

Tyler Murphy is Florida's starting quarterback after Jeff Driskel was injured in the game against Tennessee. Read the story on page 13.



ONE YEAR LATER

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The call came in the middle of the night, jolting Carlos Aguilar awake as he slept in a Beaty Towers dorm room.

It was 3 a.m. on Oct. 13, and after spending nearly a month in Gainesville looking for his missing 18-year-old son, it had become routine for Carlos to keep his cellphone on in case police tried to call.

He picked up, and a reporter's voice greeted him.

A body had been found, she said, in the woods in Levy County.

It was the first time Carlos heard of the body's discovery, but it was a moment he had

been preparing for since he made the 340-mile trip from South Florida on Sept. 21.

He contacted Gainesville Police to confirm what the reporter told him.

Did they really find a body?

Yes, the officer said, but investigators could not confirm an identity yet. They did, however, believe it was his son. The clothing — a striped long-sleeve shirt, dark pants and navy Vans — matched the outfit he was last seen wearing.

Pacing, Carlos asked if he should stop the search.

Yes.

"At that moment," Carlos, 45, said, "I knew they had found Christian."

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SG parties reveal platforms

► ELECTIONS ARE OCT. 1 AND 2.

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After two days of crowdsourcing ideas from students last week, Students Party and Swamp Party released platforms for the Fall 2013 elections.

On Monday, Swamp Party released its platform first. Their ideas include decreasing parking restrictions at Southwest Recreation Center, more campus meeting space for student organizations and a live GPS bus tracking screen at the Hub.

"This is a platform that encompasses all the students needs, whether it's engagement or transparency," said party spokesman Joseph Michaels.

Students Party announced its platform Monday night. The party categorized its ideas: better services for students, sustainability for a 21st century university, transportation reform, better dining options, improving academic life, treating graduate students fairly, protecting our campus, fiscal responsibility and fundamental Student Government reform.

"Our platform is more than just something we put on our flier," said party campaign manager Helie Dharia.

CAMPUS

Library West gets tech updates

GRACE KIM

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students' tweets have sparked some new changes at Library West.

Patrick Reakes, chair of Library West, said students complained about unused computer monitors on the southwest corner of the third floor, so they have been moved.

George A. Smathers Libraries' Information Technology Department has replaced the old monitors with 17-inch monitors, power outlets with USB ports and connector plates that allow students to connect their laptops to the monitor screens in 16 booths, said Stacey Ewing, assistant university librarian and infor-

mation commons coordinator at Library West.

Ewing said students used the booths as group space but used their own laptops instead of the computers on the tables.

"The only cost was staff time."

Patrick Reakes
Library West chair

"We recently moved the old computers to the second floor so they would get more use," she said.

Reakes said no additional funding was required for the additions.

"The only cost was staff time," he said.

The 17-inch monitors, plugs and wires were pulled from UF IT inventory.

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Pop-up sukkah

Haven't had a chance to stop by the sukkah? UF Hillel's Engagement Associate Melissa Kansky will meet anyone from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the Plaza of the Americas with a pop-up sukkah. Bring lunch to fulfill celebrating this tradition.

'Palestine in The South' — film screening

Join students Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Smathers Library, Room 1A, to screen the film "Palestine in the South" about Palestinians in Chile. The event is co-sponsored by the Arabic Cultural Association, Hispanic Heritage Month and Students for Justice in Palestine. It will feature a discussion on Arabs in Latin America and Latino-Arab identity and shared cultural similarities.

Banned Books Week Virtual Readout

The George A. Smathers Libraries are celebrating the freedom to read during Banned Books Week with a virtual readout on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. under a canopy on the Plaza of the Americas. Students, faculty and staff are invited to read an excerpt from their favorite banned book. Banned Books Week is an annual event sponsored by the American Library Association since 1982 celebrating the freedom to read.

Shemini Atzeret

Come celebrate the Zionist holiday in honor of Shemini Atzeret. Stop by the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to get an Israeli flag in honor of the holiday. It is a custom for Jews to pray for rain the final day of Sukkot. Jews in the

diaspora use this day to demonstrate their connection to the land of Israel and care for the Jewish State.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to sshavell@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events and keep them 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

CORRECTION

A story in Monday's edition of the Alligator incorrectly stated that Win Phillips was stepping down from the position of vice president of research. He is senior vice president and chief operating officer.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Toastmasters prep for contest

Talking Gators meets Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology and Nematology building, Room 1031. The Area 70 Humorous and Evaluation Contest is Saturday at 10 a.m., 4500 NW 27th Ave. An open house with pizza is Oct. 8. The deadline for dues is Oct. 1. For each member who renews his or her 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 time for Thanksgiving. For more information, go to www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators also is on Facebook.

Swab2Save Bone Marrow Donor Registration meeting

Interested in running a campus-wide event to save lives? Koach and UF Hillel are partnering with the Footprints Program and Gift of Life to host the annual campus Swab2Save Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive taking place in November. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Hillel Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping to plan the drive or having his or her organization volunteer with the drive, please contact Rachel Werk at rswerk@ufl.edu.

RUB Entertainment: 80s Bowling

Join Reitz Union Board Entertainment in the Game Room from 8 to 11 p.m. for bowling, music and snacks. RUB will have popcorn, drinks and prizes for you and your friends to enjoy. To get more information on RUB events, like RUB Entertainment on Facebook, follow @UF_RUB on Twitter and @UF_RUB on Instagram.

TÁNCHÁZ

Join Anna Boldog and István Csiki at the dance house today, Wednesday and Thursday to try all kinds of Eastern European folk and modern dances. The two students are visiting the Center for European Studies from Hungary. It's in Dauer, Room 215, starting at 7 p.m. It's free and open to all. Write Edit Nagy at edit@ufl.edu for

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UF gets grant to research Alzheimer's

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Kyla Berrier was in middle school when her family first began to notice her grandmother didn't have the memory she used to.

"It's not just the person who has Alzheimer's that is affected, but the entire family," said the 22-year-old first-year doctor of nursing practice student.

Now, with a recent \$7.7 million grant awarded over the next five years to UF through the National Institutes of Health for Alzheimer's research, Berrier said she thinks any progress is beneficial.

This money will allow researchers to expand upon ongoing research to find therapies to treat Alzheimer's disease.

"It gives us more flexibility and more opportunities to perform larger scale experiments," said Yona Levites, assistant professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the Center for Translational Research in Neurodegenerative Medicine at UF.

There currently are no treatments that can cure or reverse Alzheimer's, Levites said.

Researchers reason that previous drugs were tested too late in the disease's progression, and the patients were beyond the point of return, she said.

Paramita Chakrabarty, a UF neuroscience assistant professor, said the available treatments could extend life by six months.

For this project, the UF researchers will be collaborating with the Mayo Clinic Florida and the Institute

for Systems Biology in Seattle, using data collected from both humans and mouse models, according to a news release.

The research will focus on the role the immune system plays into the disease's development, and researchers hope to use the brain's innate immune system to modify the pathology of Alzheimer's disease, Chakrabarty said.



Chakrabarty

They are working with versions of a few immune genes, which are used in therapies for peripheral immune diseases such as arthritis.

A few pathological identifiers commonly found in patients after death are amyloid plaques, located outside of brain cells, and intracellular tau tangles, Chakrabarty said.

Normally, the amyloid peptide is broken down, but researchers don't know why it sometimes begins to accumulate in the brain, Levites said. Researchers believe the presence of both the amyloid plaques and tau tangles eventually lead to cell death, which causes the noticeable symptoms, Chakrabarty said.

She said a goal is to find a way to cause the blocks to form at a slower rate or not at all, which might not treat the disease, but it would lengthen the time a person has in a nondemented state.

"We can test proposed genes of interest that came out of the large studies," Levites said, "and test one-by-one the effect in the models."

UF grad to promote local nonprofits

► GENTLE CAROUSEL IS THE FIRST NONPROFIT.

MEGAN REEVES
Alligator Contributing Writer

When UF alumnus Eric Tilden decided working as an engineer wasn't fulfilling him, he decided to launch an initiative to help local nonprofits through media.

"I love my job, but the day-to-day business side didn't really completely fit me," he said.

His friends kept pushing him to take action, he said, so he did.

On Monday, 27-year-old Tilden will kick off www.karmasapien.com, a website he founded that will raise money to help one local nonprofit per week.

For the entire week, T-shirts

and other merchandise featuring the organization will be sold on the website. At the end of the week, the proceeds will be donated to the nonprofit.

The merchandise will be stylized with original graphic designs by Parisleaf Printing and Design that represent the values of the featured organization.

Chad Paris, Parisleaf's owner, said the initiative has a good business model and energetic leadership.

The first featured nonprofit will be Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses, an organization that travels with a team of tiny horses to comfort distressed people.

"People here want to see others to make it and achieve their goals, and KarmaSapien helps people do that," Tilden said.

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More than 400 people, including UF and SFC students, helped search

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Next month marks a year since Carlos hung up the phone in that room and cried as he shared the news with his family.

UF freshman Christian Aguilar went missing in September 2012, starting a disappearance-turned-murder case that gripped the Gainesville community and still hasn't ended.

His death, as well as the arrest of Pedro Bravo, the 19-year-old former Santa Fe College student accused of killing him, brought national attention to the city.

Volunteers and officers statewide came to help the Aguilars and local police search miles of woods, swamps and fields.

Now, a year later, two families are without their sons.

One is dead, the other in jail.

Brothers

Christian was born Nov. 16, 1993, the oldest of two boys.

Growing up in Doral, outside Miami, Christian was close to his younger brother, Alex.

He and Alex, 17, often played soccer and watched TV together. If Alex encountered a problem, Christian was the first person he'd call.

Now, Alex takes comfort in learning more about his brother from old friends and Christian's 19-year-old girlfriend, Erika Friman.

He clings to details of his older brother — like how Christian would stop on the street to pet kittens — to remember him.

"Random things like that and any little fun fact about Chris always are so important to me," he said, "because those little actions and details add to the Chris that I knew."

Since his brother's funeral, Alex said, the family has tried to return to normalcy.

But it's been a struggle because many of the questions surrounding Christian's death are still unanswered.

"Even with all the information we know now, you never know exactly what happened," Alex said. "And that curiosity of wanting to know ... always exists."

Vanished

Christian set his sights on UF when he was a junior at Doral Academy Preparatory School, where he took college-level classes in the Scholars Program. Bravo and Friman, who dated for more than two years, were also in the program.

Shortly before graduating summa cum laude in 2012, Christian got his wish: He'd be a Gator starting Summer B.

He wanted a biomedical engineering degree.

He wanted to go to medical school.

He wanted to be a cardiologist.

In Gainesville, Christian spent time with Friman, who he'd started dating after their graduation. They ate at restaurants like Chick-fil-A and attended GatorNights at the Reitz Union.

On Sept. 19, the night before Christian went missing, he was at Friman's apartment. She asked him to stay the night.

He couldn't. He had to wake up early.

They kissed goodbye.

Friman watched Christian walk to the bus stop, where he boarded a bus back to campus.

That was the last time she saw him alive.

The next evening, she texted Christian. He had plans to meet Bravo, who wanted his advice on something.

"He didn't really want to go and meet with Pedro," Friman said. However, "he felt bad not helping him."

Later, after hours of leaving voice mails and text messages, Friman called several of their mutual friends.

None had seen or heard from him.

She started to worry but tried reasoning herself out of it.

Maybe Christian was at the library. Maybe

he was at home sleeping. Maybe he just didn't have signal.

"I always had a gut feeling from early on when he wasn't answering, but it was kind of like, 'Let me think of this rationally. I'm sure he's fine ... I'm sure it was a reasonable explanation,'" she said.

She fell asleep but not for long. Friman woke up in the middle of the night and tried Christian's phone again. Still nothing. She called Bravo several times. No answer.

Finally, Bravo picked up. He said he and Christian had an argument earlier, ending in Christian getting out of the car in north Gainesville.

Frustrated, Friman got off the phone with Bravo and called her sister. Eventually, she went to sleep.

She woke up early on Sept. 21 and called Christian's roommate. She asked if Christian returned to their dorm.

He hadn't.

"That's when I started panicking."

Warning signs

Meanwhile, more than 300 miles south in Kendall, Carlos arrived at his KW Property Management & Consulting office.

Then, he got a call from his wife, Claudia.

She asked if he'd talked to Christian recently. No, he said, not since earlier in the week.

Claudia told him Friman hadn't been able to reach Christian the night before.

"Immediately, as a father, I knew something was wrong," he said.

Carlos closed his office and headed to Doral Academy, where Alex, too, had received a call from Friman. Alex hadn't answered, but he



Aguilar



Bravo

thought it was weird she would call him.

Shortly after noon, another unusual occurrence: Carlos pulled Alex out of his Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class.

"My dad would never take me out of school without letting me know," Alex said.

Something happened to Christian, Carlos explained, as the two drove to pick up Claudia.

They didn't stop at their house to pack.

Instead, they drove to a gas station and left for Gainesville just after 12:30 p.m.

For most of the drive, the family was silent.

"It was one of the longest car rides I've ever had," Alex said, "even though we made a five-hour trip in around three hours."

Carlos' mind raced: Where would he get the money to afford search dogs? How was he going to ask other people for help? Would he find his son alive?

At about 3:30 p.m., the family arrived at UPD headquarters, near Beaty.

Friman and her older sister came out of the station and told the Aguilars that officers took Bravo in for questioning.

He told police he fought with Christian the day before and left him on the 5000 block of Northwest 13th Street.

The family later learned Bravo would be detained under Florida's Baker Act because he told officers he would hurt himself.

"We were very realistic about the situation," Alex said. "We understood what could have happened. And even though we didn't want to accept it, we understood the possibility of him murdering Chris."

Christian Aguilar investigation / Pedro Bravo trial timeline

Sept. 21, 2012

Christian Aguilar is reported missing. Police report he was last seen on Northwest 13th Street the day before. Pedro Bravo is held under medical examination as part of Florida's Baker Act after he told police he would hurt himself.

Sept. 23

Police identify Bravo as a person of interest.

Sept. 24

Gainesville Police arrest Bravo on a charge of depriving a victim of medical care and book him into the Alachua County Jail.

Sept. 25

Officers and volunteers continue citywide search for Aguilar, checking the Interstate 75 corridor between Newberry Road and Southwest Williston Road, as well as the Southwest 34th Street and Hull Road areas.

Sept. 26

Police announce Bravo purchased a shovel and a roll of duct tape four days before Aguilar went missing, adding that the last-known activity on Aguilar's cellphone was at 8:14 p.m. Sept. 20, when it was turned off. The search continues with volunteers combing through wooded areas near the Alachua County Fairgrounds, Gainesville Regional Airport, Airport Industrial Park and the State Road 121 corridor.

Sept. 28

Police charge Bravo with first-degree murder.

Oct. 8

An Alachua County grand jury indicts Bravo on capital murder and kidnapping charges.

Oct. 12

Two hunters find a partially buried body inside the Gulf Hammock Hunting Club in Levy County.

Oct. 15

Dental records confirm the body belongs to Aguilar.

Oct. 19

Bravo files a written not-guilty plea to murder and kidnapping charges.

Oct. 23

Aguilar is buried at the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery in Doral.

Nov. 15

An Alachua County grand jury indicts Bravo on five additional charges: poisoning food and/or water with the intent to kill or injure a person, lying to police, filing a false police report, tampering with physical evidence and illegally moving human remains.

Nov. 27

Bravo pleads not guilty to the five additional charges.

September 2013

Bravo remains in jail while his defense team and the state attorney's office collect depositions from witnesses. A trial is expected to happen in 2014.

The family, along with Friman and several others, went to Northwest 13th Street and started the search for Christian. Later, they returned to campus, where University Police offered the family a Beaty room to sleep in.

The family was out searching before dawn the next day.

The search

The family looked along Northwest 13th Street, and with police, combed the Interstate 75 corridor between Newberry Road and Southwest Williston Road. They'd check an area around Southwest 34th Street and Hull Road. They'd search the woods around Southwest 62nd Boulevard, Alley Katz Corner bowling alley, Windmeadows Mobile Home Park.

The search also reached UF, where volunteers posted and distributed fliers with Christian's face on them.

GPD helicopters circled above the city while police dogs sniffed for Christian.

Most of the Aguilar family drove up from South Florida to help, cutting through trees with machetes and poking the ground with branches.

Almost all of Gainesville Police's officers were involved in the search, GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said. They worked with UPD officers and Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputies.

"Once we realized that we had good, solid evidence that something happened to Christian, and we couldn't find him, it was literally call everybody out," he said. "There are no off days. There's no vacation. Everybody's looking for this kid."

During the investigation, 18 agencies donated resources, which included police dogs from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Sweetwater Police Department.

Tobias said the FBI and U.S. Marshals were involved.

More than 400 volunteers, including residents from Alachua and Miami-Dade counties, helped.

UF and SFC students also joined in.

Samuel Schaller, a 20-year-old SFC emergency medical services sophomore from Sarasota, decided to participate after he saw a posting on Gainesville Police's Facebook page.

"I just saw they were looking for volunteers, and I knew I would be somewhat decent at that," he said.

Twelve local businesses, including Jimmy John's, donated food, water and supplies.

Doral Academy Principal Douglas Rodriguez allowed his students and teachers — many of whom knew Christian and Bravo — to drive up to Gainesville. The school collected \$40,000 in donations for the family.

"In my 27 years being principal, I've never seen a reaction from a community and group of students like I saw for Christian," he said.

Working alongside the Aguilars was Patrick Sessions, of Coconut Grove, who assists families through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Sessions, 66, said the search reminded him of when his 20-year-old daughter, Tiffany, disappeared 24 years ago on a walk through UF's campus.

"This case was a lot closer to home for me because it was Gainesville," he said. "I thought to myself, 'God, this family is going through exactly what I did.'"

Although Tiffany's case remains unsolved, Sessions said the recovery of Christian's body was "nothing short of a miracle."

With the amount of volunteers and law enforcement in the search, Tobias said he hadn't seen a case impact a community in the same magnitude since the 1990 Danny Rolling murders.

"Every single person in Gainesville knew about [Christian's] case," he said. "It took this community. It really did."

Bravo remains in jail as lawyers take depositions from witnesses

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Abandoned

Three days into the search, GPD officers arrested Bravo on a charge of depriving a victim of medical care and booked him into the Alachua County Jail.

On Sept. 28, with no body recovered, Gainesville Police announced Bravo would be charged with first-degree murder. Evidence revealed Bravo purchased a shovel and duct tape four days before Christian disappeared.

Reports also showed Bravo changed his story three times when detectives interviewed him a week earlier.

First, he said he dropped Christian off on Northwest 13th Street and denied fighting with him.

Then, he said he punched Christian in the face and forced him out of the car.

Finally, Bravo told police he got out of the car and beat Christian for "10 to 15 minutes" until he was "bloody, swollen and barely breathing or moving," according to reports.

Police also announced they found blood inside Bravo's 2004 Chevrolet Blazer. Christian's backpack was

found stuffed in a suitcase in Bravo's Spyglass Apartments room.

The search changed.

Police weren't looking for Christian alive. They were looking for a body.

Discovery

As the search ticked close to its third week, an Alachua County grand jury indicted Bravo on capital murder and kidnapping charges. It also decided he would remain in jail without bond.

Following the indictment, the Aguilar family returned to Doral. Carlos and Claudia told their bosses they were taking more time off to look for Christian while Alex talked with teachers about missed classwork.

On Oct. 12, as the family made its way again to Gainesville, two hunters walked through the Gulf Hammock Hunting Club about 30 minutes outside of Cedar Key.

As the hunters looked for firewood, they smelled death. Maybe a rotting deer, they thought. Instead, they found a partially buried body off a dirt road.

The Levy County Sheriff's Office responded and called Gainesville Police.

Investigators worked to identify the remains, but the Aguilers believed it was their son.

On Oct. 15, they got their confirmation.

The body, according to dental records, was Christian's.

A year later

The Aguilers brought Christian's remains back from Gainesville and buried them in Doral on Oct. 23, but they've struggled to heal since.

"Every time Christian comes up death-wise, it's another smack to the face like, 'OK. It's real. Wake up.'"

Sebastian Arias

friend of Christian Aguilar

In a tight-knit family of four, there are now only three.

With one less dish to wash, an empty spot on the couch and an unused bedroom, the family can't escape memories of Christian.

Carlos said his family turned to religion and therapy to help with the loss.

They founded the Christian Aguilar Search and Rescue Foundation, an organization dedicated to using trained tracking dogs to find miss-

ing victims.

"If you don't do something good about this tragedy ... you will not recover," he said.

Sebastian Arias, one of Christian's closest friends growing up, is still coping with his friend's death.

"I was really knocked off my feet," Arias, 19, said. "Every time Christian comes up death-wise, it's another smack to the face like, 'OK. It's real. Wake up.'"

And Alex, too, sometimes forgets.

He forgets about the three weeks he spent in Gainesville, walking through the woods looking for his brother.

He forgets he can't text Christian — even though he keeps the contact information in his iPhone.

He forgets Christian's not in his room, safe and sound, playing on his laptop.

But the worst of all, Alex said, is the silence in the house.

"That's when you realize the gravity of what had happened," he said.

Bravo remains in jail and faces multiple charges, including kidnapping, homicide, lying to police, providing false reports, mishandling human remains, tampering with

physical evidence, and poisoning food and/or water with the intent to kill or injure a person. He's pled not guilty to all.

In the year since his arrest, Bravo has hired several lawyers in his defense.

Currently, the state attorney's office and Bravo's defense team are taking depositions from more than 100 witnesses.

"I want to know everything, so I can officially put it in my mind that he's not coming back," said Christian's friend Marcos Carriedo, 19.

The Alligator contacted the Bravo family through a phone number listed for their address.

A man answered the phone and confirmed the number belonged to the family but did not want to identify himself.

"We're going through a lot of emotional stress right now," he said, declining to comment further.

As the case slowly progresses toward a trial, which prosecutors believe might not happen until next year, Carlos said he won't let it continue to hurt his loved ones.

"Christian would not like if I let that happened," he said. "On my son's name, I will not let this destroy my family."

CAMPUS

Street barriers mean business — and tickets

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A shortcut through Gale Lemerand Drive might save a few minutes from rush hour traffic.

But it could cost \$50 and a hold on ISIS.

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, cars, scooters and motorcycles are barred from entrances on Stadium Road, Buckman Drive, Newell Drive and Union Road.

Buses, emergency, state, service, disabled and authorized vehicles, however, are the exception.

Lt. William Gainey, who has worked

for University Police for 14 years, said the barriers have been around for decades.

But he remembered that up until five years ago, motor scooters were allowed.

Then, an accident with a Pepsi truck seriously injured a student on her scooter.

If a student is pulled over for the first time, he or she could receive a written warning, Gainey said.

After a second time, a student can get a \$50 citation that, like a campus parking ticket, goes on his or her student record.

It does not, however, accrue points

to his or her driver's license, according to an email from Ron Fuller, assistant director of UF Transportation and Parking Services.

The penalty for breaching the barriers is ultimately at the officer's discretion, Gainey said.

An officer can also choose to issue an official state of Florida moving citation, worth \$154 and three points on your state driving record.

About 170 tickets were given between Fall 2012 and Summer 2013 for driving through the campus barriers.

But these tickets made up less than 1 percent of a total 54,738 tickets issued.

While 45 tickets were appealed, just six were dismissed.

Most students who are pulled over allege that they're dropping a friend off or going to the infirmary, which is tucked inside the boundary on Fletcher Drive, Gainey said.

If students enter the barrier near Gale Lemerand Drive and Stadium Road to go to the infirmary, police will allow them to go through.

If students are trying to go through any other way, they are redirected.

UF criminology junior Billy Burchfield has been pulled over by police for driving behind the barriers twice — once on a scooter and once in a car.

He was driving through the barriers to get to Dauer Hall and Flint Hall, although he did not receive a ticket either time.

Burchfield said police lecture him about the rules.

"They're not benefiting anyone, and they're inconveniencing a lot of us," the 20-year-old said. "I can't even think of why they're there."

CRC: Abnormal email about singer not OK

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Some UF students received an email from the Career Resource Center that was out of the norm Friday night.

The email raved about the prowess of a young singer, a UF alumna named Kimberly Percuoco, and urged students to check out her YouTube channel and her cover of Miley Cyrus' "Wrecking Ball."

"The email was scheduled in the system by a former student employee prior to his departure and without the department's knowledge," said Heather White, director of the CRC, in an email sent two days later to students who are subscribed to Gator CareerLink help emails. "We are currently taking the necessary steps to address the student's misconduct and to prevent any related issues from arising in the future."

For Percuoco's friend Lloyd Estes, who sent the email, these steps may include writing a formal apology to everyone who received the email and being evaluated by Student Affairs for breaking the UF Student Conduct and Honor Code, said Percuoco.

"My friend just wanted to help me out in any way he could," said the 23-year-old. "I was trying to be happy, but I couldn't support the behavior."

However, Percuoco said her video went from a little more than 2,000 views to about 4,000 in the days after the email was sent, her Facebook page saw 200 more likes, and she received about 30 new friend requests.

"It was kind of a double-edged sword," she said. "If it were in any other forum that would have been more appropriate, of course, I would have been ecstatic."



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A driver attempts to drive around the barrier blocking Buckman Drive on Sept. 19. University Police frequently pulls over drivers crossing these barriers.

Editorial

Nice try: Victoria's Secret says it's not about thinness

Yesterday, the creative director of the annual Victoria's Secret Fashion Show talked to British Vogue about the casting criteria for the show's models. Don't drink anything before reading on, unless you're into spit-takes.

"It's about being show-ready," Sophia Neophitou-Apostolou told Vogue. "It's really like being an Olympian — they have to be in peak condition. It's not about being thin or anything like that — it's about being ready to perform and be the best you can be in that moment."

In other news, college football players aren't recruited based on their strength, speed and stats. It's about, like, how much school spirit you have and just being the best player you can be at that moment.

It's nice that Neophitou-Apostolou is dancing around it, but Americans aren't idiots. Models' jobs — at least, Victoria's Secret models' — entail not having any fat on their bodies. It's a difficult job, to be sure. Prior to the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, model Adriana Lima eats only steamed or grilled green vegetables and four ounces of lean protein, and she works out two hours per day. In the nine days leading up to the show, she doesn't eat any solid food — only protein shakes. Twelve hours before the show, she will stop drinking entirely. She claimed it was possible to lose up to eight pounds from abstaining from liquid for 12 hours.

Yeah, sounds exactly like being an Olympian.

"The final decision is made by the whole team, sitting at this long table in a room with really harsh lighting," Neophitou-Apostolou told Vogue. "They all have to do it — even the contracted girls — and it's incredibly nerve-wracking for them."

Sorry, but what's the parallel between this and being an Olympic athlete? Last time I checked, Olympians eat solid food.

Look, this is America. As Ron Swanson said, "The whole point of this country is if you want to eat garbage, balloon up to 600 pounds and die of a heart attack at 43, you can. You are free to do so. To me, that is beautiful."

On the flip side, if you want to work out two hours a day, dehydrate yourself and abstain from all that's beautiful in the world — like pizza and burritos — you're free to do so.

But Neophitou-Apostolou is a liar. The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show sells a fantasy of what women's bodies look like. They, along with many other advertisers, rely on images of bodies that conform to a narrow physical ideal in order to convince the population that the products they sell — their lingerie, their low-calorie vodka and their dumb low-fat yogurt — will help them fit into this narrow ideal.

Meanwhile, according to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, 81 percent of 10-year-olds are afraid of getting fat, and almost half of girls from the fifth to 12th grade reported wanting to lose weight because of magazine pictures.

But hey — it's not about thinness.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you remember when Christian Aguilar went missing?

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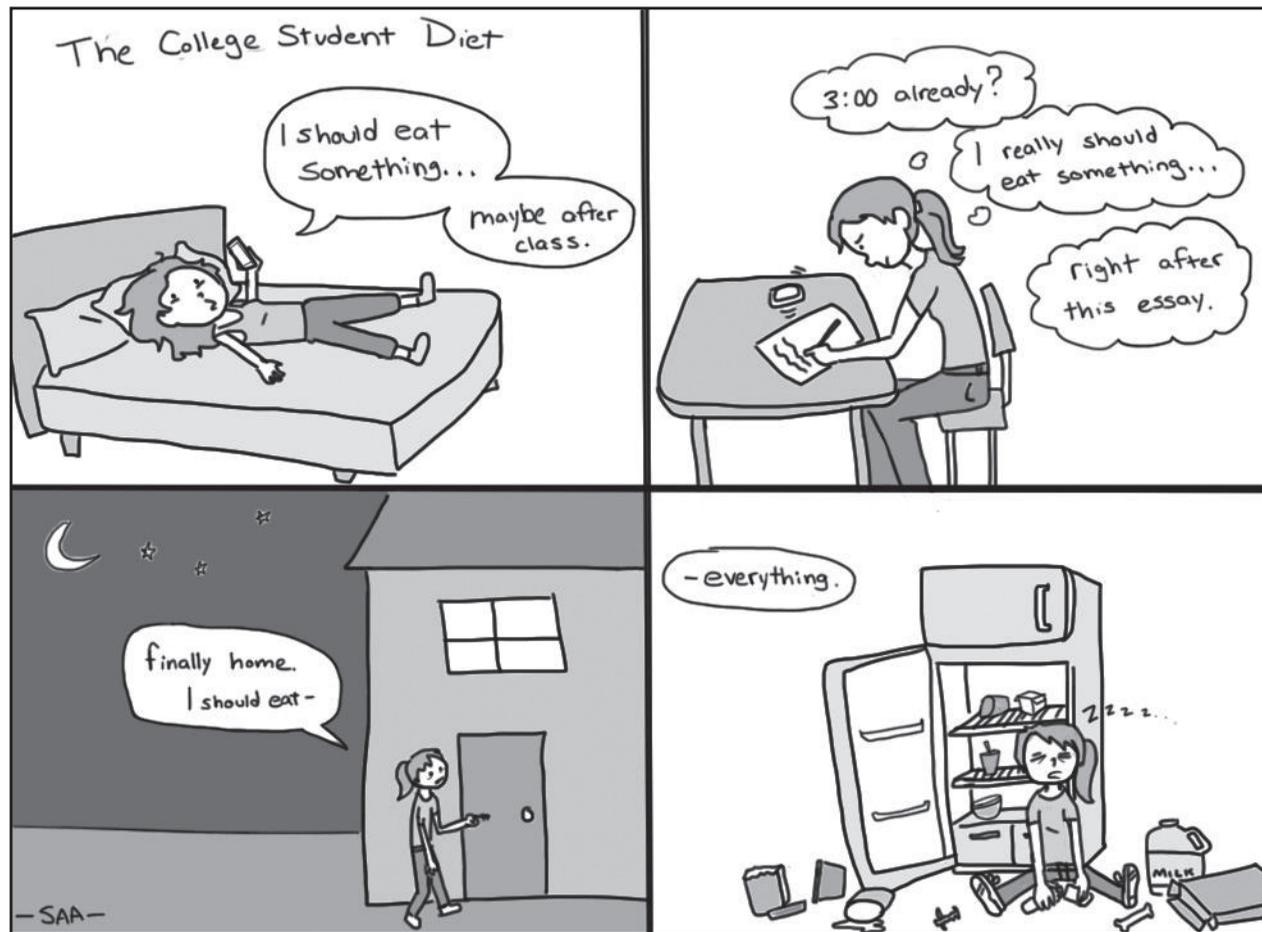
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Column

How we should be reacting to terrorism

The Washington Navy Yard shooting is one more dash of salt in the open wound of 2013. There have been at least 17 mass shootings since the attack on Sandy Hook Elementary School in December of 2012, making it impossible to ignore the obvious need for changes in legislation surrounding gun control.

As coverage of the Sept. 16 shooting continued, people took to social media to express their frustrations with the lack of visible progress regarding gun control. Facebook and Twitter are viable places to discuss our aggravations about current events. They're supposed to be megaphones for the masses. However, instead of hitting enter on those 140 characters and calling it a day, we should follow the lead of creative individuals like Brian Peterson.

On the same day as the Navy Yard incident, an online article was published describing photographer Brian Peterson's attempts to help tsunami victims in Japan rebuild their lives. He founded the organization Photohoku, which aims to help victims heal by starting new photo albums.

Peterson and company conduct portrait sessions with the affected families who lost their homes and belongings to the disaster. He uses instant film cameras so his subjects can start new albums immediately. Now, he does the same in his home state of Oklahoma for families devastated by the tornado chain in May. They also accept new and used digital cameras to distribute to victims so they can continue the project on their own.

Kristina Anderson wept after the Navy Yard shooting, which occurred just across the river from her office. Anderson was one of dozens shot in the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech. She ended up co-founding a company and a mobile app, LiveSafe, which promotes personal safety by supporting direct interaction with law enforcement. It also provides safety information about users' locations and alerts them to danger.



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Peterson affected change using his skills as a photographer, providing a symbol of hope in the form of a brand-new scrapbook. Anderson turned her traumatic experience at Virginia Tech into a technology that could prevent a repeat event.

It's important to write to our respective leaders. We must have open dialogues about these traumatic events on social media.

But until the wheels get turning, it might be best to turn our attention elsewhere. Let's rally our unique talents and experiences, and, like Peterson and Anderson, provide creative relief or prevention.

Like the many spectators who sprinted into the smoke after the Boston Marathon explosions, there will always be good-hearted people to pick up the pieces left behind by perpetrators of violence.

While lawmakers grapple with each other and the current legislation to find a solution, those of us outside the White House would be wise to spend our time effecting change in ways only we can.

This writer will be the first to admit she knows little about the composition of new laws or the process to change existing ones.

All she knows is that, as citizens, we can't storm Washington and rewrite gun control laws ourselves. What we can do is react with positivity, implementing our individual skills to piece together the lives of those still reeling from the blasts, the tsunamis or the fired shots.

This kind of violence will not wait for Washington to react. If we want change done right, we'd better start effecting it ourselves.

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Column

America misses mark when it comes to guns

Last week, the Washington Navy Yard incident was the latest mass shooting to plague our country. Other shootings on this list include Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook Elementary School and the Aurora movie theater massacre.

A few places that do not appear on this list include Pearl High School, San Antonio Theater and Parker Middle School. If you're not familiar with these names, they all were shootings that would have been much worse if not for a law-abiding citizen with a gun.

Before I continue, let me make something perfectly clear: I am neither advocating for everyone to have a gun on their waist, nor am I advocating for everyone to have the ability to purchase a firearm without a background check.

What I am trying to say is that a good guy with a gun actually checked a potential shooting. And afterward, there was not a discussion about more gun control measures, which typically don't work due to their arbitrary nature and general bureaucratic ineffectiveness. It is also important to make perfectly clear in our gun-control debate that all gun-control measures are not created equally. For example, ensuring those who are on the terrorist watch list are not permitted to purchase weapons — something that currently is not in place — is a sound and practical measure.

However, an arbitrary 15-round limit on ammunition magazines, which is in effect in Colorado, does not seem to be as credible an effort. Unfortunately, most of the proposed legislation that results after shootings is like the last example.

A Harvard study concluded that "nations with stringent gun controls tend to have much higher murder rates than nations that allow guns." Gun control predominantly only affects legal gun owners. Criminals — lawbreakers in nature — would not acquiesce to newly written gun laws.

In the background of our national dialogue, gun violence is actually decreasing even though states are reducing their gun laws.

After the Newtown massacre, the Obama administration sent Vice President Joe Biden to head the task force on gun violence.

In his new role, Biden attended a meeting of the National Rifle Association and other gun-owning groups. A representative of the NRA later relayed something the vice president said to him during that meeting: "We simply don't have the time or manpower to prosecute everybody" who breaks a gun law. And yet, Biden's task force ultimately concluded that the country needs, in fact, more gun laws.

Our huge national bureaucracy enforces our gun legislation. It recently failed us when it let the Navy Yard shooter slip through the cracks. Aaron Alexis was honorably discharged from the Navy, despite numerous disciplinary problems.

Before the shooting, Alexis shot someone's tires and ceiling, and claimed that a microwave made him unable to speak. Though the police told the Navy about some of these incidents, they were not entered into the system.

"The Navy decided it was too hard to give him a general discharge ... just because the bureaucracy couldn't function," Newt Gingrich said on CNN show "Crossfire."

A knee-jerk response to these shootings is to create gun-free zones. However, economists John Lott and William Landes conducted a study that found that mass shootings most often occur in places where guns are banned and where people are generally unarmed — schools and shopping centers, for example.

The other tragedy is the fact that the federal government fails to come up with a solution to the declining state of our mental health system. It seems the only time we bring this up is after a mass shooting.

We must invest our time and effort into trying to repair the national mental health system. Doing so on its own merits is worth it, even if another shooting is not involved. This investment would arguably prevent future tragic events from occurring.

In order for us to ensure a safer tomorrow, we need to make sure we know where our priorities lie.

We should realize that more gun control does not correlate to a safer society and that fixing the mental health system would make an immediate and positive difference.

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Letter to the Editor

Jaywalking enforcement is counterproductive

After reading about GPD's anti-jaywalking initiative in the Alligator, I took care to legally cross the street before my weekly trip to Chipotle Mexican Grill.

As I was legally walking on the crosswalk on Northwest 15th Street, I heard an engine rev, and a GPD squad car nearly hit me — if I hadn't stopped, the mirror would have clipped me. The officer had sped around a line of cars at the red light — driving in the wrong lane of traffic — and then ran the red light, causing traffic on University Avenue to halt.

Because the officer almost hit me in his rush to illegally cross the intersection, I figured there must have been a serious emergency or

something else big going on, but then I heard the PA call out two jaywalkers.

I don't disagree with the tickets themselves, but I think it's ridiculous when officers act recklessly and break laws "to keep everyone safe."

I'll admit it — I've jaywalked before, but I've never been closer to getting hit by a car than when I was legally crossing on the crosswalk. When the actions of officers upholding the law — possibly hitting pedestrians or causing collisions on University Avenue — are more dangerous than the crime itself, enforcement becomes 100 percent counterproductive.

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Column

Meatless Monday on campus represents a positive movement

President Bill Clinton, once known for his love of fast food, has been making headlines for his recent dietary changes. He's swapped the Big Macs, chicken nuggets and fried shrimp for veggie burgers, beans, and fresh fruits and vegetables. After years of battling heart problems — even undergoing quadruple bypass surgery — Clinton took his doctor's advice to reduce his meat consumption and increase his intake of plant-based foods. He reports that the results have been tremendous: losing 24 pounds, feeling more energetic and seeing a welcome drop in cholesterol levels.

Clinton isn't the only one turning over a new leaf: From Usher to Oprah Winfrey to Ellen DeGeneres to Kristen Bell, people everywhere are eating less meat.

Even Mike Tyson, once known for biting off a human ear, is now limiting his ear consumption to those of the corn variety.

The movement toward more plant-based meals is also taking root on college campuses, with more than 200 universities, including the University of Florida, leading the charge with Meatless Monday campaigns in their dining halls.

Nationally acclaimed food writers such as The New York Times' Mark Bittman and the Washington Post's Joe Yonan are helping the nation discover meat-free dishes that will leave you impatient for the next meal.

Eating your vegetables? If you don't know the

Kenny Torrella
Speaking Out

possibilities that phrase encompasses in 2013, you are missing out.

There has never been a more exciting time to expand our dining horizons.

Skipping meat one day a week is not a sacrifice but an adventure. This is reflected in the choices students are making.

According to a study conducted by Technomic, more than 20 percent of college students are reducing their meat consumption — and for good reasons.

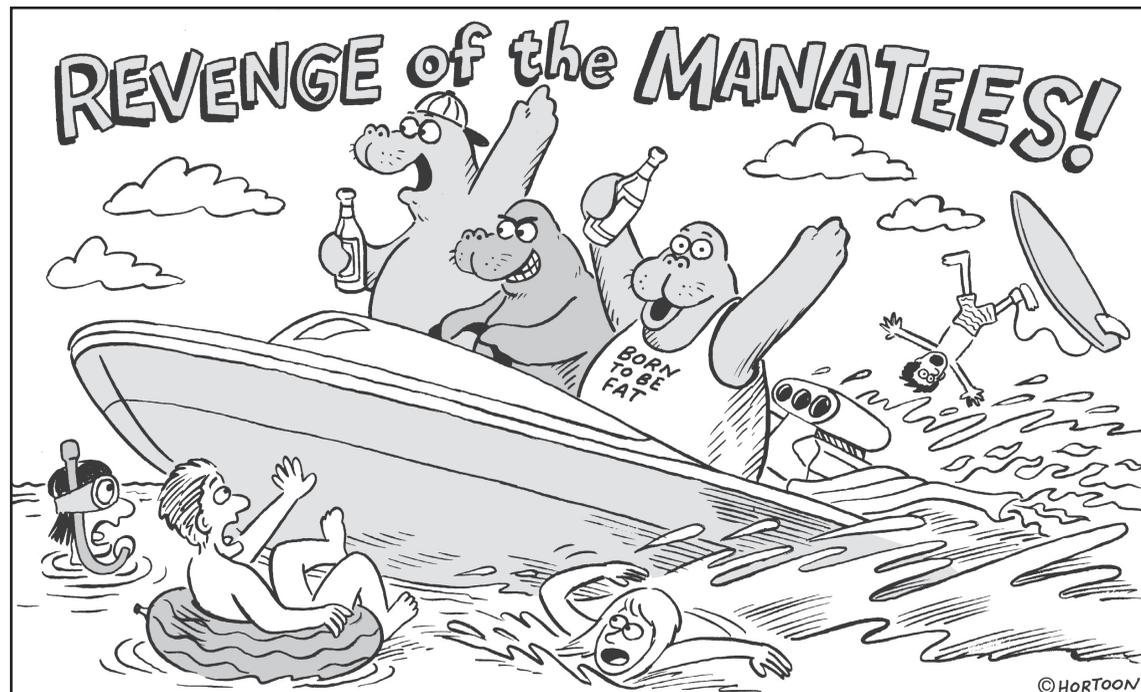
One of those reasons is concern for the 9 billion chickens, pigs and other animals raised for food each year, most of which suffer in factory farms.

For example, mother pigs in the pork industry are typically confined in tiny crates, barely larger than their own bodies, for virtually their entire lives. Unable to even turn around, these sensitive, intelligent animals — all of which have their own personalities and preferences — experience tremendous physical and psychological pain.

Most egg-laying hens suffer a similar fate, as they're crammed into tiny cages, each bird granted less space than the screen of an iPad on which to live for her entire life.

By choosing meat-free options just one day a week, we can all help prevent an enormous amount of cruelty to animals.

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Gun control debate steeps at Starbucks with CEO's request

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The gun-control debate is now brewing at Starbucks, and locals are chiming in about an open letter the coffee shop chain's CEO

issued last week.

In the letter, published on the Starbucks website, CEO Howard Schultz asked patrons to keep guns out of the cafes.

Lt. Todd Kelly, Alachua County Sheriff's Office public in-

formation officer, said the letter perhaps identifies the problem incorrectly.

"Generally, the people with a carry license are the people who help law enforcement in an emergency because they have the train-

ing," Kelly said. "They should be seen as public allies, not potential criminals."

In Schultz's letter, he wrote, "We are respectfully requesting that customers no longer bring firearms into our stores or outdoor seating areas — even in states where 'open carry' is permitted."

He said it was not a reaction to the Sept. 16 Washington D.C. Navy Yard shooting.

Schultz later explained the message was necessary after the company's neutral gun policy was ignored by a series of recent nationwide pro-gun protests inside Starbucks cafes.

"The presence of a weapon in our stores is unsettling and upsetting for many of our customers," he wrote.

Joey Siracusa, a 20-year-old UF computer engineering junior, said the CEO's statement lacks authority.

"I would guess that anyone who intended to fire their weapon in (my workplace) would do so with or without permission from the CEO," said Siracusa, who works at Moe's Southwest Grill on Fletcher Drive.

Tyler Brookins, a 19-year-old UF biology sophomore who works at the Archer Road Panera Bread, said the food industry,

particularly coffee shops, doesn't mix well with gun control.

"I work at a safe place, and people who would make me uncomfortable don't typically come in," said Brookins.

Managers at the downtown Starbucks, located at 201 SE First St., declined to comment on the letter specifically but said they hope their customers will view it with respect.

Gun 101

>> Florida law prevents open carry of guns, but the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to issue concealed-weapons carry licenses.

>> In Alachua County, gun control follows the precedent set by state law.

>> A written or oral request for customers to leave guns at home is legally the furthest step a business can take in gun control, Kelly said.

>> On UF campus, no one may possess firearms, ammunition or other types of weapons or destructive devices, according to university policy.



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UF economics senior Kerri Stern, 21, left, talks with Gainesville resident Sophie Ouellette-Howitz, 23, Monday at the downtown Starbucks. Starbucks recently asked customers not to bring firearms into its stores.

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Quarterback relishes new opportunity

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When Jeff Driskel went down with a season-ending injury against Tennessee, backup quarterback Tyler Murphy took advantage of a golden opportunity.

In his first stretch of significant playing time at Florida, Murphy tallied 218 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns during a 31-17 victory against Tennessee

"They've been a little hectic, I guess you could say."

Tyler Murphy
UF quarterback

on Saturday in The Swamp.

Since then, Murphy has quickly commanded the national spotlight.

Some have compared him to Tim Tebow. South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier called him the "most impressive

player in college football" last weekend. There was even a phony Twitter account impersonating Murphy.

Also, his cell phone will not stop buzzing with text messages from friends and family.

So, Tyler, what have the past 48 hours been like?

"They've been a little hectic, I guess you could say," Murphy said.

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Halapio fine after grisly eye injury

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When right guard Jon Halapio fell to his knees during the first quarter against Tennessee on Saturday, it appeared as if the red-shirt senior had re-aggravated the partially torn pectoral muscle that caused him to miss Florida's first two games of the season.

Luckily for the Gators, Halapio's injury was less serious. He suffered a gash near his eye that required three stitches but was able to return to the game wearing a protective mask and help No. 19 Florida beat Tennessee 31-17.

UF Football

"I thought it was his [pectoral muscle]," coach Will Muschamp said. "I went on the field, and I looked up, and he was bleeding out of his eye."

Halapio is expected to be available for Florida against Kentucky on Saturday at 7 p.m. Prior to sitting out against Toledo and Miami, the right guard had suited up in 27 consecutive games for UF — the most by any active player.

"I wish we had more (players like Halapio)," Muschamp said. "He's a typical throwback. ... He's playing through a lot of pain, probably. He won't tell me, but I know he is."

Leon Orr (shoulder), Marcus Roberson (knee), Loucheiz Purifoy (thigh contusion) and Tyler Moore (ankle) are also likely to play against the Wildcats.

The news is not as promising for Valdez Showers (ankle), who is ruled doubtful for

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Matt Riva / Alligator Staff

Tyler Murphy runs the ball during Florida's 31-17 win against Tennessee on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The junior quarterback replaced an injured Jeff Driskel and completed 8 of 14 passes for 134 yards and one touchdown.

AS STEIN ON TV

Do not look to Murphy as savior for flawed Florida offense

Will Muschamp announced on Monday that quarterback Jeff Driskel's fractured fibula will keep the junior out of commission for 4-6 months.

For Gators fans, the next half of a year is going to be painful to watch.

Let's get this straight: Replacement quarterback Tyler Murphy is not Florida's savior, and you should not expect him to be.

Look for Murphy's body of work at UF. There isn't one.

This is a guy who was starting for the scout team this time last year and is now being thrust into the high-pressure role of Florida's starting quarterback. He may not wilt under that



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Murphy's freshman season was a prime opportunity to establish himself as at least a contender for playing time. With

pressure, but you should not be expecting him to blossom.

Until Saturday, Murphy never even garnered speculation that he might get playing time, let alone a starting gig.

Quarterbacks have come and gone without Murphy moving past third on the depth chart until this season.

John Brantley proving to be unreliable at best, the Gators turned to a future tight end and a future wide receiver — Jordan Reed and Trey Burton, respectively. Meanwhile, Murphy did not get on the field. Instead, he redshirted.

In 2011, true freshmen Jacoby Brissett and Driskel both passed Murphy on the depth chart to relieve an injured Brantley.

And with an open quarterback position leading up to the 2012 season, Murphy was passed over completely.

Prior to Saturday, the highlight of Murphy's career was:

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Chloe Mann set a Florida record for career hitting percentage last weekend. *Read the story on page 16.*



Quotable

"I wouldn't be surprised if we get candy."

Dante Fowler Jr.

UF linebacker on defense forcing six turnovers

Volleyball player honored

Junior libero Taylor Unroe was named the Southeastern Conference's Defensive Player of the Week, the league announced Monday.

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Alumni weekend gives UF freshmen chance to learn

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Alumni weekend provided something greater than just the bond of being a Gator.

When Florida took the field against Alabama on Friday, former Gators throughout the program's 18-year history were there in support of the players still in the midst of figuring it all out.

"These are players that are bonded for life because of the experience they had here," coach Becky Burleigh said.

Florida's sole game of the weekend gave the younger players a chance to connect with those who were once in their shoes.

"When the older players have the perspective of being gone — for whether it's a year or 10 years or 15 years — and then they come back and talk to the current team," Burleigh said. "It's really hard when you're in the situation to appreciate it or to have any perspective on what it's doing for you.

"When they hear the same things over and over again from so many of the former players — the ability to deal with adversity, confidence, all these things that they feel like they took from being a part of this program — I think it makes the younger players understand that they're a part of something bigger than just themselves."

With the freshmen as the face of Florida's (7-1-1, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) program this season, alumni weekend served as a learning experience for the young team prior to facing two SEC opponents — Mississippi (8-1-1, 1-0 SEC) on Friday and Missouri (5-4, 1-0 SEC) on Sun-

day.

Burleigh said this weekend's matchups will test everything the team has practiced and discussed so far this season, and the freshmen will see firsthand what playing a full weekend in the SEC is like.

"The young players are just going to have to get preparation for that from the older players," Burleigh said.

"It's a big deal when you go on the road and the other teams are always against you

and the fans are against you, and the environment is against you. When you sign up to be a Florida Gator you kind of know that going in, but experiencing it is different than knowing about it."

Freshman forward Savannah Jordan made quick work of the Crimson Tide's defense, scoring two goals in the first half to give the Gators a lead before halftime. It was her fourth two-goal game of the season.



Kan Li / Alligator Staff

Savannah Jordan battles for the ball during Florida's 3-0 victory against Alabama on Friday at James G. Pressly Stadium. Jordan leads the Gators with 10 goals this season.

"Her transition has been pretty smooth," Burleigh said.

"Especially because she came in January; I think that helped her get used to what college soccer is all about."

The SEC named Jordan the league's Freshman of the Week on Monday.

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Becky Burleigh

UF coach

Her pair of goals Friday gave her 10 this season, making her fourth all time among UF freshmen.

Andi Sellers has the record with 23 goals as a freshman during the 1997 season. Abby Wambach scored 19 in 1998; Melissa Pini totaled 11 in 1995.

Burleigh said after the team met with the alumni during the weekend that the young players gained some insight into their roles moving forward.

"The jersey that says Gators, everyone in that room has worn, everybody in that room has gone through the highs and the lows, and they came out on the outside and have been stronger because of it," Burleigh said. "That's a great message for the younger players to hear while they're here."

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Murphy threw first collegiate pass against Volunteers

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What Murphy accomplished Saturday was what Miami coach Al Golden first envisioned when the Gators called the two-star recruit in January of 2010. Despite Murphy's commitment to Golden's Owls, the coach supported Murphy's decision to visit Gainesville.

"He said he would encourage that because it was a program that not many get chances, a place that not too many people get a chance to play at," Murphy said of Golden's response. "So he was very encouraging, and he was really helpful to the process."

Until Florida called, Temple was the only FBS program to offer Murphy a scholarship to play quarterback. UConn and Syracuse both offered Murphy as an athlete.

"I'm definitely going to try to keep encouraging my teammates to excel."

Tyler Murphy
UF quarterback

"I wasn't happy about it," Murphy said. "I played quarterback all my life. I wanted to continue playing quarterback. It was just something I thought I was good enough to do at the next level, so I didn't want to sell myself short."

After hearing of Murphy's performance, Golden told the Palm Beach Post on Monday, "We got cherry picked."

Although Murphy waited three years, two games and half a quarter before getting his shot as Florida's quarterback, he did not simply wait for opportunity to knock.

He always prepared for the moment his number would be called — if it was even called at all. Defensive back Jaylen Watkins, Murphy's former roommate, said the signal-caller's work ethic has never wavered, no matter where he fell on the depth chart.

"I've witnessed him put in work consistently," Watkins said. "He went from being a third-string quarterback. He always prepared like his chance was going to come."

While teammates play video games, Murphy joins them to hang out. But he brings his laptop with him. Some sort of football is always on his screen.

"He won't play," Watkins said. "He just sits there and watches film."

But Murphy doesn't exclusively watch the Gators. He watches a lot of NFL footage.

His favorite player is New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees.

"I'm definitely going to try to take some things that he's done," Murphy said of emulating Brees.

"He encourages the guys to do well and stuff like that. I'm definitely going to try to keep encouraging my teammates to excel."

Murphy is grateful for his teammates' support as he battled for playing time, and he hopes they will help him stay the course now that he's the starting quarterback.

Hard work got him to where is now. He does not want waste his new opportunity.

"I told them that if they feel like I'm not working as hard as I was before, don't be afraid to call me out because, as a team, we've got to hold each other accountable and stuff like that," Murphy said. "Nobody is perfect."

Gators re-opening punter and kicker battles

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the game. Colin Thompson will be out 1-2 weeks after developing a stress fracture in his foot.

"I'm disappointed for Colin," Muschamp said. "He was really starting to progress and do well for us."

Special teams troubles: A year removed from being named a finalist for the Ray Guy Award — given annually to the nation's best punter — Kyle Christy could soon find himself without a job.

The junior led the Southeastern Conference and set a school record by averaging 45.8 yards per punt in 2012, but he has not been nearly as effective this season.

Florida is eighth in the SEC with a net average of 38.1 yards per punt. Muschamp said on Monday that freshman Johnny Townsend would be considered for the job.

"We'll pull the redshirt off Johnny if we need to," Muschamp said. "We need to get more production at the punter position."

Muschamp has been equally frustrated with Florida's kicking woes.

Austin Hardin is just 3 of 5 on field goal tries — the redshirt freshman missed a 39-yard attempt against Toledo and a 41-yarder against Tennessee — leaving Muschamp unimpressed.

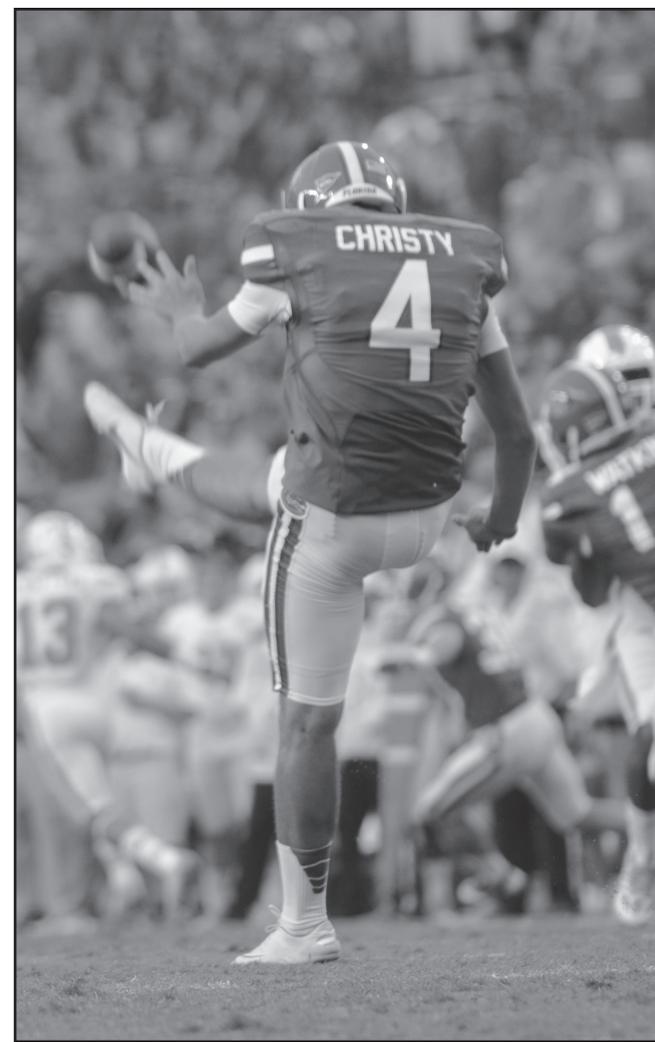
As a result, senior Brad Phillips, who suffered a hamstring injury during training camp, will be given a chance.

"I'm going to give Brad some live looks this week in practice and see how he responds," Muschamp said.

Sophomore honored: After turning in a subpar performance against Miami on Sept. 7, Buck linebacker Dante Fowler Jr. was unstoppable against Tennessee.

The sophomore forced two fumbles, one of which he recovered to end Tennessee's opening possession, and had three tackles for loss, including one sack. Because of his performance, Fowler was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week.

"I just wanted to come out and play fast," Fowler said.



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Kyle Christy punts the ball during Florida's 31-17 victory against Tennessee on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Florida will still rely on ground game, defense

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Jeff Driskel throws a pass during warm-ups prior to Florida's 31-17 victory against Tennessee on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"Played an important role on scout teams."

Yes, Murphy did perform admirably filling in for Driskel against Tennessee.

But you should not be overwhelmed by his game.

Tennessee is 82nd in the country in pass defense, behind programs such as Florida International, Kent State and Ball State. His numbers — 8-of-14 passing for 134 yards and 84 rushing yards — were solid, especially for a guy who admitted he thought he might never play. But he didn't light up the scoreboard.

If you don't think Driskel was on his way to a similar — if not better — performance, then you're missing something.

Driskel threw all over Tennessee last year and had already made a pass of 21 — an explosive play for a conservative offense — yards before he suffered his injury.

The Gators were prepared to test the Volunteers deep, and Driskel would have taken advantage of this.

Murphy will likely put up decent numbers against Kentucky next week, too. Try to contain yourself when he does — the Wildcats are the perennial doormats of the Southeastern Conference.

Back in August, I watched Murphy take reps as a backup during Florida's open practices. Watching him, redshirt freshman Skyler Mornhinweg and true freshman Max Staver, my thought was, "Florida is in trouble if Driskel gets hurt."

A month and one mostly Driskel-less game later, I still believe that.

But, if all goes well for Florida, Murphy won't have a monumental task in front of him.

The Gators' defense is the focal point of the team, and the offense is built around pounding the football on the ground.

If everything goes according to Muschamp's plan, all Murphy will need to do is occasionally challenge opposing defenses and not turn the ball over.

But nothing ever goes according to plan. If something can go wrong, it will.

That's Murphy's Law.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Former UF safety returns pick for touchdown

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With Week 3 of the NFL season in the books, here are a few former Gators who made the most tangible impact for their respective teams.

Major Wright, safety: Major Wright has caused major problems for opposing passing offenses in 2013. That continued during the Chicago Bears' matchup against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night.

Wright intercepted a pass from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in the second quarter and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to give the Bears a 24-3 lead.

So far in 2013, Wright has proved his ability to play in the box and off the edge in Chicago's Cover-2 shell.

His numbers certainly speak for themselves: 24 combined tackles, one interception and two forced fumbles.

Wright and fellow safety Chris Conte combined for six interceptions in 2012. That trend should continue as this season progresses.

Matt Elam, safety: The Baltimore Ravens no longer have linebacker Ray Lewis or safety Ed Reed, but they do have a group of playmakers to fit their hard-nosed style of play, including former UF safety Matt Elam.

Despite limited action on Sunday, Elam collected a career-high four tackles. He also added one pass deflection.

More importantly, he showcased his aggressive style by attacking receivers who came across the middle, an aspect of his game that Baltimore — an organization that puts a premium on strength and physical play — covets.

Carlos Dunlap, defensive end: For two consecutive weeks, Dunlap has been a key cog in the Cincinnati Bengals defense for a variety of reasons:

pass-rush ability, containment on the edge and influence in stopping opponents' passing attack.

Dunlap recorded a season-high six tackles in Sunday's victory, his first registered sack of the season and two pass deflections.

His play spearheaded the Bengals, who beat the Green Bay Packers 34-30 in a sloppy, turnover-filled game.

Through three games, Dunlap has recorded 12 tackles — most among Cincinnati's defensive linemen — and 1.5 sacks.

Notes: Former Gators running back Chris Rainey worked out for the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday and ran the 40-yard dash in the low 4.3s, according to Pro Football Talk.

Rainey played for the Steelers last season and appeared in 16 games, scoring two touchdowns, before being released during the offseason.

Tight end Jordan Reed suffered a quad contusion after taking a hit to the leg in Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions. With starter Fred Davis sidelined, Reed has become Washington's No. 1 receiving option at tight end.

The former Gator hauled in five catches for 50 yards on six targets a week after scoring his first NFL touchdown.

Kicker Caleb Sturgis continued a flawless start to his NFL career by connecting on two field goals to help the Miami Dolphins beat the Atlanta Falcons 27-23.

Senior sets Florida record

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During the past 13 years, the Gators have gone to the NCAA tournament every season and have won the Southeastern Conference 11 times.

Many great players have taken the O'Connell Center court during that time, but after 13 years of Heather Wright holding the UF record for hitting percentage, senior Chloe Mann set a new mark on Saturday.



Mann

Mann seized the record by hitting an errorless .583 with seven kills against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in No. 4 Florida's (11-1) three-set sweep.

"That's something that's pretty amazing to do," assistant coach David Boos said. "Not only the fact that Chloe did it, but what she does for us in terms of daily."

It took 1,200 attempts for Mann to be eligible for the record. She reached the mark Saturday. Wright had a career hitting percentage of .424; Mann is currently hitting at .465 for her career.

Even though Mann had an impressive season last year — she was named SEC Player of the Year and a 2012 American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-American — she may be playing even better in her final season for the Gators.

She currently ranks No. 4 in the nation in hitting percentage at .504. The numbers are impressive considering the amount of attacks Mann takes.

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Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green (18) fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Chicago Bears strong safety Major Wright (21) and cornerback Tim Jennings on Sept. 8 at Soldier Field.

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