

The Florida volleyball team has found its rhythm after starting the season with three straight wins. Read the story on page 15.



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WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?



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Mack Brown runs down the field after catching a pass during Florida's 24-6 victory against Toledo on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Brown rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

Gators ground Rockets

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With starting running back Matt Jones (viral infection) out for Florida's season opener against Toledo, the Gators handed the running game to junior Mack Brown.

He did not fumble.

In his first college start, Brown rushed for a career-high 112 yards and two touchdowns, as No. 9 Florida ran the ball down Toledo's throat to begin the season with a 24-6 victory — the program's 24th straight win in season openers.

"When you're able to run the ball as effectively as we did, then we win the game," coach Will Muschamp said.

Brown made his presence known on Florida's first drive of the game.

The junior running back ran on six of the Gators' first 11 plays and put UF on the board with a 1-yard push through the middle.

The score was Florida's first opening-drive touchdown in a season opener since 2009.

Brown was responsible for the Gators' second touchdown as well. With Florida up 10-3 after a field goal by Austin Hardin, Brown put the Gators ahead by two touchdowns on a 14-yard run over the left guard.

"I got butterflies when I scored," Brown said.

Said Muschamp: "Nothing shocks me of what he did today ... I was expecting him to run hard, and he did."

Brown's 25 carries allowed Florida to dominate the time of possession as the Gators had control of the ball for nearly two-thirds of the clock.

"We wanted to run the ball because of what [Toledo does] offensively," Muschamp said. "We did not want to get into an 80 (to) 90 play deal."

"Our game plan was basically:

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LOCAL

Mosquito populations are up

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The Alachua County Health Department detected a significant increase in mosquito populations due to the large amount of rainfall last month. At the same time, 11 cases of mosquito-borne dengue fever have been confirmed in Martin, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade counties, among other areas in South Florida.

During surveillance, which detected an increase in general mosquito populations, officials also noted an increase locally in Asian tiger mosquitoes — which can carry dengue fever, said Paul Myers, administrator at the Alachua County Health Department.

"If the virus continues to move through Florida, and you have good Asian tiger mosquitoes in Alachua County, the virus could easily be introduced," said Jonathan Day, professor of medical entomology at UF.

Alachua County could host the disease, Myers said, but an infected individual would need to come into the county and be bitten by

a mosquito for the disease to take a foothold and spread.

"The fact that it is in the state, it certainly is a concern to public health officials," he said. "(But) we don't have teeming masses of infected humans running around."

During the normal mosquito season, populations rise after the wet summer months and into early Fall, Myer said. Generally the population dies down with the first freeze.

"Alachua County is not immune to this."

Jonathan Day

medical entomology professor

Mosquito populations are actually lower than last year, which had Hurricane Sandy to blame for massive numbers, he said.

Still, the increase in mosquito population means one factor that increases the likelihood of dengue fever occurring in Alachua County has been fulfilled.

"So, you're not immune," Day said. "Alachua County is not immune to this."

UF Theta Chi opens its new, \$4.3 million Frat Row house

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After almost a year of construction, UF's Theta Chi chapter held a grand opening ceremony for its new house Friday.

Nearly 350 alumni attended the event, but with their dates and families, the crowd swelled to about 700 people, said Theta Chi Administrative Vice President Kyle Rodriguez.

"Two years ago, some of our alumni — the main one being George Kramer — started a campaign to build a brand-new, state-of-the-art fraternity house," said the 20-year-old UF sustainability and the built environment junior. "It's

a pretty awesome house."

The house cost \$4.3 million to build, and it was financed through about \$2 million of chapter fundraising, alumni donations and a loan, Rodriguez said.

Friday's ceremony lasted about an hour and honored various donors and active brothers.

The event also featured the unveiling of two bronze Gator statues, which Rodriguez called "a gift for the alumni."

The statues were created by the same artist who made the Gator statue in front of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

George Kramer, the head of the re-

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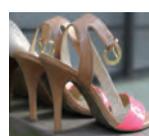
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

'Say Yes to Immigration Reform' caravan and rally

The Farmworker Association of Florida caravan will be stopping in Gainesville today to urge Congressman Ted Yoho to back a comprehensive overhaul of U.S. immigration policy. Farmworkers, Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice and allies will meet with Yoho at his office at 9 a.m. They will hold a press conference at the Mennonite Meeting House at 11 a.m. and then caravan to UF La Casita, at 1503 University Ave., at noon to meet with students and community members. Members of FWF are meeting with every Florida congressperson during the current recess. For more information, call 831-334-0117.

UF Hillel Rosh Hashana strength competition

Test strength with UF Hillel in celebration of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year, with UF Hillel's 17-foot striker from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today. Because the new year is a time to reflect on how people can use their strength to enhance the community, Hillel encourages everyone to think about how he or she can maximize his or her strengths. There will be two contests, one for females and one for males, with prizes going to the top three participants. For more information, contact Melissa@ufhillel.org.

Toastmasters meets Tuesdays

Talking Gators meets Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031. The club is open to everyone. The membership drive is now through October. For each member who renews her or his membership and for each new person who joins, the club will donate a nonperishable food item to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank in

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time for Thanksgiving. Due renewal is Oct. 1. For more information, go to: www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators also is on Facebook.

Mentors wanted for K-12 students

The Center for Leadership and Service houses four unique mentoring programs that connect more than 400 UF students with Alachua County K-12 students. Volunteer mentors are paired with their mentees, and each team meets weekly, forming a lasting relationship and developing lifelong skills. Carpooling is available for students who do not have transportation. To learn more about each program, students can attend an information session today, Wednesday or Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Reitz Union, Room 346. Visit leadershipandservice.ufl.edu for more information.

Auditions for 'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol'

Today and Wednesday at 7 p.m., the Acrostown Repertory Theatre will be holding open auditions for its Nov. 29 through Dec. 22 production of Tom Mula's "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol." The play shows Jacob Marley's behind-the-scenes efforts to save Scrooge (from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"). Auditions will take place at the Acrostown Repertory Theatre in the Baird Center, 619 S. Main St. No prepared monologues are required. Cold readings from the script will be pro-

vided. Please dress comfortably and be prepared to move. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Salt at carolyn.salt@gmail.com or 352-275-7790.

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Krishna Lunch raises prices due to increased food expenses

The donation is now \$5

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Hare Krishna Lunch prices have gone up.

Until last October, students and locals could eat Krishna Lunch for a \$4 donation. The request has since gone up to \$5.

This isn't the first time prices have gone up. The lunch prices went from being optional to a mandatory donation of \$3. Prices went

up another dollar in 2008, according to Alligator archives.

Krishna Lunch Director Hanan Schwefel attributes the price change to the increase in food prices. Schwefel, who buys the groceries weekly, said quality ingredients are only becoming more expensive with time.

"A year ago, the (nutritional almond) powder (used to make the salad dressing) cost \$30 for a 30-pound bulk," he said. "Now it's \$95

for the same amount. We try to use healthy ingredients ... and spend a lot to make lunch better."

The part of the money that doesn't go to food goes to the food truck's gas and insurance, maintaining Krishna Lunch as a green organization — meaning they're using sustainable materials — and maintaining the kitchen, which is inspected by the health department.

"It's hard to find good vegetarian food on campus," said Savannah Snowden, a 19-year-old food science and human nutrition sophomore at UF. "I really don't mind \$1

extra."

Casey Miller agrees.

"I still think it's a pretty awesome value. I just got a bunch of food I get to take home, so it's still a good deal," the 21-year-old UF religion senior said.

"We try to use healthy ingredients ... and spend a lot to make lunch better."

Hanan Schwefel
Krishna Lunch director

Those who eat at Krishna every day are protected from the price hikes. By buying five meal coupons,

each meal will cost \$4. Buying 10 meal coupons, each meal will cost \$3.50, Schwefel said.

Krishna Lunch is served on campus on the Plaza of the Americas or at the Krishna House, 214 NW 14th St.

Although there is an established donation request of \$5, Schwefel doesn't deny anyone a meal.

"The main thing is to feed them," Schwefel said. "We have many students who help us in other ways. There are many other students who help us with serving, doing dishes with us."

CAMPUS

Reitz Union closures to affect student organizations until 2015

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The ongoing Reitz Union renovations will shut down certain sections of the 46-year-old building until its completion in 2015.

Student organizations will take arguably the biggest hit. Space for them to meet and work is limited now, and "it's going to get gradually worse," Executive Director Eddie Daniels said last week at a forum.

Around the start of next year, the rooms on the third floor across from the Department of Student Activities and Involvement will become unavailable. From February 2015 to

the redone Reitz's debut later that year, Daniels said, the building will be virtually without room for student organizations.

"Meeting space in this building will be extremely limited," he said.

The Reitz Union Rion Ballroom will become unusable in February, when the space it currently occupies undergoes construction to become meeting rooms. Upon the project's completion, the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom will be on the third floor, Daniels said.

The information desk and Student Government Computer Lab have already relocated. Orange & Brew has been closed completely, and although the amphitheater isn't being

made over, it's off-limits during construction.

Student Body Treasurer Jayce Victor wrote that groups could see challenges with room reservation — they may even have to use spaces outside the Reitz or off campus to meet.

"Students as well as administration will be experiencing some changes in the upcoming year, but I believe that this is a moment that will empower us all," Victor said.

Daniels said revenue from food court restaurants and the hotel could be impacted as well, but he hopes any negative effects will be minimal.

"We haven't been through this before," he said. "There are a lot of unknowns."

CONSTRUCTION AT THE REITZ

- 1948: Planning for the new union begins.
- 1967: The new building opens.
- 1975: Area in the basement becomes meeting rooms.
- 1984: Orange & Brew gets an outdoor terrace.
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LOCAL

We-Fi: Using cafes' Internet OK

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Coffee shop owners in some major cities are waging war on the "laptop squatter," but in Gainesville, it's the least of business owners' worries.

Shops in cities like New York, Boston and San Francisco are sealing power outlets, implementing passive aggressive signage and segregating laptop users to restricted areas. But Gainesville business owners are more focused on economic development.

"Camping is way different when customers actually make a purchase."

Meghan Marvin

Volta barista

"We're just happy if people are even buying stuff," said Roth Conrad, a barista at Maude's Classic Cafe.

Issues associated with customers who fit the description of a laptop squatter differ considerably from the surrounding actual squatters who make no purchases.

"It's mostly the homeless dudes who fall asleep in the B-room [back room of the café]," said Simon Nash, who has worked as a Maude's barista for a year. "But it's also annoying when people leave their trash behind from Mochi and Starbucks."

Gainesville establishments like Maude's have few policies regarding Wi-Fi usage

that are actually enforced.

"It should be understood that if you're a coffee shop, a huge amount of your business is centered around people using Wi-Fi," Nash said. "There's jokes about whether we're actually a coffee shop at all. We're more of a venue for chain-smoking and people watching."

Some local establishments are slightly more restrictive.

At Coffee Culture, the Wi-Fi password changes daily and can only be obtained with a receipt after purchase.

When connecting to the Wi-Fi provided at Volta Coffee, Tea & Chocolate, users are greeted with a message on their laptop screens reading "Don't be a camper."

"Camping is way different when customers actually make a purchase," said Volta barista Meghan Marvin. "We have customers who come in every day, order like a pot of coffee and sit for hours."

Keeping this long-staying clientele is both essential to the business and pleasant to work around, she said.

"I actually really appreciate being able to be a part of all of the work happening around me," said Marvin.

Gainesville resident Jan Zamojski said he spends about six to eight hours in coffee shops on an average weekend.

"The coffee is almost a formality," Zamojski said. "It's more of a ceremonial rite of passage than the reason I am here."

Planned Parenthood director recognized in Gainesville

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Planned Parenthood of North Florida welcomed its newest president and CEO Thursday night at a reception in Gainesville.

Elizabeth Fraley, who hails from California's Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, is replacing Staci Fox, who moved up to head Planned Parenthood Southeast.

Fraley said she looks forward to tackling issues experienced by women in the South.

"They're the types of issues that we weren't dealing with in California because it's a very different environment," she said. "I felt that I could be much more effective here than in California."

Planned Parenthood of North Florida has three centers in North Florida, including the Gainesville Health Center, which has seen about 3,100 patient visits out of a region total of 8,100 visits so far this year.

As the newest leader of the region, Fraley said one of her goals is accepting outside insurance before more women become eligible for and receive health insurance with the implementation of President Obama's Affordable Care Act, which takes effect Jan. 1.

Many Planned Parenthood centers across

the country already accept outside insurance, she said, and other Florida centers are in contracts with insurance companies to start allowing this. Fraley said she plans to springboard North Florida to this point.

"I'm very glad to be in a position where I can affect change so that women who are newly insured under the Affordable Care Act can continue to come to Planned Parenthood for very much needed reproductive services," she said, adding that women who are still uninsured can continue coming after 2014 begins.

UF telecommunication and history sophomore Kylie Lacusky, president of UF Voices for Planned Parenthood club, said she agrees with the directives Fraley outlined.

"It would ... be a service to the UF and Gainesville community if the Gainesville clinic accepted outside insurance," the 19-year-old said. "Ms. Fraley's goals could have a lot of positive impact on our area, which we're very grateful for as a club."

Fraley also plans to bring her region up-to-date with electronic record keeping and education program expansion. And a couple years down the road, she anticipates offering limited primary care so women can be treated for more than reproductive issues.

Poster sale previously on Reitz Colonnade hung up on new location

SALES HAVE DECREASED BY ABOUT 20 PERCENT.

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The College Poster Sale Company has posted up somewhere else. The poster sale has moved down to the ground floor of the Reitz Union, and salesman Jeff Apostolou said he feels the move has hurt his sales.

"It's definitely been a little bit slower down here," the New York native said. "A lot of our business is impulse buying. They see the posters lying on the table, and they come over and buy it. We're still doing OK down here, but we're not doing quite as well as we would have at the Colonnade."

The exhibit is a traveling poster sale exhibit based out of

Yonkers, N.Y., that makes trips to various colleges around the country.

The company has been a regular to UF for about three decades — with the majority of sales taking place on what used to be the Reitz Union Colonnade.

The poster sale's new area is tucked away in a spot with less foot traffic. Apostolou said he feels as if the change in location has decreased sales by about 20 percent.

"The poster sale is something that I look forward to every time it comes," said 19-year-old accounting sophomore Nikki Masse. "I wasn't even aware that the poster sale was here until the third day, and that's unfortunate."

Many students were totally unaware.

"I didn't really know about the location change," said 19-year-old psychology sophomore Melissa LaRosa. "I think peo-

ple don't walk by this (the new location) as much as they did the other location."

The university approached Apostolou prior to construction beginning and offered him options for the next step for his business. One option was being fully outside, something that concerned Apostolou due to Gainesville's weather.

Reitz Union Executive Director Eddie Daniels said the university kept the organizations in the Reitz Union in mind while going into the construction process.

With all of the student involvement on campus, Daniels said he thinks it is imperative that they have a space to be able to thrive in the future.

"We are the student union," Daniels said. "If we're not doing things that are appealing to students and that students enjoy being engaged in, then we're not doing our job."

More than 500 donated money for the project

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ality board of directors for 10 years, spearheaded the campaign.

He said that there have been attempts to fund a new house in the past, but they were all unsuccessful.

"Most of the houses on the road are in need of renovation," he said. "As the facility deteriorated, we knew it was something we had to do in order to position the fraternity to be able to continue at the university. It was reaching a point where we didn't think it was going to be able to continue to function as a residence."

Kramer called the grand opening ceremony a "really satisfying culmination" of the efforts of himself and the board.

"We started the capital cam-

paign, which I chaired, back in April 2011 with zero dollars for the new house," Kramer said. "Now, we're at about \$1.85 million and counting in pledges."

The money comes from more than 500 donors, the greatest of which only donated \$50,000, Kramer said.

"To have raised over a million dollars without a six-figure donor is impressive," he said. "To get to almost \$2 million without one is even more so."

Although Kramer doesn't have college-aged children yet, he said he remains hopeful that many generations of Theta Chi brothers will enjoy the house.

"We're celebrating our centennial in 2016," he said, "so it feels good knowing that we'll be positioned at UF for the next 100 years."



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Journalism junior and current UF Theta Chi chapter brother Garrett Mastronardi, 20, talks with an FSU Theta Chi chapter alumnus Friday afternoon at the grand opening of the new Theta Chi house on UF's campus. The new house cost about \$4.3 million to build.

Driver's education group teaches international students, expands

► IT TEACHES ABOUT FIVE STUDENTS A WEEK.

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A local driver's education agency, which frequently teaches international students how to drive, recently received a fleet upgrade.

North Central Florida Safety Council, a nonprofit commercial driving program located at 3710 NW 51st St., had been operating with just one vehicle.

Edwin Gardner, a driver's training instructor at the program, said he was worried when the old car started having problems. With the constant parking, three-point turns and heavy braking, he said the damage to the vehicle can get expensive.

"The last thing to go out on the car was the turn signals," Gardner said. "That's when we

realized we need a new vehicle soon."

But to solve the woes, the driving program received a 2013 Chevy Impala to use for lessons, said Jeff Sims, the program's executive director.

"There are many international students that move to Gainesville for school, and they don't have much family or friends, or in some cases, many places to practice driving — so they come to us."

Jeff Sims

Safety Council executive director

He said the new vehicle was necessary to continue offering driver's ed to local students.

"There are many international students that move to Gainesville for school," he said, "and they don't have much family or friends, or in some cases, many places to

practice driving — so they come to us."

Gardner said he teaches about five students a week. While the majority of his students is college-aged, he said half a dozen professors during the past two months have come to him. One was from Russia.

In one incident, Gardner said, he taught an international student who had never before been in a car.

"I have learned so much over the years," he said. "The variety of students are from all over the place."

Jorge Gomez, a 20-year-old UF business administration junior, said the importance of learning how to drive when coming to a new country is essential.

"When I came to this country, I knew how to drive, but many people don't," he said. "It's important to learn the rules of the road."

LOCAL

Veterans program makes first foster home match

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A local agency for veterans is currently accepting applications for foster caregivers — or angels, as Don Nolder calls them.

A 77-year-old Marine Corps veteran, Nolder recently moved to a lake house in Keystone Heights to live with Theresa Dunn and her husband.

A military incident left him restricted to a wheelchair, and it became harder for him to live independently.

"I couldn't do things that most people take for granted," Nolder said.

He first heard about the Medical Foster Home Program in Jacksonville, and once it was set up in Gainesville, he became the first to find his match.

The Veterans Health System recently expanded its Medical Foster Home Program for veterans who can't live alone due to health problems. The nationwide program launched locally in October 2012.

Since then, the Gainesville-area

program has been in touch with 25 prospective caregivers but just recently made its first match so far.

"Within the first 10 minutes, we knew he was family," Dunn said.

Nolder said the move has been a positive change.

"My daughter notices the change in my voice when I talk on the phone," he said. "I'm not depressed. It's just a wonderful life here."

Tanya Fookes, a local coordinator for the program, called offering foster home care "a labor of love."

She said applicants must have a history in caregiving, own or rent their home and pass a background check plus a series of inspections.

"A lot of people seem to be confused with the role of caregivers. It's very rewarding," said Dunn, a former certified nursing assistant.

Nolder refers to her as his "angel."

"Theresa impacts me every day she feeds me," Nolder said, laughing. "It's just good to know she is there, and all I have to do is holler."

LOCAL

VisitGainesville office undergoing renovations

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A government building in downtown Gainesville is undergoing renovations to improve the appearance of the area.

The Wilson Building, located at 30 E. University Ave., houses space for local court services and VisitGainesville, an organization dedicated to tourism and marketing for Alachua County.

Donald Flemming, the construction site manager with Charles Perry Partners Inc., said the renovations include painting and adding new carpet and energy-efficient windows.

Roland Loog, the director of VisitGainesville, said the renovations could kick off a trend.

"You work hard to make your downtown a nice city center," Loog said. "As the government building improves the storefront, other storefronts will follow."

For now, the building stands with boarded windows and metal

scaffolding masking the storefront, which slightly constricts sidewalk space.

But Tracy Shank, a frequent downtown visitor, said the narrower sidewalk has not become an issue.

"You work hard to make your downtown a nice city center."

Roland Loog

director of VisitGainesville

"I work near the downtown area, and I have noticed the construction. The use of the sidewalk is still quite accessible," Shank said.

Loog said he has not heard any complaints about the sidewalk.

"The only thing I have seen is someone get splashed by an RTS bus after a heavy rain due to the smaller sidewalk," Loog said.

He said overall the improvements will be worthwhile.

"The nicer the storefronts, the better it is for downtown," Loog said.



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Building Memories

Recreation, parks and tourism junior Paige Gross, right, and biology senior Matt Seskin, center, paint the 34th Street Wall with friends Sunday in memory of Lauren Marcus, a recent UF graduate who died Aug. 19.

Reitz Union renovations get in way for wheelchair-bound

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As a newer Reitz Union goes up, the construction is slowing some students and faculty down.

With the colonnade entrance from the North Lawn and the path from the Reitz Union bus stop fenced off, the construction is difficult to navigate for students and faculty in wheelchairs.

Katie Shepherd used to arrive at the Reitz Union bus stop with 15 minutes to get to class. Now, the 20-year-old health education and behavior junior, who uses a wheelchair, must be on campus almost half an hour before her class.

"I know they can't just make a path through the construction," she said.

The Reitz Union is now only accessible through the entrances near Subway, Wells Fargo and the Welcome Center on Museum Road.

Students and faculty in wheelchairs must go through a series of elevators and pathways to get to the other side of the building.

The UF Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Office Coordinator Kenneth Osfield said he's received no complaints from students.

"It is a pain, but it is still fully accessible," he said. "People with mobility disabilities have to go out of their way to get around."

He said the ADA office reviews four dif-

ferent stages of the design process for every construction project on campus. The ADA Compliance Office worked with Reitz Union Project Manager Cydney McGlothlin to make sure the construction arrangements were compliant with ADA standards.

The renovated Reitz Union will have accessible restrooms on every floor and a new entrance to the Colonnade, which Osfield said always posed a challenge for students in wheelchairs.

Editorial

'Don't be afraid': Prolific Irish poet Seamus Heaney dies

Seamus Heaney's final words to his wife were "Don't be afraid." This weekend, the world remembered the Irish Nobel laureate following his death Friday. He was 74 years old. Heaney, widely regarded as the best Irish poet since W.B. Yeats, is known as the poet of soil and strife — his work illustrated both the stark landscape of Northern Ireland and ongoing Irish troubles such as violent political struggles.

According to the Guardian, "Rock stars mixed with presidents and prime ministers, politicians, poets and painters as about 1,000 people packed into the Heaney family's parish church in the Donnybrook district of south Dublin."

Monsignor Brendan Devlin delivered the homily at Heaney's funeral Mass in Dublin yesterday. He called Heaney "the articulator of years of pain in the North."

According to the Poetry Foundation's Seamus Heaney page, "Heaney 'makes you see, hear, smell, taste this life, which in his words is not provincial, but parochial; provincialism hints at the minor or the mediocre, but all parishes, rural or urban, are equal as communities of the human spirit,' noted Newsweek correspondent Jack Kroll."

In addition to earning critical success — he won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature — Heaney was a rarity: a best-selling poet. His books made up two-thirds of the sales of living poets in the U.K.

In Blake Morrison's critical guide to Heaney's poems, "Seamus Heaney," he notes that the author is "that rare thing, a poet rated highly by critics and academics yet popular with the common reader."

In addition to bringing accessible poetry to the contemporary literary world, his "plain-speaking" translation of the epic poem "Beowulf" won the Whitbread Book of the Year award and "laid the groundwork for a series of film adaptations," according to The Week UK.

"Prior to Heaney's 1999 translation, the Anglo-Saxon epic poem was read mostly (and often reluctantly) by students of English Literature," The Week UK stated.

Unfortunately, poetry is rarely in the news — or the general consciousness, for that matter. Furthermore, it's a shame that only important events, like deaths of major poets, bring people's attention to poetry, since it's an important art form often forgotten beyond high school English classes. As Lawrence Ferlinghetti wrote in "Poetry as Insurgent Art," "Poetry is a naked woman, a naked man, and the distance between them."

Beyond that, poetry roots us in the past. It breathes life into history — and, as Percy Bysshe Shelley said, "Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world."

We leave you now with the final lines of one of Heaney's best-known poems, "Digging":

"The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap/
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge/
Through living roots awoken in my head/
But I've no spade to follow men like them/
Between my finger and my thumb/
The squat pen rests/
I'll dig with it."

Reader response

Today's question: Do you have a tattoo?

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Column

More Miley: It can stop, and it must stop

Nothing new can be said about Miley Cyrus' racy VMA performance, and the world is sick of hearing about it anyway. All six and a half minutes of uncomfortable dancing have been broken down, mocked and raked for deeper meaning.

The issue Cyrus embodied as she sashayed around the stage in latex is this: Girls can't discern what it means to grow up today.

Cyrus has been grooming herself to step away from the Hannah Montana image Disney carefully constructed during her early career.

She took a flying leap away from that image with this performance, painting the transition to adulthood as one marked by inappropriate foam-finger thrusting.

While that might be true in some outstanding cases, young America has to know it's not the norm.

The problem with being an artist today is the automatic position of power.

Artists become role models by default, and while they can dance with molly and be 'bout whatever life they choose, their actions have a significant impact on young people watching with wide eyes.

We've all seen young girls dressed in too-small clothes, wearing more makeup than they could ever need. They learn their bodies are their most important tools. It's media-induced behavior to be leaner, prettier and now sexier by age 20.

If young women can't distinguish maturity from sexuality, we have a major problem on our hands. Both have their place, but they are not synonymous.

Growing up and becoming an adult shouldn't entail sexcapading across the stage in minimal clothing, bumping, grinding and motorboating every sentient creature along the way. Outrageous, overt sexuality is not interchangeable with maturity.

Across the concert hall at the VMAs sat Selena Gomez, whose filmed reaction has circulated the Inter-



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net and, not surprisingly, mirrors that of the general public.

Instead of dumping on Miley Cyrus, we should turn our attention to Selena Gomez — if only because she is Miley-Cyrus-gone-right.

Both raised on Disney's airwaves, both are known actresses and songstresses. The difference lies in presentation.

Gomez's single "Come and Get It" is undeniably sensual, but at least it tries to be low-key. She wore plenty of clothing in the video, and the dancing isn't all racy. She's clearly not a little girl anymore, but she puts out the confident young adult vibe the world wants from Cyrus.

Perhaps a Disney starlet focus group would be beneficial, so delinquent peers could take notes from the valedictorians.

After all, it was Gomez who left with a Moonman — and her dignity.

Miley Cyrus is — and we may need to see the paperwork on this — an adult. Any girl navigating the years between child and adult needs a role model, but stars publicizing their own journey in terms of twerking and "ratchet" culture only serve to make it a hazier trip.

This is just one event, the culmination of a larger ideology being preached to young women. Growing up does not look like Amanda Bynes. It is not friends with Lindsay Lohan. It has nothing to do with Miley Cyrus.

On the backside of the VMAs, we know two things with clarity: The only blurred line that was executed successfully on that stage was the one between pornography and a duet, and Selena Gomez hired the better manager.

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Column

'Breaking Bad': an insightful critique of American health care

SPOILER ALERT: If you haven't watched the show "Breaking Bad" and are interested in doing so, this probably isn't the column for you.

As AMC's hit television show "Breaking Bad" winds its way through its final, tumultuous episodes, fans of the show are shocked at just how "bad" main character Walter White truly is.

Actor Bryan Cranston portrays a high-school-teacher-turned-drug-kingpin as a ruthless crime lord, willing to lie, steal, kill and harm anyone who gets in the way of his methamphetamine empire. At this point in the show, it's difficult to recognize the seemingly harmless chemistry teacher from a few short seasons ago.

However, "Breaking Bad" is not simply about a middle-class husband, father and teacher who takes the low road to high profits. It's about a man who saw no other choice after facing death.

The show begins with White, a humble chemistry teacher, learning he has lung cancer. White comes to the realization that with his meager salary and benefits as a public school teacher, he can't cover the costs of necessary treatments and can't provide his family a nest egg if — and when —

he succumbs to the disease.

Living in a hotbed of meth activity, White discovers by making high-quality meth, he can pay for his treatment and build that nest egg for his wife, son and unborn daughter — with maybe a little extra to spare.

If you cast aside the murder, mayhem, violence, drug use and tendency to sit on the edge of your seat during the show, "Breaking Bad" is actually a striking critique on the cost of health care in the United States and the low pay of our public school teachers.

What if White made decent money or had good benefits as a public school teacher? Isn't it realistic that the show's premise might not exist in a country that actually paid its teachers their full worth and had a health care system that didn't regularly bankrupt families when somebody gets sick?

According to the National Education Association, over the first decade of this century, teachers in Florida saw their salaries decrease by about 7 percent, the sixth-largest decrease in the country. The aver-



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age starting salary for a public school teacher in Florida is \$35,236, ranking 19th out of the 50 states. The average overall salary for a teacher in Florida is \$45,732, leaving the state near the bottom.

According to the NEA, "Salaries are important for attracting, developing and keeping a top-notch teaching force in place in each zip code, however over the years from 2001-02 through 2011-12, the buying power of teacher salaries has declined 2.8%."

Just to put a teacher's wages into perspective, in 2012, the average pay of a CEO for one of the top 350 companies in the United States was \$14.1 million.

Once you consider the cost of treating cancer with chemotherapy, prescription medications, radiation and other forms of treatment, you could be facing a cost of several thousand dollars per month in order to beat the disease.

Can you really blame White for giving up on his teaching career for a life of crime?

People shouldn't pursue a career of cooking meth in order to pay for their

health care, and they shouldn't even have to consider it. While the "Breaking Bad" example is far-fetched and highly unlikely, in reality, it raises serious questions about the growing disparities between the wealthy and the middle class — or what's left of it.

The Affordable Care Act tries mightily to end the madness of disease bankrupting families, but as with most major reforms, it faces major challenges. For the American economy to fully recover and for the middle class of this nation to grow and thrive, we need to ensure that teachers — even fictional ones like Walter White — don't have to rely on illicit means to pay for health care.

We are a better country than that, and those citizens making an honest living should not lose everything just because they get sick.

Some may prefer a "you're-on-your-own" type of society, but that's not right, and it's certainly not American.

Finally, if you don't watch "Breaking Bad," you need to change this immediately.

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Column

Unanswered questions loom over the big conflict in Syria

The tragic events in Syria have dominated the news as of late. Thousands of people have died in this conflict. The world is wondering whether the American government will intervene.

According to recent leaks, the United States government seems ready to launch three days' worth of cruise missiles at Syria.

According to the Washington Post, "President Obama is weighing a military strike against Syria that would be of limited scope and duration, designed to serve as punishment for Syria's use of chemical weapons and as a deterrent, while keeping the United States out of deeper involvement in that country's civil war, according to senior administration officials."

Before we start beating the drums of military intervention, we have to address many unanswered questions.

What message is America sending to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad? A year ago, President Obama warned Syria's use of chemical weapons against its own people would cross a "red line" that would trigger "enormous consequences."

White House spokesman Jay Carney went on to say that Obama's goal is not a Syrian regime change. Now — a year later — as chemical weapons are confirmed to have been used, Obama retracted his idealism.

Who are our friends in Syria, and what threat does the na-



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tion pose to us? America has helped the rebels in Syria by giving them humanitarian aid and weapons. We do not know if we will get the weapons back or who will end up with them. With radical forces hostile to the United States fighting against Assad, should we elevate our enemies to power if we should take down Assad? The country has not declared war on us and has not attacked us directly.

How much will intervention cost? America's economy is still in poor shape, and the government's debt continues to rise. Many Americans do not think we should be spending money on a foreign nation while our infrastructure, schools and communities require help.

Why are nations surrounding Syria not intervening? One would think the countries surrounding an unstable nation with confirmed chemical weapon attacks and an overflow of refugees would be intervening in some way.

Turkey once encouraged direct action in Syria but has done no such thing. The oil-rich country of Jordan wants a diplomatic solution to the crisis instead of an attack. The countries seem to be waiting for America to do the dirty work.

Despite the many unanswered questions this predicament holds, we have many "known knowns." If an American service member is killed while carrying out the air strikes, the conversation will drastically change. The war-

weary public will feel the old wounds of Iraq once again.

The second thing we know is the administration does not seem to have an overall plan of action. They were unable to control foreign policy leaks, and they do not have a consistent message to give to Assad. An attack on Syria seems to leave America open for a retaliatory strike from either a Russian warship in the Mediterranean or from Syria's ally Iran.

The administration lacks an exit strategy. Suppose Obama approves the airstrike and Assad is removed from power — what happens next? Will the country be engulfed in chaos? Will another civil war break out, or will Syria turn into Libya 2.0? Will America be forced to build a nation once again like it did in Iraq?

American foreign policy during the past decade has overestimated our strength and has intervened in the world too much. While America has the strongest military and economy in the world, we are not an invincible nation.

America was not founded 200 years ago to be the police force of the world. If there is no direct threat or gain to our country, we should not be involved. Giving humanitarian aid is one thing — launching cruise missiles is a completely different thing. In order to get our foreign policy back on track, we must render unto Syria what belongs to Syria and not intervene.

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Phi Sigma Kappa rushing to make presence known on campus

It has been at UF since 1951

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UF's Phi Sigma Kappa chapter is under new rule in an effort to boost its numbers.

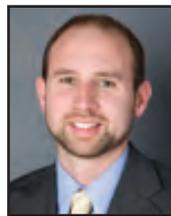
Jack Causseaux, associate director of sorority and fraternity affairs, said although the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity has had a charter at UF since 1951, membership for the fraternity has dipped troublingly low.

Decreasing numbers have caused the head-

quarters in Indianapolis to send representatives to bolster the ranks.

"It isn't unheard of for things like this to happen," Causseaux said. "The fraternity has been here the whole time. They just haven't had that many people recently."

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity had leased a house sometime in the past five years, but after the lease ended, "its low numbers caused them to slip into obscurity," he said.



Causseaux

The fraternity's national headquarters appointed UF sophomore Michael Lang as chapter president.

Lang, a 19-year-old applied kinesiology and physiology major, said his term as chapter president began three weeks ago with six members.

But he has already boosted enrollment to 20 through unofficial recruitment. The fraternity will also be participating in Rush Week.

Lang said he was tired of how other fra-

ternities are run, and the relatively large due payments bother him. His dues are \$400 a semester, compared to the UF Inter-Fraternity Council's average of \$2,800.

Justin Shifrin, a 20-year-old accounting junior and public relations director for the IFC, said the chapter is trying to make more of a presence on campus.

"We're happy that they're trying to come on and make more of an identity for themselves," he said.

Although the fraternity doesn't currently have a house, Lang is looking at properties close to campus to house his members.



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Straight Shooting

Will Yeguete, a senior forward for Florida basketball, shoots during a beer pong match Saturday morning at the Levin College of Law tailgate. Yeguete and Patric Young were at the tailgate to raise awareness about "Kaedyn The Superhero," a documentary on a 3-year-old cancer survivor the two players befriended.

Dorm-decorating event runs out of bling

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More than 600 students can say goodbye to bland bedrooms.

The Reitz Union Rion Ballroom was filled with the smell of popcorn, students chattering and music playing in the background as students decorated everything from mugs and cowboy hats to corkboards and mason jars at the second annual Bling Out Your Bedroom event Thursday.

But with double the amount of students expected to participate,

the Reitz Union Board Entertainment-hosted event ran out of materials half an hour before the event was supposed to end.

"This event definitely exceeded our expectations," said David O'Leary, a 21-year-old business administration senior and co-director of RUB Entertainment. "We anticipated about 300 students and over 600 showed up."

The organization used student fees to help fund the event. Bling Out Your Bedroom cost about \$2,500, O'Leary said.

"Making a treasure chest is not

as easy as I thought," said Vinnie Loos, an 18-year-old psychology freshman. "But having to go around asking people for supplies is a great way to meet people."

Madison Pello, a 19-year-old health science sophomore and member of RUB Entertainment, said this event was especially popular because the Inter-Residence Hall Association helped promote the event.

"RUB events are a great way for students to get active," said O'Leary, "and every event RUB hosts is free for students."

LOCAL

Activists link UF energy, mountaintop removal

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In what activists characterize as an uphill battle to end mountaintop coal removal, local organization Gainesville Loves Mountains has planted its next flag.

Following months of negotiations, the group will present a proposed ordinance to ban the use of mountaintop-removal coal to the City Commission on Sept. 12. The ordinance would prohibit Gainesville Regional Utilities from buying coal mined from mountaintops, which uses less manpower to harvest the resources.

Jason Fults, co-founder of Gainesville Loves Mountains, said because the commission acts as the board of directors for Gainesville Regional Utilities, its approval is crucial for banning mountaintop removal.

The group has been circulating a petition that has collected about 1,200 signatures.

Gainesville Loves Mountains has also set its sights on the energy provider contract for UF — an issue Kaydriane Young, a volunteer for the group, said is related to mountaintop coal removal.

"There's actually a connection between what we're doing in the larger community and what we want to see at UF," she said. "We have to realize how we're connected to other people and things. We can't stay in the UF bubble."

Young, a UF sociology senior, said students need to understand what their tuition money is funding because UF's energy contract is currently provided by Duke Energy — the same company engaged in mountaintop coal removal.

Fults said that because UF's long-standing contract with Duke Energy, previously Progress Energy, soon expires, he is attempting to meet with UF's Sustainability Committee to get the conversation about contract renewal brewing.

"A lot of the UF community doesn't know what they should know about Duke before they make a contract," he said. "UF has ambitious sustainability goals, and they can't meet those goals with Duke."

Duke Energy is not the same as Progress Energy was, Fults said, and people should understand what they are agreeing to before they vote to renew the contract.

Commissioner Thomas Hawkins said he's supportive of the ordinance, but it has a long way to go before it could pass.

"Mountaintop removal mining is very destructive to environment and to communities to which it occurs," he said. "If we can stop ... we should do to our best to investigate it fully. There needs to be more conversations and details that need to be worked out that affect how we would implement a policy."

CRIME

Weekend arrests: open container and prowling near a house

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Gainesville Police arrested Freeman J. Polite, of Hawthorne, after he fled police with an open container of alcohol. He was walking on Southeast 11th Avenue when an officer saw him holding an aluminum can protruding from

a brown paper bag.

From Rails to Trails Conservancy, Freeman ran into the woods. Once police caught up with him, he admitted to running away and throwing a 16 ounce can of Natural Ice beer away, according to the arrest report.

While booking Polite at the jail, police found his car keys. Of-

ficers searched his car and found two grams of crack as well as drug paraphernalia.

He was arrested Saturday on charges of having an open container and resisting without violence.

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Two Ocala men were arrested Saturday after a resident of Southwest First Avenue and her guests

felt threatened by two men they didn't know standing on the sidewalk.

Leslie Ann Cleaver called police and told them the men — who stood in the dark watching her and her friends in the front yard — seemed to be "casing her house" to rob it later, according to the arrest report.

At about 9 p.m., Gainesville Police officer Nicoloff Visvambhara arrested 27-year-old Ualthan Bigby Jr. and 25-year-old William James Ross Naugler on charges of loitering and prowling.

In the report, Visvambhara wrote that the men "could not alleviate my fears of why they were in the neighborhood."

LIFESTYLE

Arkansas body art bill leaves a mark on Gainesville locals

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A recent bill passed by the Arkansas Senate to limit body art procedures evoked frenzied online comments — many negative — but some of Gainesville's own tattoo artists see the other side of the legislation.

Such procedures banned by the new bill include scarification, a branded tattoo without ink, and dermal implants, solid shapes placed underneath the skin, according to Arkansas Senate Bill 387.

Jack Salesses, a Gainesville tattoo artist at Valkyrie's Tattoo & Body Piercing, located at 2226 NW Eighth Court, said he is in favor of the safety the regulation provides.

"Banning? No. Legislation? Yes," Salesses said of the bill, now being passed to the House. "There should be very strict guidelines and licensing requirements."

Collin Jordan, a 26-year-old tattoo artist at Inked Tattoo, located at 1410 NW 13th St., said he thinks the bill is closed-minded.

"At a certain point, you stop judging, and if that person wants to express themselves

that way, then, fine," he said.

What both Salesses and Jordan are more concerned with are people called "scratchers."

"Scratchers are people that don't really know how to tattoo or draw. They just bought a machine, and they're sitting at their house," Jordan said.

In January 2012, Florida made regulations that require licensing with the Florida Department of Health, which includes a four-page checklist from the health department, licensing fees, continuing education and obtaining a biomedical waste permit. Prior to that, only body piercing required a license.

"The biggest concern to me is that [scratchers] are destroying people's skin," Jordan said.

Because tattooing in Florida is highly regulated, Salesses said he wishes state government enforced heavier penalties for those who tattoo without a license. The current administrative action is a fine.

"Get the right people in [the board], the right education and the right legislation, and put some bite behind it," Salesses said.

High heel wearers have step up on shopping decisions

► **EXPERIMENTS TESTED BALANCE AND DECISION-MAKING.**

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UF student Isabella Llano said that as a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, she wears high heels — a lot.

"I feel that wearing heels makes you more confident, which might help you make smarter decisions in general," said the 19-year-old UF international studies sophomore.

A recent study by Brigham Young University suggests that wearing high heels can help people make smarter purchases. According to the study, having a heightened sense of balance contributes to making financially sound decisions and picking mid-range items instead of higher-end items.

As part of the study, co-authors Jeff

Larson and Darron Billeter, both assistant professors of marketing at BYU, conducted different experiments testing the correlation between balance and decision-making. One such experiment had consumers stand on one foot while considering a printer purchase.

Larson said he wanted to see how physical states affect decision-making.

"I chose balance because it's the primary physical sensation. When you wear heels, you focus on being balanced physically, which forces you to choose more balanced products as well," Larson said.

Christina Hunt, a 19-year-old UF journalism sophomore and a Phi Mu sorority sister, doesn't agree with the study.

"Honestly, I think it sounds strange," she said. "Perhaps, if you're really good at walking in heels, but a lot of women have trouble walking in them and are more balanced in flats.... Maybe your feet hurt, so you're in a rush to get home and don't buy anything."

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1 Take off politely, as one's hat	1 Russian cottage	31 Herms but doesn't haw?	49 Swamp grass
5 Small silvery fish	2 Hideous giants	32 Jai ___	50 Young bird of prey
10 Ogden's state	3 Shaking causes	33 Hard to believe	51 Non-negotiable things
14 "The African Queen"	4 Brimless cap	37 Moral lapses	52 On any occasion
co-screenwriter	5 Cricket official	38 Punk star ___ Pop	53 Zippo
15 Apple drink	6 Ones who dig 21-Across	39 Mite	54 Socket insert
16 Golfer Ballesteros	7 Outshine fruit bars brand	41 Marriage or baptism	57 Bridle piece
17 1976 debut single for Heart	8 Regulus's constellation	42 Dearie, in Dijon	58 Half dos
19 Yoked bovines	9 ___TV: "Not reality. Actuality."	44 Reliable	59 Gentle application
20 The Beatles' "And I Love ___"	10 Golf tournament first played in 1895	45 Milano's land	
21 Metal-yielding rocks	11 Portmanteau region between Dallas and Little Rock		
22 Practices in a ring	12 Solemnly swear		
23 21-Across tester	13 Ones in a pecking order		
25 Chasing	18 They have strings attached		
27 Stable warmer	22 Regulus, for one		
31 Hiding places in walls	24 "Beg pardon ..."		
34 Wild pig	25 Leigh Hunt's "Ben Adhem"		
35 "We ___ the Champions"	26 Linen fiber source		
36 Jack of old Westems	28 WWII torpedo craft		
37 Nationality of the two leaders suggested by the starts of 17-, 27-, 43- and 57-Across	29 Cupid's Greek counterpart		
39 Not left out of			
40 Pallid			
41 Latvian capital			
42 Move with ease			
43 Biding one's time			
47 Like pretentious gallery-goers			
48 Crime against one's country			
52 Follow			
54 Carson's predecessor			
55 Mary's little lamb, perhaps			
56 Cabernet containers			
57 Informal name for the double bass			
60 Correct copy			
61 Native Alaskan			
62 Got long in the tooth			
63 A bit blue			
64 Garb at the Forum			
65 Raises, say			

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Ajagbe enjoying bigger role after offseason position switch

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Gideon Ajagbe did not play a snap for the Gators in 2012.

But after switching from linebacker to fullback during the offseason, Ajagbe has seen his role increase rapidly. He started on No. 9 Florida's first offensive series and scored the first touchdown of his career in a 24-6 victory against Toledo on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"I haven't played much these past three years," Ajagbe said Saturday. "For me to be a starter today, all credit goes to [God]."

With Florida leading 17-6 late in the third quarter, quarterback Jeff Driskel threw a pass to Ajagbe in the flat. After fighting off a tackler, he pushed forward for 12 yards and a first down. Three plays later, Driskel again found Ajagbe open, and the junior plunged into the end zone to increase UF's lead to 24-6.

Ajagbe finished the game with two catches for 16 yards and a touchdown. He also helped pave the way for running back Mack Brown, who finished with a career-high 112 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries.

"He's done an outstanding job blocking, protecting (and) catching the football," Muschamp said of Ajagbe. "He's a guy that has really blossomed in the position. That's why you've always got to try and cross-train guys at different spots and see what they can do."

For Ajagbe, who is known by teammates as the "Nigerian Nightmare," changing positions seemed like an obvious choice. After suffering a torn rotator cuff as a freshman in 2010, an injury that forced him to redshirt, he returned and played four games on special teams in 2011 before not seeing the field in 2012.

Muschamp encouraged him to work at fullback during the summer, a change that has paid dividends so far as Hunter Joyer, UF's starting fullback, works to get fully healthy following a hamstring injury.

"I'm just happy that I could contribute," Ajagbe said. "Whatever it is, if I start again next week or if Hunter starts, I'll play hard, and I'll play my role. That's what matters."

Added Muschamp: "He's been a huge addition for us. The thing about Gideon is he's got length. He can play the fullback position. He can also be a move tight end for us, which he didn't play as much Saturday because of Hunter's situation."

Updated depth chart: Florida released its two-deep depth chart for Miami on Monday.

Matt Jones is now listed as UF's No. 1 running back; Antonio Morrison is listed behind Mike Taylor at the Mike linebacker spot.

Jones missed Florida's 24-6 season-opening victory against Toledo while recovering from a viral infection he suffered in July. The sophomore running back participated in warm-ups with the team and is expected to start against Miami.

"(I) feel pretty good about his progress," Muschamp said. "As we work through the week, we'll be able to know how much he

will be able to contribute, but he certainly will play."

"He's a guy that has really blossomed in the position. That's why you've always got to try and cross-train guys at different spots and see what they can do."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

Morrison sat out Saturday due to a one-game suspension levied by Muschamp following the sophomore linebacker's pair of offseason arrests.

"He brings certain physicality to our football team, and he's a very good communicator at the linebacker position," Muschamp said, "which for us is critical because you gotta have a guy that is going to be able to relay the calls."

Sophomore receiver Latroy Pittman, who was suspended Saturday and will be forced to sit out two more games, is no longer listed on the depth chart.

Getting healthy: Florida escaped the first weekend of the season relatively unscathed. Linebacker Darrin Kitchens (pulled oblique), left tackle D.J. Humphries (sprained MCL) and defensive tackle Dominique Easley (flu) were the only players Muschamp mentioned during a run-down of injuries Monday.

Kitchens will miss a couple of days but is expected to play Saturday. Easley and Humphries are expected to return to practice Tuesday.

"We feel pretty good about where we are," Muschamp said.

Gators cut: With NFL teams having to reduce rosters to 53 players on Saturday, several former Gators became jobless over the weekend.

The New England Patriots cut Tim Tebow and former UF defensive end Jermaine Cunningham. Joining the list was David Nelson (Cleveland Browns), Frankie Hammond Jr. (Kansas City Chiefs), Chas Henry (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) and Larentee McCray (Denver Broncos).



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Junior fullback Gideon Ajagbe (25) blocks during Florida's 24-6 victory against Toledo on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Ajagbe caught two passes for 16 yards in the game.

FIRE JOE MORGAN

UF-UM rivalry fun to watch but not viable annually

Shooting stars are rare, and people love that.

Advancements in telescopes and technology have allowed humanity to see so much more from space, but catching a glimpse of a shooting star has an exciting, nostalgic edge.

I liken that quality to this weekend's game between the Gators and the Hurricanes.

The Florida-Miami rivalry delivered can't-miss games for

nearly half a century until the series ended its annual run in 1987. Now, if you blink, you'll miss the showdown.

Growing up a Gators fan in Gainesville, Florida

coach Will Muschamp always had a vested interest any time the Gators faced off against the Hurricanes. No matter where the



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game was played, he was hooked.

"When it was in Miami, I remember watching or listening on the radio," Muschamp said. "Then, obviously, when it was here in Gainesville, I was trying to get in the stadium somehow."

The same cannot be said for Gators quarterback Jeff Driskel, who hails from Oviedo, which is

just outside of Orlando — nestled between the two schools.

"I saw Ahmad Black tweet the other day one of the scores to a game that we won," Driskel said. "That's about all I know of the history of Florida-Miami."

And at the rate the series is going now with no matchups planned beyond Saturday's game, Driskel's successors at Florida will not know much about this rivalry.

It's sad to see a series that includes moments like the "Florida Flop," needless game-ending field goals from Howard Schnellenberger in 1980 and Urban Meyer in 2008 and ex-Gator Brock Berlin leading Miami to a 23-point comeback in 2003 sit dormant.

In a perfect world free of logic and red tape, the Hurricanes and Gators would meet annually in a highly anticipated matchup of re-

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The Florida volleyball team began its season with three consecutive wins during the weekend. *Read the story on page 15.*



Quotable
"Watch me some Spongebob, man."

Dominique Easley
UF defensive lineman on what he watches on TV

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Will Muschamp reacts to a call during Florida's 24-6 victory against Toledo on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The Gators were flagged 10 times for 70 yards in their season opener after averaging 8.1 penalties for 68.9 yards per game during the 2012 season.

Rivals could play at neutral site

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surgent powers.

But on Florida's end, playing Miami regularly makes little sense for several reasons.

The most well-documented issue is money. In order to fund all Gators sports, athletics director Jeremy Foley has said UF needs to play seven home football games per season.

In an interview with *The Alligator* last November, Foley said that Florida has been setting aside money since 2008 to account for playing only six home games this season.

Foley told Mark Long of the Associated Press on Monday that the two teams could potentially continue to play at a neutral site. Orlando and Tampa seem like good options.

But even if Florida found a way to make an annual series with Miami financially viable, adding another regular opponent with top-25 potential is just ludicrous.

Sure, we'd all love to see it, but consider what the Gators have to deal with already from year to year. Georgia, South Carolina, Florida State and LSU

aren't going anywhere.

Also, you have to think that the sleeping giant at Tennessee is eventually going to wake up. And with potential games against Alabama a possibility, I doubt any Gator fans want to battle for Sunshine State supremacy during UF's weeks away from the Southeastern Conference grind.

The UF-UM rivalry has a rich history, but it is a relic in college football's current climate.

Even more storied non-conference rivalries like Texas-Texas A&M and Notre Dame-Michigan simply cannot survive without some financial or competitive sacrifice.

With the jockeying for playoff spots that will begin next season, the margin of error for each is incredibly thin. Florida playing and beating Miami looks good on a postseason resume, but can the Gators count on taking down the Hurricanes every year?

Florida-Miami is a good rivalry that's fun to watch, but the schools have a good thing going. I imagine they will continue playing each other intermittently, and whenever they do face off, I'm writing about it, and you're reading.

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Florida finding rhythm after successful first weekend

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Despite the Gators' perfect 3-0 record to begin the season, coach Mary Wise said the team still has a laundry list of imperfections that must be corrected before the Big Four Classic starts Saturday.

The season began without a hitch as No. 8 Florida breezed past New Orleans by hitting an even .500 through three sets while holding the Privateers to a -.018 clip, which was the lowest percentage by a UF opponent since Mississippi State hit -.141 on Oct. 26.

However, once Florida faced off against LIU-Brooklyn, a team that rode a 19-game winning streak into the NCAA Tournament last year, the Gators returned to earth.

In four sets of work, Wise's squad committed 12 service errors and 18 attack errors that helped the Blackbirds avoid the sweep and take the third set from the Gators.

"They played inspired (and) we got a little tentative," Wise said Friday following the match. "Now that we've won, we can say it was good for us."

Noami Santos-Lamb said the team still has to build a rhythm that only experience can bring.

"We have newcomers in, we have people who are getting used to being back and getting in pace," the sophomore outside hitter said. "So it's more about getting to a pace than improving in any set skill."

Florida's final opportunity to work on its chemistry on the court before heading off to Texas on Wednesday was the Campus USA

Invitational finale against Duke on Saturday.

Madison Monserez thought the match against the Blue Devils was important for the team to prove that it can recover after struggling the night before.

The junior defensive specialist said the Gators' defense, which gave up 14 kills to the Blackbirds in the third set Friday, was a prime example of how much a team can grow within 24 hours of a tough match.

"Often times you learn more when your team struggles."

Mary Wise
UF coach

"The first two games, I think we were trying to find our rhythm with digging the deeper balls," she said. "And then when we addressed it, we made an adjustment. We're not always going to play the same types of teams. This was a great lesson in regards to adapting and learning how to adjust our game."

The benefit of facing NCAA-Tournament caliber teams early in the season is that it provides Florida with reference material as it prepares for the likes of No. 2 Penn State and No. 3 Stanford, Wise said.

Last year after sweeping three non-tournament squads in the Campus USA Invitational, UF dropped both its matches in the Big Four Classic the following week.

"Often times you learn more when your team struggles," Wise said.



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Sophomore outside hitter Noami Santos-Lamb (17) squats to bump the ball during Florida's 3-0 victory against New Orleans on Friday in the O'Connell Center. Florida won all three of its weekend matches.

UF sweeps season-opening meet

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After winning last year's Southeastern Conference title, Florida's women have not wavered.

In their 2013 season debut, the Gators swept the top five spots in a field of 104 racers on Friday at the Western Carolina Invitational in Cullowhee, N.C.

Seniors Agata Strausa and Shelby Hayes finished first and second with times of 10:52.29 and 10:56.82, respectively. The win in Cullowhee is Strausa's second in her career — her last victory came in Gainesville at the 2012 Mountain Dew Invitational.

Sophomore Julie Macedo, freshman Taylor Tubbs and senior Stephanie Strasser rounded out the top five of the women's two mile run.

Macedo, Hayes and Strasser all bested their marks from last year's Western Carolina Invitational. All five women finished within 20 seconds of each other on Friday.

"I thought the women came out and did a great job tonight, especially working together as a team throughout the duration of the race," coach Paul Spangler said Friday. "Agata, Shelby, Julie, Taylor and Steph all finished as a pack claiming the top five spots."

Florida's men also won their 5K run thanks to senior Mark Parrish's ninth career Gators victory, posting a time of 14:50.06.

Florida had four men finish in the top six. Junior Jimmy Clark came in third with a time of 15:04.22,

junior Eddie Garcia placed fourth with a time of 15:14.67 and junior J.L. Hines came in sixth with a time of 15:23.11.

"Mark Parrish looked very impressive," Spangler said. "I was also impressed with Eddie Garcia. We had a very solid effort on the men's side, placing our first four scorers in the top six in the field."

"Both teams came out tonight and really did a good job. With the Western Carolina being our first meet of the season, we'll need to continue to build on this and keep working hard. We have a lot of important racing on the horizon and we'll continue to improve as the season progresses."

This year marks the third consecutive season Florida opened the season at Western Carolina. It is also the third straight year that both the men's and women's teams began the season by earning victories.

With a week to train, the Gators are set to compete in front of their home crowd on Sept. 14 at Mark Bostick Golf Course for the 2013 Mountain Dew Invitational. Competition begins at 7:55 a.m.

"This race was a great gauge for where we are at to begin the season," Spangler said.

"Now we have two weeks before our next race to train. We're looking forward to being on our home course in front of all our Gator fans for the first of two home races this season, the second being SECs in November."

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Fouls frustrate Gators

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Florida and Florida International saw yellow Sunday night.

Down by several goals on their home field, the Panthers came out fighting in the second half of their 4-0 loss to the No. 8 Gators.

Despite FIU's rough play, UF never relented as each side collected fouls and yellow cards.

The two teams combined for 31 fouls — including seven yellow cards.

The Gators collected three yellow cards — one each on center back Christen Westphal, defender Haley Reeb and goalkeeper Taylor Burke.

The yellows given out to Florida sparked a fire in coach Becky Burleigh, who is generally regarded as having a calm demeanor. Despite the unruly nature of the game, she took pride in the fact that her team did not falter against the Panthers' physicality.

"Late in the game, when it got a little chippy, I liked the presence our team brought," Burleigh said. "They weren't going to back down from anything. The game dictated that we step up and be a little

physical and we did just that."

The two teams' seventh meeting proved to be the most physical.

The last time the in-state rivals met was during the 2012 regular season, when one yellow card was issued to FIU's Nikki Rios.

The Gators recorded five fouls on the night — 13 fewer than Sunday's total. This year's meeting was the only time Florida collected more fouls than FIU.

Despite the hostility in the game, Florida's win improved the Gators to 7-0 in its all-time series against the Panthers.

Freshman Pamela Begic, who scored one of Florida's four goals and recorded an assist, said despite the animosity against them, the Gators stuck together to pull out the win.

"We were talking about improving our execution and we really put our minds toward that goal," Begic said.

"I think we succeeded as a team."



Burleigh

Florida defense held Toledo to 205 yards of total offense in win

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possession of the ball offensively, be able to run the ball effectively."

Quarterback Jeff Driskel managed to keep the ball out of the opposition's hands.

The junior signal-caller started the game by completing his first seven passes.

He finished the game 17 for 22 — a 77.3 percent completion percentage, which is his best in a game that he threw more than one pass.

Although Driskel threw for fewer than 200 yards on Saturday,

he completed a pass to eight different receivers during the game. Senior Trey Burton led the receiving corps with five catches for 69 yards, including Florida's longest reception — a 26-yard completion over the middle.

"I think we did some nice things in the throwing game, especially with some new faces," Muschamp said.

But when the offense stalled at the start of the third quarter, it was a defensive newcomer who gave Florida the momentum it left in the locker room.

Cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III, playing in his first col-

lege game, snagged a pass in front of Toledo wide receiver Alonzo Russell. Hargreaves returned the interception — Florida's lone takeaway — for 15 yards, putting the Gators in the red zone with 3:34 left in the quarter.

"He got his hands on some balls in camp so I wasn't surprised."

Jaylen Watkins
UF cornerback

"He got his hands on some balls in camp," cornerback Jaylen Watkins said, "so I wasn't surprised."

Following the interception,

Driskel connected with Ajagbe to put Florida ahead by 17.

Although Florida forced only one turnover, the defense had a game that lived up to last year's top-5 ranking in 2012.

Juniors Ronald Powell, making his first start since suffering an ACL tear in 2012, and Leon Orr both recorded sacks, while five different players made tackles behind the line.

Senior Dominique Easley led the pass rush, forcing three hurried passes from Rockets quarterback Terrance Owens.

"That's what Florida is about," Easley said.

"Speed and power. Speed and explosiveness."

Owens never got comfortable in the pocket, completing only 45 percent of his passes as the Gators hurried him eight times and sacked him twice. The Rockets only managed 205 yards of total offense.

Florida kept Toledo's offense off balance throughout the game. When the Rockets did get into the red zone, the Gators defense stepped up to meet the challenge, forcing Toledo to settle for a field goal.

"You always want to come out with a shutout," Easley said.

3 KEY PLAYS



With 3:20 left in the second quarter, running back Mack Brown followed a block from guard Kyle Koehne, danced through Toledo's secondary and eventually landed in the end zone after a 14-yard run. The rushing score, which put UF ahead 17-3, was Brown's second of the day — and his collegiate career.



Three plays after Vernon Hargreaves III's interception, Jeff Driskel found fullback Gideon Ajagbe wide open in the end zone with a 4-yard pass on a flat route on 3rd and goal with 55 seconds left in the third quarter. The play put the Gators ahead of the Rockets 24-6. It was Driskel's first passing touchdown of 2013 and Ajagbe's first touchdown as a Gator.



The one time Toledo's high-tempo offense traveled into Florida's red zone on Saturday, it was stopped in its tracks. The Gators held the Rockets to a 23-yard field goal after reaching the Gators' 5-yard line and could only cut UF's lead to 11. The big play during Toledo's red zone drive was Dominique Easley's quarterback hurry on 3rd and goal.



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SWAMP STUDS



Mack Brown
RB
(3 points)

In his first start since high school, running back Mack Brown filled in nicely for Matt Jones (viral infection), rushing for 112 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries. Brown, a junior, scored both of his touchdowns — the first two of his collegiate career — in the first half against the Rockets. He also exceeded his 2012 total of 102 rushing yards in one game.



Dominique Easley
DT
(2 points)

Easley and UF's pass rush were disruptive all Saturday afternoon. The senior defensive tackle forced three hurried passes from Rockets quarterback Terrance Owens and recorded three tackles with one for a 3-yard loss.

After a dominant performance, the outspoken Easley said he doesn't listen to ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit, who picked against the Gators.



Trey Burton
WR
(1 point)

On Saturday, the senior from Venice was Jeff Driskel's security blanket. Burton led the Gators in receiving with five catches for 69 yards — more than a third of his 2012 receiving total of 172. His most spectacular play — a 10-yard reception on 3rd and 11 in the third quarter — saw him hurdle over two Toledo defenders out of bounds.

KEY STAT

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Toledo finished Saturday with a 1-for-13 clip on third down. The Gators' defensive front hurried Rockets quarterback Terrance Owens into errant passes all afternoon, never allowing him to feel comfortable in the pocket. In third-down scenarios, Owens went 3 of 10 passing for 21 yards and an interception. Gators linebacker Ronald Powell sacked Owens on third down during the Rockets' opening drive.

TURNING POINT

With 3:34 left in the third quarter, a Florida freshman made the momentum-shifting play of the day. Rockets quarterback Terrance Owens, who was under pressure, saw his pass picked off at midfield by cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III, who returned it 15 yards to Toledo's 23-yard line. The interception was Hargreaves' first of his Florida career. Three plays later, the Gators scored a touchdown to put the game out of reach for the Rockets.

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