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LOCAL
TutoringZone survives after conflict

COLLEEN WRIGHT
 Alligator Contributing Writer

In a war spotted with lawsuits and bankruptcy, Gainesville tutoring service TutoringZone is surviving by reorganization.

After grappling with eviction, TutoringZone founder Matt Hintze said the transition from a defunct TutoringZone to a new TutoringZone is seamless in terms of services to students. The original service is going out of business and will close in nine months to reopen under the same name.

"It's all behind the scenes," Hintze said.

TutoringZone began to face legal issues when investors' money couldn't be paid and the company's location on North Main Street was evicted in August after failure to pay rent for several months.

TutoringZone General Manager Alek Hartzog said the new TutoringZone is expanding its online presence in its new studio space at New Horizons Computer Learning Centers. He said this semester was successful and the company's overall expenses decreased.

"We're definitely not going anywhere anytime soon," Hartzog said.

TutoringZone and Study Edge have been fierce competitors in the market since nine TutoringZone employees left the company to create Study Edge a year and a half ago.

One of those nine was Ethan Fieldman, president and co-founder of Study Edge. Fieldman, who used to own 50 percent of TutoringZone as a co-founder with Hintze, said the two split as business partners because of disagreements about

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Kelly Logan / Alligator

Jenny Squires, a dance junior who plans to pursue physical therapy, teaches a Zumba class Tuesday afternoon on the North Lawn. The class was a Dance Marathon fundraiser. Read the story on page 3.

Gainesville city elves collect letters to Santa

▶ LETTERS TO SANTA WILL BE COLLECTED UNTIL DEC. 12 FOR OPERATION LETTERS TO SANTA.

AUDREYANNA LOGUERRE
 Alligator Contributing Writer

As the holiday season draws near, children draft their wish lists, and Santa Claus wants to hear from every Gainesville girl and boy.

The City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will collect letters until Dec. 12 for Operation Letters to Santa, and every letter will receive a response.

People can drop off letters at Eastside Community Center, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center, Porter Community Center and the Albert "Ray" Massey Recreation Center.

The program usually receives about 200 to 300 letters, said Shannon Keleher, recreation manager at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Keleher said this program is one of the ways the department encourages children to practice their writing skills.

"It will help them learn to communicate effectively," Keleher said.

Mostly children between 5

years old and 8 years old send letters.

Keleher said writing the letters can also be good practice for the FCAT.

Katharine Forbes, marketing technician for the department, said the letters tie into the city's youth programs character-building curriculum.

Each child who writes a letter should include two of his or her accomplishments, Forbes said, because the department wants to show that children in Gainesville are talented and special.

It's important for the children to know that Santa Claus wants to hear all about them, she added.

Other requirements include name, age, gender, three wishes to Santa Claus and a return address.

While the department isn't distributing gifts, Santa's response letters will be personalized to each child, signed and sealed with wax.

"They'll have something to post to their refrigerator," Forbes said.

Letters can also be faxed to 352-334-3299 or mailed to:

PRCA Administrative Office
 c/o Operation Letters to Santa
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Gainesville woman arrested in connection with growing operation

CHRIS ALCANTARA
 Alligator Writer

A Gainesville woman was arrested late Monday night when agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration found 25 marijuana plants and about two pounds of marijuana in her house.

Agents arrested Holly Rae Beauvais, 37, of 3608 NW 136th St., after

several months of investigation.

In August, Gainesville's DEA office received calls about some men who would show up at the house on 136th Street for about an hour each day. The callers said they suspected criminal activity.

For two months, DEA agents surveyed the house and noted the utility bills were in Beauvais' name.



Beauvais

Lineberger, Beauvais' brother, fre-

quent the house and purchase timers and electrical equipment at Lowe's.

The agents believed the equipment was used to grow marijuana inside the house, according to the report.

On Monday, agents met with Lineberger at the house, where they reported smelling marijuana and hearing air conditioning units and

fans run inside, according to the report.

The agents asked Lineberger if they could search his house, but he refused.

Later, an agent called Beauvais at work and asked her if she had "more than 100 marijuana plants" in her house.

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Tofurky Giveaway

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, the Student Animal Alliance will answer questions about meat alternatives and give out free Tofurky samples. Stop by Turlington Plaza to get a free sample, chat with SAA members and grab some meat-free holiday recipes for the road.

Community Advocates Host: Puppy Palooza

Before you go out and adopt a puppy or kitten, you need to learn about the costs, resources and time commitment that accompanies pet ownership. From 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in Peabody Hall, Room 408, representatives from local rescues, a vet and others will explain the responsibilities of pet ownership. Not ready for a pet? No worries. There will be plenty of information and volunteer opportunities to get involved with animals without owning one. There will be free food, so bring your friends. The event is open to the public.

Protecting your Family: Estate Planning, Life Insurance and Preparing for your Future

Adam Roark of the Roark Law Firm and Sam Julien of New York Life Insurance Co. will host two free and open discussions that focus on the importance of life insurance and estate planning for new and soon-to-be parents from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. today at Gainesville CoWork, 3951 NW 48th Terrace, Suite 201. Learn how wills, trusts, living wills, life insurance and some basic financial planning can reduce the burdens created by the death or incapacity of a loved one. Light refreshments will be provided, and a Q&A session will follow. For more details, visit www.facebook.com/#!/events/372455969515488/.

Learn to manage finals stress with Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar Chapter at UF and GatorWell are teaming up to help students manage their stress before finals begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Rinker Hall,

FORECAST

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Room 220. The meeting will help members manage their time better and promote wellness. Food, including "Cubanitos" (Cuban sandwiches), will be provided.

La Casita Goes RED

The Institute for Hispanic-Latino Cultures will host its second annual "La Casita Goes RED" event in honor of World AIDS Day Thursday. World AIDS Day is dedicated to raising awareness about AIDS caused by the spread of HIV infection. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., watch "Marianismo," a short documentary about health disparities in Latina women. It will be followed by an open discussion facilitated by Blossmeli Leon, a graduate student and certified HIV/AIDS educator.

Floridance Presents: You'll Find a Way

Floridance, UF's original student-run dance company, will put on its Fall showcase at the Phillips Center at 2 p.m. Saturday. The show is free and open to the public. Dance styles include jazz, tap, ballet, modern and hip-hop. Flower sales will benefit Arts in Medicine through Shands at UF. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

GayMovieNight: "Christopher and His Kind"

Based on writer Christopher Isherwood's critically acclaimed memoir, "Christopher and His Kind," this landmark BBC adaptation gives a fascinating glimpse into the decadent and politically unstable world of 1930s Berlin. The film will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. A young, wide-eyed Christopher escapes repressive English society and arrives in Berlin at

a time when the cabaret scene is in full swing. Launched into the thriving gay subculture, Christopher embarks on a potent journey of self-discovery amid the vibrant atmosphere of Berlin's cabaret nightlife and the dark rise of Nazi politics. 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. The organization requests a \$2 donation to cover the cost of snacks. For more information, visit www.gainesvillepride.org/gay-movie-night/.

Generation Sketch Comedy Presents: "Risky Business"

Laugh away the stress of exam week with Generation Sketch Comedy's 15th original sketch comedy production, "Risky Business." (No, it's not the Tom Cruise movie.) Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday in Reitz Union, Room 285 and Saturday in Reitz Union, Room 282. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Leave your wallets at home — both shows are free. For more details, visit www.facebook.com/generationsketch.

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Local coffee shop expanding to add food, gift, garden shop

THE EXPANSION WILL OPEN IN MID-JANUARY.

EMILY PADGETT
Alligator Contributing Writer

At CYM Coffee Co., the mission is about more than just coffee. The personal growth workshop company-turned-coffee shop will soon get more room to grow that mission.

CYM Coffee Co., in the Green Market Plaza at 5402 NW Eighth Ave., will expand into the adjacent building. The expansion will have more seating and will include a food, gift and garden shop.

The CYM philosophy is about supporting local communities and products, promoting education and being environmentally friendly, said Dave Neal, senior director of Cymplify, which is the umbrella name for the CYM businesses.

CYM Central, which will include CYM Coffee Co., the store and Cymple Gardens, will open in mid-January, he said.

CYM stands for "Change Your Mind," which comes from the title

of a Sister Hazel song. Ken Block, Sister Hazel lead singer, is part of the Cymplify team.

The CYM businesses began with "Change Your Mind" personal growth workshops. Block, who has a master's degree in counseling, and Neal, who said he has a background in corporate training, began putting on the two-day workshops in 2010.

The two expanded the CYM brand when Neal's brother Brad Neal opened the coffee shop.

Beginning Dec. 13, customers can preview the expansion. There will be tours of the new space for the 12 days leading up to Christmas. By January, the store will have its own space and will sell coffee, chocolate and local products.

Gardener's Edge, the existing business next door, will be renamed Cymple Gardens.

The expansion has been in the works since June, he said, when more than 1,000 people attended the coffee shop's grand opening.

"The turnout for our grand opening was so good that we looked at the building next door that day," Dave Neal said.



Kelly Logan / Alligator

Danny Thomas, 45, brews fresh coffee for customers Tuesday. Although the staff of CYM Coffee Co. doesn't like titles, Thomas is a manager and enjoys his work, where a cup of coffee is always at his fingertips.

CAMPUS

Zumba class moves outdoors to raise money for Dance Marathon

BEATRICE DUPUY
Alligator Contributing Writer

Jenny Squires usually teaches Zumba in the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, but Tuesday she taught it on the North Lawn.

The Zumba fitness class, which raised about \$60 for the Children's Miracle Network, was part of an Inter-Residence Hall Association and Phi Sigma Pi fraternity fundraiser for Dance

Marathon.

"Dance Marathon is all about dancing, so we thought, 'Wouldn't it be a great thing to do as a fundraiser?'" Squires said.

Students who participated in the class gave a donation and filled out a waiver.

About 10 students participated in the 3 p.m. class on the lawn.

Squires, a 20-year-old dance junior who plans to pursue physical therapy, has taught Zumba

"We have to use 70 percent of that copyrighted music, in order to be considered a Zumba class."

Jenny Squires
UF dance junior

for more than a year.

"I love dancing, being in shape, and I want to show that passion to everyone else who participates in my classes," she said.

Squires also mentioned it was harder to do Zumba outside.

She said almost 50 people joined the Facebook event, and some of her regulars took part Tuesday.

The music for the event ranged from radio station hits to Zumba fitness music, which Squires said she's required to use.

"We have to use 70 percent of that copyrighted music, in order to be considered a Zumba class,"

she said.

The class was a new experience for Phi Sigma Pi delegate Jillian Sullivan, 21, but the biology and psychology senior jumped in with the other attendees.

"Being outside is different than being in a gym," she said.

The profits raised for the event will be split between the two groups for their Dance Marathon individual totals.



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ART

Exhibit uses mixed media to connect worlds of art, science

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Fourteen pieces of artwork from 17 students and alumni will be featured in UF's "Codified II: Art + Genetics" exhibit, which opens with a reception at 3:30 p.m. today on the third floor of UF's Cancer and Genetics Research Complex.

"There is a good cross section of art from sculpture, painting and drawing to videos and live performance," said Bryan Yeager, exhibit coordinator. "It's a wide spectrum — not just your typical painting."

Winning artists will be announced at 4 p.m. Four pieces of artwork will be selected for awards that include cash prizes.

Melding the worlds of genetics and art is not a new concept, but Richard Heipp, interim director of UF's School of Art and Art History, said the Genetics Institute was leery at first.

The first "Codified," which was in conjunction with the 2011 Florida Genetics Symposium, was well received.

"Curiosity and inquiry isn't discipline based," Heipp said. "The sense is that this cross pollination happened across campus."

This year, the Genetics Institute contribut-

ed \$6,000 from its symposium budget to fully fund the exhibit. These funds were divided between fabrication grants for artists, logistical exhibit costs and award money, Heipp said.



Heipp

David Tonnelier, a 21-year-old sculpture senior, created a 3D depiction of meiosis, the splitting of a cell. He said he was inspired by the lack of 3D representations of biological processes in science.

Tonnelier used Adobe Illustrator, a laser

cutter, industrial foam and plaster to create his sculpture, which is 30 inches tall and 14 inches wide.

Associate director of UF's Genetics Institute Connie Mulligan said her favorite part of the exhibit is the artists' statements posted near each piece.

"It's like a peek into the artists' head," she said. "I just see it as linking two fields that people would traditionally see as so far apart."

"Codified II: Art + Genetics" is free and will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays through Jan. 22.

Trending privacy post on Facebook doesn't help users

RACHEL JONES

Alligator Contributing Writer

If you haven't already posted a status about keeping control of everything you've posted on Facebook, don't bother.

The trending status claims users' copyrights for the information they've shared on Facebook and requires written consent from the user before Facebook can use the material.

Clay Calvert, UF journalism professor and director of the Marion B. Brechner First Amendment Project, said the status won't help users, because the issue is a matter of contract law.

"This is much more of a symbolic protest than one that has any legal effect, despite what people would like to believe or think they know," Calvert said.

When setting up an account with Facebook, people must accept the terms of service. These terms state Facebook has the right to use the information shared on the site.

According to Facebook's policy, the site can disclose information to advertisers to influence which ads are directed to the user. Information associated with an account may be kept after that account is deleted, also.

The Facebook Statement of Rights and Responsibilities "is

our terms of service that governs our relationship with users." A status update cannot trump the terms of service that each user agreed to when signing up for the site, Calvert said.

It's like leasing a car, he said.

When you've signed, you're bound by that lease. You can't negotiate the terms by putting a sticker on it claiming your rights after you've signed the contract.

"This is much more of a symbolic protest than one that has any legal effect, despite what people would like to believe or think they know."

Clay Calvert
UF journalism professor

"The big picture is that Facebook users did not realize that they were giving away their rights," Calvert said.

Some students said they weren't aware how much information Facebook could give away because they didn't read the privacy policy.

Kayla Marcus, a 19-year-old dance freshman, said it's scary how much information can be given out based on the policy.

"It's just become our everyday way of communicating," Marcus said. "We don't realize it's so public."

New P.O.D. Market opens in the Hub

It is next to Chick-fil-A

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new Provisions on Demand Market took Quiznos' place in the Hub.

The recently opened P.O.D. Market location could help alleviate the long lines that congest the Hub, Marketing Program Manager for Gator Dining Services Jill Rodriguez wrote in an email.

"In addition to offering another food option on campus, the P.O.D. Market will provide convenience and quick service in one of the busiest parts of campus," she said.

The P.O.D. Market construction lasted two months and resulted in Gator Dining hiring three new employees.

Rodriguez declined to comment on how much the addition cost.

Selling products like sandwiches, sushi and salads, the P.O.D. Market offers some variety to Hub dining options, said journalism junior Ali Petsopoulos, 20.

"For something different than Chick-fil-A and Einstein's, I would definitely buy something from

there," she said.

But Rebecca Snead, a 22-year-old sports management senior, said she didn't think she would use the new P.O.D. Market.

Snead, who spends time in the Hub almost every day, said the

prices will keep her away.

"If I am in desperate need for food, I will," she said. "But I can wait the two hours between classes and eat the chips at home that are twice the size and half the price."

The P.O.D. Market in the Hub is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 6 p.m. Friday.



Marisa Ross / Alligator

Danny Nguyen, a 19-year-old biology sophomore, bought a rainbow roll from Jason Reddy, a 22-year-old family, youth and community sciences UF alumnus. The P.O.D. Market opened Monday in the Hub, next to Chick-fil-A.

She was charged with third-degree felonies

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"No, there aren't that many," Beauvais said, according to the report.

Beauvais also said she was responsible for the plants.

A DEA source informed about the investigation said agents usually ask about the amount of marijuana plants in a person's house because it could mean the difference between state or federal prosecution.

The agents returned to the house with a search warrant, seized the marijuana and arrested Beauvais at 11:45 p.m. She was charged with marijuana distribution and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, both third-degree felonies, according to the Alachua County Clerk of the Courts' website.

The DEA official said no other person was arrested in connection to the drug bust "at this time."

Beauvais was booked into the Alachua County Jail at 2 a.m. Tuesday, where she remained with a \$5,000 bond, according to a jail official.

Contact Chris Alcantara at calcantara@alligator.org.

Hintze said the new TutoringZone has no debt or fixed cost

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management and TutoringZone's far location from campus.

The original TutoringZone filed for bankruptcy Nov. 1. According to the bankruptcy file, Hintze owes \$2.6 million over the course of five years.

The transition, which began ear-

ly in the summer, includes a change in ownership. UF business professor Christopher James replaced Hintze as owner Aug. 15.

Hintze said the new TutoringZone has no debt or fixed cost and is well-funded.

TutoringZone's issues were made public after large black-and-white posters printed with "TutoringZone



James

is bankrupt" were plastered on campus bulletin boards with a website tagged at the bottom: TutoringZoneEvicted.com.

The website has PDF downloads of the bankruptcy file along with TutoringZone's former landlord's lawsuit, an investor's lawsuit and a writ of possession for TutoringZone's lease.

The website, which has a viewer counter, has more than 5,300 views.

Fieldman denied making the website and putting up the posters.

"Study Edge is not interested in putting up websites about Tutoring-

Zone's problem," Fieldman said. "If Study Edge wasn't around, would TutoringZone be bankrupt? Probably not."

Hartzog believes Study Edge is responsible for the posters, website and paid Facebook ads.

"Who else would care except Study Edge?" Hartzog said.



Andrea Sarcos / Alligator

Spray It On Me

Orlando Perez, 21, throws blue "powder" cornstarch at Mercedes Castro, 21, Tuesday on the North Lawn before encouraging students to join The Gator Run, a 5K to show orange and blue pride on Jan. 26.

Wildlife rehabber neglected animals

► SHE FACES 23 VIOLATIONS.

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Staff Writer

The room in the makeshift animal shelter was a mess.

Dawn Fox, a Gainesville volunteer, made her way through a walkway carved through the clutter of the home-based shelter, curious about the often-closed back room she assumed was for storage.

Papers lay on countertops as if someone had thrown them like confetti, and old supplies of animal feed slumped in corners.

The room was filled with boxes. When Fox opened one of them, what she found almost took her breath away.

Inside almost all of the boxes lay barely moving baby squirrels, raccoons and other wildlife.

She scooped up an infant raccoon she was certain was dead, but it began to twitch in her hand.

"I couldn't believe it," she said, holding back tears. "It was cold. It was smelly. And when I picked it up, it started cooing and crying."

Fox had been volunteering at local wildlife rehabilitator Leslie Straub's Gainesville house for about two months when she made the grisly discovery.

Both the State Attorney's Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission charged Straub with a total of 24 wildlife rehabilitation violations.

She could face a three-year suspended wildlife rehabilitation license for the charges.

Straub said the charges took her by surprise, especially because she was inspected before without issue and cooperated with the state.

She said she received many more injured animals than usual this year, especially during the summer when Tropical Storm Debby passed through the area.

"It was a perfect storm," Straub said. "All of your energy is spent dealing with this influx of animals.

Your normal routine is thrown off."

She said she usually gets an influx of baby animals during spring and summer. The larger number of animals makes it more difficult to clean all of the animals' spaces.

But investigators with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission found more than messy cages. They charged Straub with 23 violations such as unsanitary conditions, caging violations and neglect. The State Attorney's Office charged her with one count of maintaining wildlife in unsanitary conditions.

Kenneth Holmes, an investigator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said he's known Straub for years and that she used to be the go-to person to assist with injured wildlife.

"She started rehabbing out of her house, and it basically consumed her," Holmes said. "She's a very intelligent person, and she knows her stuff with rehab. She just wasn't following through with what she knew."

During her time volunteering at Straub's house, Fox saw half-dead animals living in filthy cages, she said.

One creature still sticks out in her mind.

It was a barred owl with dark charcoal feathers dotted with ashy grey flecks.

Fox said she walked into the bathroom one day and found the owl in the bathtub, surrounded by its own feces.

"When you would walk in to where the owl was, it would burn your eyes," she said. "I can't believe that poor bird had to sit in there."

Fox said she knew she had to act, but she didn't know where to start.

She asked friends and relatives for advice until her mother recommended she get guidance from the animal rights organization People

for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Workers at PETA told Fox to video record and photograph the conditions in the house. Once Fox had footage, she said, PETA contacted the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

With the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Holmes said it's legal to keep animals in boxes, as long as they are clearly marked and babies have an alternate heat source such as a heating lamp. He said he cited Straub for her unmarked boxes and lack of warmth.

Holmes and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission also cited Straub for failing to release some animals, something Fox also found questionable.

"She kept fawns until some of them had antlers beginning to grow," Fox said.

While it is legal to keep some wild animals for education purposes with a captive wildlife license, the animals have to be categorized as nonreleasable.

After a rehabber or a veterinarian signs off that an animal can't be released due to a condition like paraplegia or blindness, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission must approve that status before someone can keep a wild animal.

Holmes said Straub kept a few animals he believed could have survived in the wild. One of those creatures was a river otter with psychological issues.

"The idea of a wildlife rehabber is to release animals back to the wild," Holmes said. "She didn't do due diligence and went ahead and had (the otter) neutered. Now, it's almost unreleasable."

Though Straub faces multiple charges from two state agencies, the most severe punishment she will likely face is a three-year suspended wildlife rehabilitation license.

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

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MCAT adds more sections to 2015 version of exam

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Aspiring doctors' admission process to medical school may be different from what they thought.

The 2015 MCAT will include the addition of social and behavioral sciences, advanced concepts in biochemistry and more critical thinking, making it more than an hour longer.

The changes may affect the process of medical schools that rely heavily on MCAT results, but for UF College of Medicine's admissions, the test will remain only a small portion of a student's evaluation.

Leila Amiri, director of admissions for UF's College of Medicine, said it is not changing its admissions prerequisites, and she does not think students should be too concerned about the changes or the length of the test.

"A test is one snapshot of a person's performance," she said.

Owen Farcy, director of pre-health programs for Kaplan Test Prep, said the changes will take effect in March 2015, making this year's freshmen the first students impacted.

"Medical schools are recognizing the role of the physician is changing, and the skills that students need to be coming in with are changing as well," he said.

Farcy said the reason the MCAT is so important is that it has traditionally been seen as a predictor of students' success in medical school.

He said the AAMC, the company that writes and administers the test, realized its science content was outdated. The last revision of the MCAT was in 1991, and a lot has happened in the past 20 years regarding changes in medical science.

"Medicine is an extremely dynamic field, and there are advances happening every year," Farcy said. "Many of those advances and changes will hopefully be included in some way, shape or form on the MCAT itself."

However, Amiri said, UF's College of Medicine will continue using the exam results the same way.

"We are not expecting this test to be a miracle device for

us to be able to find the qualified versus the less qualified students," she said.

Amiri said that when screening candidates for interviews, about 40 percent of their ranking is based on metrics.

She said UF gets about 3,000 applications and has about 117 spots to fill.

"We have such a small number of students that we can accept anyway," she said. "We could never allow a test to identify who we would want to accept as a student."

Farcy said pre-med students will not only have to spend an extra hour taking the test, but they will also have to dedicate extra hours of preparation for the recently approved changes.

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Leila Amiri

UF's College of Medicine
director of admissions

Kaia Bednar, an 18-year-old health science freshman at UF, said she won't let the new version of the test stand in her way.

"It's always been my goal to be a doctor, so I don't think the MCAT is going to change my decision," Bednar said.

Amiri said the changes will initially be an adjustment for the admissions office.

She said it will be difficult to predict students' success based on their test scores because the meaning of the results will be unclear at first.

But the office is excited about the changes, she said, and the new MCAT will be more holistic.

Exploratory freshman Jordan Hayes, 19, said he hopes to attend UF's College of Medicine, and the extra work and effort will be worthwhile if it means he will be more prepared once he's in medical school.

"What's another hour on an exam?" he said. "I've kind of accepted that it's going to be a long road regardless, so it's just a matter of getting through it."

Editorial

Underwater Wonderland?

Mind your Ps and Qs

Have you ever made a joke and someone yelled, "Too soon!" at you? That's probably how the mayor of Seaside Heights, N.J., felt after he made a few comments regarding a local roller coaster.

Remember Hurricane/Superstorm/Frankenstorm Sandy?

Well, it cost New York about \$32 billion in repairs and another \$9 billion to prepare for the next major storm — whenever that may be.

"It's common sense; it's intelligent," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said regarding the total cost, according to the Huffington Post. "Why don't you spend some money now to save money in the future? And that's what prevention and mitigation is."

All right, so the storm is a very big deal, and the damage is still very real.

Mayor Bill Akers recently talked about the iconic roller coaster in his town. It was knocked off the boardwalk and is now partially submerged underwater.

Akers said he would see if the Coast Guard would approve it to be left in the water, because he believed the coaster would make "a great tourist attraction."

Would it? Would that make a great tourist attraction? Because it seems like a haunting reminder of a somewhat tragic event that ruined a lot of lives. That comment is not a super smart one to make when your community is hurting.

"Businessmen like Mike Mergott of Mad Mike's Amusements said he is rebuilding because he is 'one hundred per cent sure' families want to come back," according to an NBC affiliate in New York.

Some people who live in the area were only recently allowed to look at their homes and what damage they had endured.

Mayor Akers said it "was not the brightest comment." There are plenty of leaders in the wake of Sandy who are much better examples.

"In the city, Bloomberg is asking federal lawmakers to put up nearly \$10 billion to reimburse government agencies and private businesses," according to the Huffington Post. "That would be additional funding on an expedited basis over the \$5.4 billion in standard disaster aid that the city projects it will receive from the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

He's trying to find ways to not put the cost of the disaster entirely on the taxpayers or those in the city.

"While the impact of the storm will be felt for some time and the challenges are great, I am confident that the city will rebound and emerge stronger than ever," Bloomberg wrote to the congressional delegation, according to the Huffington Post.

That sounds like how a mayor should behave in a time of crisis. Granted, Bloomberg has had a bit more experience with this kind of thing than Akers has encountered. That doesn't give Akers carte blanche to be a douchebag.

Now, what Akers said is not groundbreaking or terrible or even too mean. But there's no need for him to forget that the people he is supposed to take care of could still be in pain or hurting.

Reader response

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Column

You're not alone: Lean on the Gator Nation

Thanksgiving passed.

We prepare to cross from November into December to begin the highlight of the holiday season.

After returning home from the extended Turkey Day break, the majority of us may have finally realized that the bonds and relationships we have developed at UF define us in more ways than we initially comprehended.

There is no doubt I, along with many other first-year students who returned home for the first time in months, enjoyed the long-sought comfort of family, home-cooked meals and showers without sandals.

We appreciate that being home allows us to recharge for the next stressful weeks we have together in what, for most of us, is our second home: Gainesville.

At UF, for better or worse, we have the opportunity to build relationships and meet people from different backgrounds, different states and unique religious and political views.

After all, what's important is not what makes us different; it's the overwhelming factors, such as our collective goals and ambitions, that come to unite us not just in the Gator Nation, but in the entire nation.

One of the biggest concerns and misconceptions potential students have about UF is that the university is a large, impersonal place where you are just a number.

This could not be further from the case.

That belief, instead, is key to spit ignorance and divisions among a potential new student population.

We all can agree that a major component of long-term success is creating a network of like-minded and not-so-like-minded individuals and groups that we can foster those impactful relationships with.

As I conclude my first semester at the university, both personally and academically, I have been surrounded by a distinct extended family that consists of students and faculty.

Within the university, and in particular my academic



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college, it is relatively easy to interact with people who support me and help me plan to achieve my personal and professional goals.

My positive experiences at UF clearly demonstrate that there is a vastly underutilized support network here that we

can all benefit from and should take advantage of.

Throughout the last few months, I've come to realize how easy it is to put yourself out there and to take risks.

I have since come to the conclusion that we only fail if we are unable to learn from our mistakes.

I am pleasantly surprised by the level of support here. The network of support I developed remarkably allows me to start making a difference on campus and in the community while thriving academically after a single semester.

I tremendously appreciate this aspect that has been made possible by the UF community, and I am excited to see what next semester has in store for me.

College is, and should be, about experiencing a variety of beliefs and cultures in addition to building an extensive network of relationships. I could not be more thrilled with my experience, and I could not be more thankful.

It seems that the only group that can top my excitement, in the present and into the future, is Coach Will Muschamp and the reloaded football team that appears to be headed to New Orleans.

It looks back to championship form after its demolition of Florida State University.

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UWire

Why Americans don't learn languages

Ten years ago, no one would have predicted that I would someday write for an English newspaper, get along in an English-speaking country or study English literature.

As a German grammar school student, I was made to believe that English just wasn't my language.

I am now doing all those things I presumed impossible, because I found the motivation to learn English, spent long hours working through grammar rules and vocabulary and worked as hard as I could when other people asked for a bit more than what I thought I was capable of.

In America, fluency in two or three languages is extraordinary. In Germany, it's average.

So what is it that American students lack? Do they lack motivation? Are they unwilling to do the hard work it takes to become fluent in a foreign language? Or is there just no one who pushes them?

Motivation to learn a foreign language is indeed greater in Germany — and in all of Europe — because large populations that speak different languages reside so much closer. Within a 12-hour drive from Germany, a person could easily pass through five or six countries and read road signs in seven or eight languages — an experience difficult to replicate in North America.

But that's not the only reason Europeans learn more languages than their American counterparts.

At German universities, unlike at the University of Texas, where even majors in popular languages like French start with a beginner course, students enter college-level language courses fluent, more or less. They acquired their language skills in primary and secondary schools. Studying French at the college level in Germany means studying French linguistics or literature. It means gaining an understanding of the language and the culture that goes far beyond a fluent coffee shop conversation.

At a university in Germany, the languages that are not taught in the earlier grades start with very tough introductory courses. Language courses are two hours a week, which is just enough to cover grammar topics. Learning vocabulary, practicing speech and writing are things you either do at home voluntarily or you don't. Failing to do so, however, means that you won't make it to the second year.

So, the biggest difference between learning a foreign language in Germany and in the United States is not the level of motivation but the quality and style of teaching at grade schools and universities.

In Austin, I have taught German to middle school pupils, and I have received language instruction at the university as a student. Both groups seemed motivated to learn a foreign language.

At the school where I taught, the 9- or 10-year-olds were at the perfect age to acquire a language. But the advantages

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of their age and their motivation were wasted because the teaching lasted only a week.

Those students probably won't hear or read German again until college, if ever. Longer-term attempts

to teach language in grade schools in the U.S. appear ineffective, too. I've met many Americans who studied French or Spanish for years in school but can barely remember how to order coffee. They readily admit that the language programs at their primary and secondary schools were ineffective.

Things seem a bit better at the university level. I've met a number of people who study a foreign language in college and, within two or three years, gained a decent knowledge of that language.

Unfortunately, I ended up in a less effective department.

I wanted to continue to study Portuguese — a language I started to study in Germany — and the intermediate Portuguese class I take now offered promise. It's a small class with a motivated professor. When the semester began, most students were equipped with a sound knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, and I was optimistic that the course would help me improve. I was wrong.

Rather than move on, the course repeated introductory grammar topics. We're not improving; we're just chewing on bits of knowledge that most of us digested last year.

Learning a foreign language is hard work, and there are moments when I hated every language I've learned because I was afraid that I would never understand it, or because I thought my head was too full to learn a single word more.

But in these moments of self-doubt, I had teachers who said, "Yes, you're good, but you can be better."

The Portuguese class doesn't challenge students like that.

This is not the teacher's fault; she just follows the curriculum upon which the department decided. It's not the students' fault either. It's the fault of the department's curriculum, which does not adequately challenge students.

UT's Department of Spanish and Portuguese has good equipment and good teachers, but rather than asking its students to go the extra mile, which is necessary to make progress, it demands far too little.

Schools and universities that don't use their students' motivation waste their talent, time and so much potential.

They miss out on equipping young people with the tools needed to successfully go out into the world, communicate, understand and come back with a broadened horizon.

I entered the world of the English language a long time ago, and at some point, I discovered the beauty of it. I am still walking around in it today, and so far, it has never ceased to amaze me.

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Column

Hypocrisy is a human problem

I am a hypocrite. That may be a particularly frustrating admission if you're the type who enjoys exposing logical inconsistencies or character defects on your own, but I'm compelled to introduce the accusations myself.



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In fact, I plead guilty.

I had a hypocrisy problem long before I was privileged to write for the Alligator, and I suppose that will ring true once I'm done. I espouse one ideal and live another. I condemn gossip only to do the same thing. I decry the appalling injustice of the sex trade, but I struggle to stay away from the porn industry, which fuels it both directly and indirectly. I'm sorry if that makes you uncomfortable. I prefer reality to cute niceties.

As a follower of Jesus, I wish that Christians would stop pretending we are something we are not. It usually comes from a genuine place, but we end up making ourselves into a bunch of stained-glass liars. I'm a cheerleader for my team, but I'm not drinking the Kool-Aid.

Christians can really suck sometimes. Perhaps you've noticed it, too.

Churches are often like boxes of holy cereal — filled to the brim with all kinds of flakes and nuts that leave a bad taste in your mouth. There are charlatans and cheaters; dummies and deviants; creepers and crooks; and for some reason, they've taken themselves to the church and locked themselves in.

The bad news is that will never change. If you were looking for a convenient reason to dodge Jesus, you can find a few in his ragtag following.

We have issues.

Take heart, though. There is good news in the consistent influx of hypocrisy in the Christian church. You'll find it in perfectly there.

Yeah, I said it, and you know it's true.

We're all hypocrites to some degree, because hypocrisy is a human problem.

I was a hypocrite way before I came to Jesus, and despite some major remodeling, we're still dealing with some residue. It's more frustrating for me than for you, but my physical reality is playing catch-up with my spiritual transformation.

Expect hypocrisy in the church because you'll be adding your particular brand to the pot — regardless of the other flavors present. Jesus set up the church to be a spiritual hospital.

It's inevitable that someone will projectile vomit on you as he or she is on the way to the master physician — sick people do that.

This is not to say that the church should be some festering cesspool of spiritual sketchitude. Most people's issues with the church don't truly stem from hypocrisy but the lack of repentance. For the uninitiated, repentance is a scary theological word that simply means changing direction.

See, this is where stuff gets dicey, because most American Christians haven't heard the word either. Christians tend to think saying sorry for their sins is the same thing as repentance, but one can head toward the same condemned destination while his or her lips recite accurate directions to a far better place.

I wish followers of Jesus would stop trying to hide their coughs and runny noses, though, as if people couldn't see that they need the doctor still.

I suppose I'll just own up to it: I'm guilty. The good news is that someone already paid the penalty for my hypocrisy (spoiler alert: It's Jesus).

It defies our logic, but God is building his church from the most unlikely materials — I'm not talking bricks and wood. He's an organic builder of a different sort, and he has this funny way to transmute hypocrites into something far more valuable.

Gold is cheap by comparison.

You may find that hypocrisy is in you, as well. If so, you're in good company.

My name is Ryan. Welcome to church.

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FOOD

Cuban restaurant to bring Latin flavor to city of Alachua

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After operating in Gainesville for a decade, Mi Apá Latin Cafe plans to spice up Alachua.

The business, at 114 SW 34th Ave., will open its second location Monday.

Located at 15634 NW Highway 441, the new restaurant will be a near-replica of the Gainesville location.

It will have the same colorfully painted walls, square orange tables and \$5 to \$8 price range on its menu, said owner Peter Ynigo.

He said the only feature the Alachua restaurant will lack is a drive-thru window. In Gainesville, he said, about 25 percent of the cafe's business is passed through the window — business he said the restaurant can probably make up for through the friendly atmosphere and good location.

Ynigo said he chose the Alachua location because it's near Interstate 75 but is close enough to Gainesville to maintain strong brand recognition.

The building Mi Apá will take over what used to be a deli, he said, and the city of Alachua has sped up the process of switching ownership by expediting permits.

"They want a place like ours in town," he said.

Aurora Ynigo, an employee and the owner's wife, said Mi Apá will hire some Alachua residents and Santa Fe College students from the Alachua campus, and it will transfer some staff members who are being trained at the Gainesville location.

Roxana Rodriguez, a 22-year-old biology senior who works as a waitress at Mi Apá, said the prospect of transferring to the new location — about 18 miles from the Gainesville restaurant — wouldn't be a big deal, because she's used to commuting in her hometown.

"I'm from Miami, and everything is really far," she said.

Sheryll Dean, general manager of the Gainesville location, said she expects Mi Apá favorites, especially the roast pork entree and the chicken and rice plate, to be big hits in Alachua.

Some customers already drive from Alachua to eat at Mi Apá, she said, and others return daily to enjoy their favorite coffee or dish.

She said she's excited to expand because customers have told her they appreciate getting meals that taste like Latin home-cooking in a friendly environment.

"It's like coming home," she said.



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Patrons Tammy Bernard, left, and Jenny Lee, right, eat a meal outside Mi Apá Latin Cafe on 34th Street. The cafe will open a second location Monday in Alachua at 15634 NW Highway 441.

Study finds that students cheat less than in 2010

► CHEATING INCIDENCES HAVE NOT DECLINED AT UF.

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A new study found that American youth are cheating less.

According to a survey conducted by the Josephson Institute of Ethics published early this month, about 50 percent of the 23,000 students surveyed said they cheated on an exam in the past year. That's down from 59 percent in 2010.

However, cheating incidences have not declined for UF students or prospective UF students.

UF's Student Honor Code Administration reviews potential students' admissions if they have a conduct or honor code violation, which includes cheating.

In the last three years, the amount of admission reviews has remained consistent, said Assistant Dean of Students Chris Loschiavo.

He said there are about 300 admission reviews each year, and about 75 of those deal with the honor code.

Student Honor Code Administration Chancellor Shian Knuth said the administration makes a recommendation to the Dean of Students Office whether to accept them. The 21-year-old history senior said that when reviewing a student, the most important thing to consider is if the student's history shows that he or she may be a danger to UF.

"We take into account everything students have said — what happened, what they have learned and what sanctions were given," Knuth said.

Loschiavo said the purpose of the reviews is to talk to the prospective

students and turn it into an education opportunity.

Enrolled students who have violated the honor code go to the Student Conduct Committee, which hears mediations between students and teachers regarding incidences.

When Loschiavo started working at UF five years ago, about 150 cases of cheating were reported. That number has increased steadily, and last year, about 450 cases were reported, Loschiavo said.

However, this number is still below the national average, which is based on students' self-reports.

"UF students cheat at the same rate as other colleges," Loschiavo said. "Faculty attitudes are what has changed."

He said faculty often doesn't report cases of cheating, but that's changing.

In a survey conducted by the Academic Integrity Task Force in 2011, 46 percent of the faculty who teach undergraduate courses did not report an incident of cheating to the Dean of Students Office. But 70 percent of the 958 faculty members surveyed said they witnessed academic dishonesty in their classroom in the past three years.

The survey also found that about 82 percent of faculty said they would be dissuaded to report the incident if they believed it was unintentional.

Loschiavo said that the university takes honor code violations as opportunities to educate students. Most cases are because students improperly cite something, which results in plagiarism, or they panic and do something dishonest.

"We understand students are going to make mistakes, and we want them to learn," Loschiavo said.

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Torchbearer to bring Olympic torch to Special Olympics event

The event is on Sunday

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The 2012 Olympics might be finished, but an Olympic torch will make an appearance in Gainesville.

Sunday, Jillian Roberts, a 2012 Olympic torchbearer and UF student, will bring a torch given to her after the Olympics to St. Francis Catholic High School, 4100 NW 115th Terrace.

Roberts will bring the torch for the Special Olympics Young Athletes Program Culminating Event hosted by Balance 180 Gymnastics & Sports Academy.

"I'm real excited to come and let them see the torch," Roberts said. "I hope they like it and

they can take back something from seeing the torch."

Roberts, a 19-year-old psychology sophomore, said she hopes the children will see the Olympic torch as more than just a big, shiny gold object.

She hopes the children will want to become torchbearers one day and receive a torch of their own.

"It's a unifying object that allows people to come together," Roberts said.

After Roberts saw a presentation by Balance 180, a non-

profit program that focuses on getting children with disabilities involved in sports, she offered to bring the torch for the kids to see.

"I consider it a privilege and an honor to have the torch at our event," said Krista Vandernborne, a director at Balance 180.

Roberts was one of the 22 American torchbearers at the Olympics.

Roberts carried the torch in a town called Slough. She said there were thousands of people lining the streets and cheering.

"It was completely surreal," she said. "It was incredible holding the Olympic torch and Olympic flame in my hands."

"At first, I was confused and thought I misheard," Vandernborne said. "I couldn't believe that we could be so fortunate, and Jillian so generous."



Roberts

Senate prez presents goals

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UF Student Senate President Christina Bonarrigo announced Tuesday her legislative agenda for the rest of her presidency, which consists of fixing the Student Government website and outreaching to students.

Student organization members are often confused about where to submit allocation requests on the SG website, Bonarrigo said.

Working with Allocations Committee Chairman Elliot Grasso, Bonarrigo said she wants to make it easier for groups to request funding. She also plans to add a frequently asked questions section and senator profiles to the SG website.

"We want to let students know what their senator is doing in their area," she said at the Student Senate meeting.

Bonarrigo also said she wants to reach out to SG-funded organizations. There are about 900 registered student organizations, she said, and SG funds about 200 of them. Her goal for the upcoming semester is to reach out to provide for all student organizations.

"We want to let students know what their senator is doing in their area."

Christina Bonarrigo

UF Student Senate President

Bonarrigo's agenda also includes having cultural constituency town halls to better understand how students feel around campus. She said the town hall forums will help senators better serve as representatives. The town hall forums will continue through the Spring semester.

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Graduate students recognized for mentoring

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Nine UF graduate students received Graduate Student Mentoring Awards from the Innovation through Institutional Integration program, or I-Cubed.

The awards, which were given for the first time this year, went to graduate students who mentored other graduate students, undergraduate students or K-12 students or teachers during their UF careers, said I-Cubed Program Coordinator Nargiza Ludgate.

Recipients were recognized during Graduate Student Research Day in October. They each received a \$500 award funded by I-Cubed, which operates on a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation, Ludgate said.

The award was developed to spotlight mentoring as an essential part of learning and to acknowledge that there is a group of graduate students who take the time to mentor, she said.

"It's a mutualistic relationship where the mentee is benefiting from the mentoring relationship as well as the mentor is benefiting from the mentee relationship," Ludgate said. "They have a positive impact on each other's personal growth."

Applicants had to write a personal statement including their mentoring

philosophies and provide letters of recommendation from a mentee and a faculty adviser, Ludgate said.

One of the recipients was Victor Olivieri, a 33-year-old political science fourth-year Ph.D. candidate. Olivieri founded the Junior Fellows Program, which pairs undergraduate students with professors and advanced graduate students working on research in the undergraduate student's field of interest.

"Teaching them the foundation of research will outlast that first hurdle — that first job," Olivieri said.

He explained that graduate students get experience as teaching assistants, but there isn't as much focus on mentoring students about outside-of-the-classroom issues.

"For the most part, I think it is a relationship that's undervalued," he said.

This is an idea that award recipient Christine Lee, 26, agrees with.

Lee is a Ph.D. candidate in educational psychology who graduates in December. She manages a lab that includes four psychology undergraduates.

"I'm glad UF is recognizing the importance of this, and I think it's important," she said, "and that it's something that I just hope continues to be supported and promoted."

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The recipients of the Innovation through Institutional Integration program's Graduate Student Mentoring Awards were:

- Gina Alvarado Merino, concentrating in sociology
- Amy Borello, concentrating in environmental engineering
- Wendy Helmey-Hartman, concentrating in entomology and nematology
- Caitlin Hicks-Pries, concentrating in biology
- Christine Lee, concentrating in educational psychology
- Tiffany Morrow, concentrating in educational psychology
- Sarah Nolan, concentrating in counseling psychology
- Victor Olivieri, concentrating in comparative politics and international relations
- Esther Tebbe, concentrating in counseling and psychology



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Peaceful Protest

Gainesville residents Arnie Lapidus, 79, left; and Greg Mullaley, 59, right; stand on the southeast corner of West University Avenue and Southwest 13th Street on Tuesday afternoon. The men stood on the corner with about six other people to support bringing troops back to the United States and limiting military spending.

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14 Garbage can insert
15 Vane point
16 Supermodel Heidi who inspired a 2009 Barbie doll
17 Wonderland wanderer
18 Arctic obstacle
19 Words before a conclusion
20 "Darth Vader, e.g."
23 Educ. support org.
24 Place to see long lines, briefly
25 Copier tray abbr.
28 "City near Sacramento
33 Luciano's love
35 Common bill
36 Never, in Munich
37 Workplace in many crime shows
38 "Weekly newspaper with three Pulitzers
42 It's ground in a Southern side dish
43 Desperate letters
44 ___ Aviv
45 Calvin of couture
46 "Bottom-feeding fish
49 Weird
50 Developer of the one-named "Jeopardy!" contestant Watson
52 "You don't say!"
53 Horror video game/film franchise, and a literal feature of the answers to the starred clues
59 Composer Bartók
62 Privy to
63 Pizzeria order
64 Folk singer associated with Dylan
65 As is proper
66 Chromosome components
67 Student's surprise
68 This, in Havana
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26 Actress Gold of "Growing Pains"
27 Rejects authority
28 "Orange, Red, Yellow" painter Mark
29 In phone limbo
30 Came off as
31 Hip-hop's ___ Kim
32 Car shopper's option

34 1972 host to Nixon
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39 Final article of the Constitution
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41 URL ending for many agencies
46 It's usually barely passing
47 "Time to split!"
48 Aroused the patrolman's suspicion
51 Hit back?
53 Make fun of
54 Blockhead
55 Gaelic music star
56 Ristorante beverage
57 Éclair finisher
58 Reduced by
59 Jul. 4th party, often
60 ___ Claire
61 Ring of blooms

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Sophomore emerging as versatile threat

► PURIFOY PLAYING ON OFFENSE, DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS.

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

As a freshman, Loucheiz Purifoy struggled to get on the field. One year later, Florida can't take him off it.

Purifoy is the Gators' most dynamic playmaker this season, contributing on offense, defense and special teams.

Between the end of the regular season and last year's Gator Bowl, a neck injury suffered by Marcus Roberson created an opportunity for Purifoy. He took advantage.

"He came in and played real well in the Gator Bowl," coach Will Muschamp said. "It's huge for a young player to take steps forward."

In one year, Purifoy progressed from a special teams gunner to an all-around contributor.

Even in an increased role, Purifoy contributed most significantly on special teams, the same area in which he thrived as a freshman. Purifoy played cornerback in all 13 games last season but earned most of his reps on special teams.

The Pensacola Pine Forest High product showed an immediate strength in kick and punt coverage, leading the Gators with 22 special teams tackles in 2011.

But that only set the stage for this season.

Purifoy is a force on special teams in 2012, recording seven tackles and consistently reaching the opposing punt returner before any of UF's other gunners.

He also blocked a field goal against

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Sophomore Loucheiz Purifoy carries the ball down the field during Florida's 37-26 win against Florida State on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee. Purifoy played offense, defense and special teams in the victory.

Safety thriving as silent leader

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

Will Muschamp made sure he didn't make the same mistake twice.

As the defensive coordinator at Texas in 2008-09, Muschamp tried to turn linebacker Sergio Kindle into a vocal leader.

Kindle, a former All-American and NFL second-round draft pick, wasn't the outspoken player Muschamp envisioned.

Three years later, Muschamp has another defensive playmaker that lets his actions do the talking — safety Matt Elam.

"You can't ask somebody to be something they're not," Muschamp said. "You got to let them be who they are."

Elam's versatility and ability to communicate play calls on the field has been enough for Florida this season.

Elam underwent surgery in January after a groin injury hampered him during the final five games of 2011.

The injury kept Elam from practicing on Mondays and Tuesdays last season. Still, Elam ranked second on the team in interceptions and tackles while leading the Gators in tackles for loss.

Elam focused on getting stronger during the offseason. The chiseled safety has created havoc in the defensive backfield and at the line of scrimmage.

"He is a good blitzer," defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said. "The closer he gets to the line, the more plays that he makes."

The Gators defense is playing as well as any in the country,

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JURNY DUTY

Defense, run game key to UF's shocking year

I was wrong.

Prior to the start of the season, I thought winning more than seven games was simply unrealistic.

I broke the season into blocks.

I was only confident the Gators could win four games: Jacksonville State, Louisiana, Kentucky and Bowling Green.

I saw four toss-ups: Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Texas A&M and Missouri.

I penciled in four losses: LSU, FSU, Georgia and South Carolina.

I said the Gators would win three of the four toss-up games.

I thought I was being generous.

Instead, they won all of them.

They also won three of the four games I assumed they would lose.

Florida's predicted weaknesses turned out to be just that.

But I underestimated Mike Gillislee and the defense.

As I expected, the passing game barely got off the ground.

And, as expected, defenses loaded the box. But, to my surprise, Gillislee remained a force.

Before this season, his best



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performances were in garbage time or against non-BCS opponents.

So why would anybody think he could shoulder the load as a feature back for a whole season in the Southeastern Conference?

Instead of cracking under the pressure, Gillislee rose to the occasion and rushed for more than 1,100 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He didn't just pad his statis-

tics against the weakest parts of the Gators' schedule.

He posted 100-yard, two-touchdown performances against LSU and FSU — both top-10 defenses.

I also didn't think Florida's defense would compensate for issues on the other side of the ball by improving on its already impressive effort from 2011.

The unit, which returned nine starters, improved from eighth to fifth in the country in total defense.

However, it made other significant strides that the three-spot improvement in total

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UF guard Chandler Cooper will be out for an extended period due to a left foot injury, leaving UF with nine active players. See story, page 15.

Volleyball sweeps Southeastern Conference awards

Junior Chloe Mann was named SEC Player of the Year, Ziva Recek earned the SEC Freshman of the Year and Mary Wise claimed her 13th SEC Coach of the Year Award on Monday.

Kentucky snags Stoops

Kentucky hired FSU defensive coordinator Mark Stoops as its next head football coach. Stoops replaces Joker Phillips, who was fired on Nov. 5.

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production doesn't reflect.

In 2011, the defense ranked 28th in the country with an opposing quarterback rating of 117.81.

This season, Florida leads the NCAA with a 91.50 pass defense rating.

Interceptions have been the biggest difference.

The Gators picked off only

eight passes in 2011, good for 93rd in the nation.

This year, Florida has picked off 14 passes. That's sixth in the country.

UF's rush defense also improved.

The Gators gave up just 96.6 yards per game on the ground this year, which ranks sixth in the country.

Florida surrendered 132.7 rushing yards per game last season, a figure that ranked 40th in

the nation.

Florida was ugly this season, but it got the job done. Will Muschamp's unsexy plan of running the ball and playing stout defense worked.

I was dead wrong on this team. But if being wrong means a trip to New Orleans to stroll down Bourbon Street and participate in drunk karaoke, this reporter is fine with that.

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Running back Mike Gillislee dives into the end zone during Florida's 37-26 win against Florida State on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee. Gillislee ran for 140 yards and two scores in the win.

Junior a national awards finalist

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Muschamp said on Monday.

Elam, a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik and Jim Thorpe awards, has started every game this season.

He has notched five or more tackles in eight of them.

"His leadership abilities are based on how he plays. He's not an overly vocal guy, but I'm never going to ask someone again to be something they're not."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

Elam leads the team with four interceptions and ranks second with 65 tackles and 10 tackles for loss.

"Matt is a guy that plays the game very focused, fast and physical," Muschamp said.

"His leadership abilities are based on how he plays. He's not an overly vocal guy, but I'm never going to ask someone again to be something they're not."

Driskel to start in 2013: Jacoby Brissett addressed the media before Florida's season opener three months ago about starting at quarterback.

The coaching staff picked Jeff Driskel instead, and the Gators finished 11-1. Driskel started all but one game.

The Gators will not hold a quarterback competition this offseason, Muschamp said.

The job is Driskel's, but that hasn't changed Brissett's attitude.

"Jacoby has been great," Muschamp said.

"Jacoby knows that he is one snap away and is a guy that we have a lot of confidence in."

Gators get ready for NFL Draft: The NFL Draft may be in late April, but Muschamp has already tackled the elephant in the room.

Several Florida juniors figure into the draft discussion.

"I've had conversations with some guys as early as [Sunday] and [Monday]," Muschamp said.

"We'll handle that when the bowl game is over."

Potential selections include juniors Elam, defensive tackle Dominique Easley, linebacker Jelani Jenkins, tight end Jordan Reed and defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd.

The deadline for underclassmen to declare is Jan. 15.

"If a guy is going to be a first-round draft pick, I'm probably going to tell him to go to the NFL," Muschamp said. "That's just my policy. If he's not, (and) he can improve himself, then I suggest he comes back."

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Corner forcing turnovers

PURIFOY,

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Missouri and got his hand on a punt that Jelani Jenkins returned for the game-winning touchdown in Florida's 27-20 win against Louisiana.

"He's got great ball skills, and he just has a knack for blocking kicks and playing the ball down the field," Muschamp said following the win against the Ragin' Cajuns. "He just has a knack for those things. We always try to put him in a situation where he can block the kick."

Purifoy's toughness on special teams helped him earn a starting spot at cornerback this season. While he has been prone to penalties, Purifoy's aggressiveness has served him well in the secondary.

His 51 tackles rank fourth among Gators. He also has five pass breakups, which ranks third behind Roberson and Jaylen Watkins.

Purifoy really shines in identifying "violators," a term the defense applies to opposing ball carriers who do not protect the football. He leads UF with three forced fumbles this season.

Perhaps Purifoy's most crucial forced fumble came on

the first play from scrimmage in Florida's 44-11 win against South Carolina on Oct. 20.

Purifoy blitzed from Gamecocks quarterback Connor Shaw's right and knocked the ball out on the first play of the game, setting the tone for the Gators' dominant victory.

Purifoy described his hit on Shaw as a "kill shot."

"I love blitzing," Purifoy said. "I got a mindset of a linebacker. ... I just love hitting people."

Because of Purifoy's athleticism, Florida's coaches try to keep him in the game as much as possible. In Saturday's 37-26 win against Florida State, Purifoy became the first UF player to start on both offense and defense since Keiwan Ratliff did it in 2002. Purifoy also returned the opening kickoff, contributing in all three facets of the game from the get-go.

Muschamp said Purifoy's days of multitasking are far from over.

"You've got to get the ball in the hands of guys that can make plays and play hard and play fast and play physical, and [Purifoy] does," Muschamp said. "He will have a lot of opportunities as we move forward."

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Safety Matt Elam intercepts a pass thrown by EJ Manuel during Florida's 37-26 win against Florida State on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee.

Junior guard's career game not enough to earn starting spot

► YEGUETE AND ROSARIO REMAIN IN UF'S LINEUP.

KATIE AGOSTIN

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During Florida's 79-66 win against UCF on Friday, junior Scottie Wilbekin set new career highs in four categories. He finished with 17 points, eight assists and five rebounds in 32 minutes.

Despite his performance, Wilbekin isn't entering the starting lineup, coach Billy Donovan said.

"This isn't a punishment to Scottie," Donovan said. "It's more of me showing appreciation for what Will (Yeguete) has done for our team."

Donovan said prior to the season that Wilbekin would start at point guard, but the junior's Nov. 8 suspension derailed that plan.

Kenny Boynton moved from shooting guard to point guard, Mike Rosario shifted from small forward to shooting guard, and Yeguete entered the lineup at small forward.

Yeguete played mostly power forward and center in 2011-12.

"[He] had to learn an entirely different position," Donovan said. "He's worked hard. He's been a real good team guy. There may be some time during this year that the decision to put Scottie back in the starting lineup would be more from a matchup standpoint."

Donovan said Rosario will also remain in the starting lineup.

Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee: During a scrimmage against Rollins College on Oct. 27, forward Casey Prather suffered a concussion. Nine days later, Prather suffered a second head injury when center Patric Young elbowed him during practice.

Prather made his season debut

against UCF, recording eight points on perfect shooting and grabbing four rebounds in 13 minutes. Although Prather is healthy, trainers are making the 6-foot-6 junior wear a sparring helmet during practice for precautionary reasons.

"It says Everlast across the front and it says Muhammad Ali on the

back," Donovan said. "It's nothing more than precautionary. Obviously with the guy having two concussions as he had so close together, I think there's a period of time that our trainers would like to see him continue to [wear the helmet]."

Donovan said Prather is frustrated about the helmet because

it hampers his vision. However, Young said Prather's limited vision in practice will improve his reaction time during games.

"We still give him a hard time about that because it looks like he's about to go 12 rounds with somebody every time he puts it on," Young said. "You got to do what you got to do to stay on the court. Even if he's looking like a clown out there, he's still going to be playing the same basketball."



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Coach Billy Donovan speaks with the media after the cancellation of UF's game against Georgetown on Nov. 9 aboard the USS Bataan in Jacksonville. The game was called due to condensation on the court.

UF open to resuming game against Georgetown: On Nov. 20, Donovan said Florida reached out to Georgetown about completing the suspended season opener at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville.

The teams were set to play in the Navy-Marines Corps Classic aboard the USS Bataan on Nov. 9, but the game was called at halftime due to condensation on the court.

"I know that there was some talk as it relates to our administration at least speaking to [Georgetown] and the city of Jacksonville about the possibility," Donovan said. "But in terms of anything definitely one way or another, playing the game or not playing the game, I'm not aware of right now."

The game would resume in the second half and would likely happen in late December or early January — before both teams begin conference play.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Injury to freshman guard a major blow to depleted Gators



Sarah Davis / Alligator

Florida guard Chandler Cooper (5) dribbles past Georgia State guard Ashley Watson during the Gators' 84-65 win on Nov. 11 in the O'Connell Center.

PHILLIP HEILMAN

Alligator Writer

Coach Amanda Butler thinks freshman Chandler Cooper can be an effective player, but an injured left arch has thrown a wrench into the plan.

Cooper is on crutches and her left foot is in a protective boot after an MRI revealed a hairline fracture of a bone and a partial tear of an arch.

"Frustrating is the best way to describe it," Cooper said. "Especially when everybody is such a big part of the team. One man down changes the whole dynamic of the team."

Surgery, although not immediately necessary, remains a possibility if the injury does not heal properly. Cooper said Florida's medical staff will re-evaluate her in three weeks to create a plan moving forward.

"If I don't take care of it, I will have to have surgery," Cooper said. "That's why [the coaching staff] is being so careful."

The injury first developed during a practice before Florida's game against Florida State on Nov. 15. Cooper played 25 minutes and scored two points in the 98-67 loss to the Seminoles, but she has not played since.

Butler initially said Cooper would be day-to-day and hoped she would return when the Gators traveled to Las Vegas last weekend for the South Point Thanksgiving Shootout. Cooper dressed for the team's first game — a win against N.C. State on Friday — but she did not play during the trip.

"We've been just trying to rest her," Butler said. "We've just got to get her back to where she is pain-free."

Cooper hopes to return before Florida begins Southeastern Conference play against Kentucky on Jan. 3.

Butler said she was unsure of the timetable for Cooper's return.

"When someone goes down, whether it is for a semester or a season or a game, then someone else has to fill in," Butler said. "That's what we've got to do."

In three games this season, Cooper averaged 4.7 points in 26.7 minutes. Though celebrated as an elite shooter prior to the season, Cooper's defense drew the praise of Butler and her coaching staff.

Cooper notched nine steals in three games and became a critical part of Florida's full-court press, which has helped the Gators force an average of 21.4 turnovers per game this season.

"Chandler is more than just a great shooter," Butler said. "She is a really smart player."

The injury will cut into Florida's already depleted roster.

Redshirt freshman Viktorija Dimaite is out for the year after suffering a torn ACL before the season. With Dimaite and Cooper out, the Gators are down to nine active players.

Senior Jennifer George is confident Cooper will return this season.

"Anyone that is missing or out is frustrated," George said. "But she's going to do everything she needs to do to get back out here."

Freshman running back developing into powerful threat

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When he arrived at UF, Matt Jones tried to bounce runs outside too often. Now, his teammates call him "The Bruiser."

At 6 feet 2 inches and 226 pounds, Jones brings a physical running style to complement 5-foot-11, 209-pound workhorse Mike Gillislee.

When Gillislee suffered a rib injury in UF's 37-26 win against FSU on Saturday, Jones took on a larger role, carrying eight times for 81 yards and a game-sealing 32-yard score.

"We call him 'The Bruiser' because he's our big back, and he did step up," center Jonotthan Harrison said. "He's got a great future here."

Jones needed time to find success at UF. During Florida's first 10 games, he averaged 3.4 yards per carry on 33 rushes. Jones split backup reps with sophomore Mack Brown early in the season, but Brown suffered an ankle injury against Missouri on Nov. 3 and has not carried the ball since.

Jones stepped up to fill the void, rushing 16 times for 146 yards and a touchdown in UF's past two games.

"It's just confidence," Harrison said. "It happens to all young players. You get into your first couple of games, you're a little nervous. You have the jitters. But as soon as you get used to it, you're just like, 'Let's just play football. Let's just go out there and do what I do.'"

Coach Will Muschamp said Jones needed to learn UF's scheme and adjust to the speed of the game.

While Jones could bounce runs outside in high school, he doesn't have the speed to do so in the Southeastern Conference.

"You've got to learn ... to trust instead of trying to bounce it," Muschamp said.

"In high school, he's probably going to outrun most guys. In this league, you're not going to outrun everybody. So you've got to learn to trust your blocks and have a feel for the run game, and that's what he's been able to mature and do."

Jones ran three times for 59 yards during UF's game-clinching fourth-quarter touchdown drive against the Seminoles.

"We call him 'The Bruiser.'"

Jonotthan Harrison
UF center

On the first of those three carries, Jones stutter stepped past a defender along the sideline before cutting back to gain 14 yards.

The Gators returned to Jones on the next play, and the freshman charged up the middle. A defender appeared to drag him down after a 7-yard gain, but Jones stumbled forward for an extra 6 yards. He jumped to his feet after the play and punched the air with his right arm to signal a first down.

UF went back to him two plays later, and Jones sprinted untouched through a hole on the left side for a 32-yard score.

"Nobody was surprised by his performance," quarterback Jeff Driskel said. "He ran really hard. No one wanted to really tackle him."

With Gillislee receiving the bulk of the carries, Jones took a peripheral role this season. Still, Muschamp views Gillislee's presence as a positive for Jones, calling Gillislee a good role model.

Gillislee complimented Jones' performance, and Muschamp wasn't surprised to see Jones thrive.

"Matt Jones played fantastic," Muschamp said. "We expected him to play that way. ... Given the opportunities he's had, he's done an outstanding job."

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Running back Matt Jones runs the ball during UF's 37-26 win against FSU on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium. Jones ran eight times for 81 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown.

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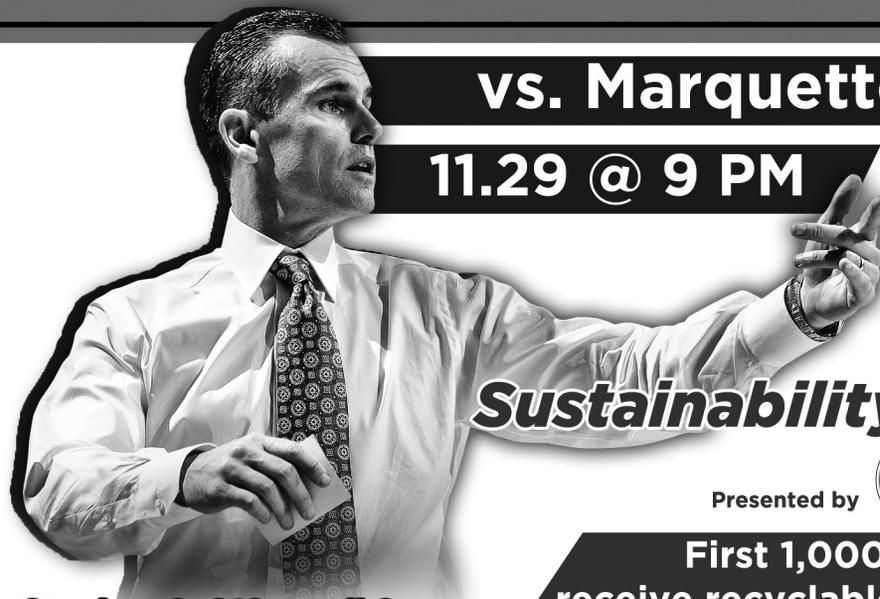


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