, you can't turn the ball over. They're going to make stops. You can't force things. You've just got to take points, and there were a couple of times there where we took points off the board and put our defense in tough spots."

Despite numerous mistakes and a slow start, Florida still had chances to escape with a victory. The Gators' failure to seize opportunistic moments proved heart-breaking.

Trailing by eight points and facing second-and-6 from Georgia's 18-yard line with just more than two minutes remaining, Driskel hit tight end Jordan Reed over the middle for a 13-yard gain.

As the play neared completion, Reed jumped from the 5 and attempted to break the plane of the goal line.

While airborne, Reed took a hit from UGA linebacker Jarvis Jones and fumbled, losing a grip on both the ball and Florida's control of the SEC East race. The Gators could not recover.

"It wasn't one play that lost the game for us," Jon Halapio said. "It was a team effort. There was no play here or there that could have definitely taken us out of the situation that we were in during the fourth

quarter."

The football was not the only thing Florida lost a grip on during Saturday's game. Tempers flared early and often between the Gators and the Bulldogs.

A pregame scuffle between the teams became so heated, even Florida strength coach Jeff Dillman got involved, yelling at Georgia players and coaches.

Overall, UF racked up 10 penalties for 95 yards. Referees called four unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and five personal fouls against the two teams.

Under a coach renown for losing his cool on the sidelines, Florida lost control of its emotions.

"There was a lot of penalties," Jon Bostic said. "Some of them we couldn't control.

Some of them we definitely could control. We got to play better in those areas."

In Jacksonville, the Gators had a chance to preserve their perfect season.

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All that was left was sadness.

"Everybody had tears," Jon Halapio said. "Everybody was disappointed."

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THREE KEY PLAYS



The Bulldogs set the tone on the third play of the opening drive as defensive back Damian Swann sacked Driskel and forced a fumble that was recovered by linebacker Jarvis Jones. The Bulldogs would score a touchdown three plays later.



Down 10-9, the Gators had a chance to force a punt on a third-and-5 from their 45-yard line in the fourth quarter. But Aaron Murray found Malcolm Mitchell on a curl route to the left. Cornerback Loucheiz Purifoy missed the initial tackle and Mitchell took it to the end zone to extend Georgia's lead.



After Mitchell's touchdown, Florida drove from its own 26-yard line to the Georgia 18 on eight plays. Then, on a second down, Driskel found tight end Jordan Reed over the middle. Reed turned up field and gained 13 yards before Jones punched the ball out at the 5-yard line. Georgia recovered in the end zone and ran out the clock.



Florida 9, Georgia 17



SWAMP STUDS



Josh Evans
S
(3 points)
Georgia was deep in Florida territory in the second quarter with a 7-0 lead when Evans intercepted Aaron Murray after the pass bounced off Rantavious Wooten's hands. Evans finished with six tackles and a pass breakup. He leads the team with 50 tackles in 2012.



Sharif Floyd
DE
(2 points)
Although the Gators struggled in run defense, the junior was solid up the middle. Floyd recorded four tackles, two of which were for a loss. He now leads the team with seven tackles for a loss on the season.

KEY STAT

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UF committed six turnovers on Saturday. Prior to the game, it had turned the ball over four times in 2012, the lowest total in the SEC. Jeff Driskel accounted for four turnovers, throwing two interceptions and losing two fumbles. Driskel had two turnovers before Saturday.

STANDINGS

Mike Gillislee 9 Jeff Driskel 8 Loucheiz Purifoy 5 Sharif Floyd 4 Josh Evans 3 Jaylen Watkins 3 Matt Elam 3 Marcus Roberson 3	Jon Bostic 2 Trey Burton 2 Leon Orr 2 Kyle Christy 2 Caleb Sturgis 1 Frankie Hammond Jr. 1
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TURNING POINT

Trailing 7-6 at the end of the first half, the Gators had the ball on the Bulldogs' 5-yard line and were poised to at least kick a field goal and take a lead into halftime. However, on second down, Driskel rolled to his right, threw the ball across his body and was picked off in the end zone by Georgia safety Bacarri Rambo.

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