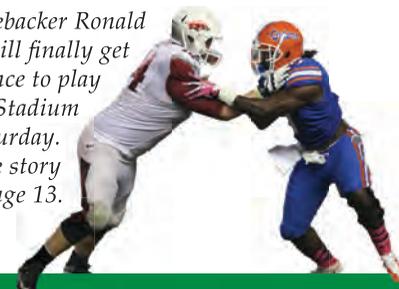


Linebacker Ronald Powell will finally get his chance to play at Tiger Stadium on Saturday. Read the story on page 13.



CAMPUS

UF students: The shutdown ate my homework

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As the government shutdown enters its 11th day, some students are finding it affects them in a way they never expected — if they can do their homework.

Classes that require use of government records are having to rearrange their schedules to accommodate the fact that many of the

websites aren't working.

Andrea Vidal, a 20-year-old UF public relations junior, said the most recent lab for her population geography class had to change from using Census data from states to comparing different countries, because the U.S. Census website is not running.

"You don't expect your academic career to be affected by the government shutdown," Vidal said. "Especially an assignment, which is the

most miniscule thing."

She said she feels bad for her professor because he couldn't have anticipated an unprecedented government shutdown to mess up the assignment schedule.

"It's a bit of an obstacle, but he's handling it pretty well," Vidal said.

John Paul Weesner, a Ph. D. student who teaches site analysis online, wrote in an email that his class had a soil analysis assignment that

students couldn't complete.

He said one positive result of the shutdown is that it forces students to use the Marston library website to get information — or even go to the library itself. Still, he said he would postpone the next assignment, which analyzes land use and regulation, just in case sites still aren't up.

For Austin Bracey, a chemical engineering student, the shutdown has stalled his research on redesign-

ing drug structure to eliminate negative side effects.

The 19-year-old UF sophomore said a program his research team needs is only accessible from the National Institutes of Health website, and for four or five days it could not be accessed.

He said during that time he was frustrated and annoyed because it

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Kan Li / Alligator Staff

Stop and Stare

One Republic performs at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Thursday evening. The band visited UF as part of the truthLIVE tour sponsored by the anti-smoking campaign called the truth.

Student movers to join forces

ISHA CHOKSI

Alligator Contributing Writer

Two student-founded companies are movin' on up.

Smarter Moving Solutions and 2 College Brothers, Inc. are joining to create what Wade Swikle called "one awesome student moving company."

Swikle, the founder and owner of Smarter Moving Solutions, is teaming up with Bryan Weschler and Kevin Weschler, founders of 2 College Brothers, Inc.

Their vision is to expand to college towns across America, Swikle said.

The companies only hire college students as movers, something Swikle said sets them apart from other moving companies in the areas they serve: Gainesville, Tallahassee and Orlando.

He explained the two companies were competitors but they decided consolidating would benefit both the companies as well as the customers.

"I was actually sitting in a meeting, and we were talking about how we were going to expand when we got a call from one of the brothers, who was looking to pursue other career options," Swikle said.

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Pokémon game to be released at midnight (Meowth, that's right)

▶ IT COMES OUT AT MIDNIGHT.

LAWRENCE CHAN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Game shops throughout Gainesville are preparing for Nintendo's global release of Pokémon X and Y, slated for Saturday.

Pokémon X and Y will be the first Pokémon games released for the Nintendo 3DS and will be the first fully 3-D Pokémon game in the official franchise.

The GameStop location on Archer Road has recorded more than 1,000 pre-orders of Pokémon X and Y, said sales associate Marcus Johnson. The location will open its doors

"The new game is going into a very interesting direction."

Wen Chen

UF mechanical engineering senior

to customers tonight at 10 p.m., but customers will not be able to receive their copies until midnight.

Kyle Varnadore, store manager of R.U. Game, 5186 SW 34th St., has

been eagerly waiting for the release.

"I've even bought the new special edition X and Y 3DS consoles for myself," he said.

Twenty-two-year-old UF mechanical engineering senior Wen Chen plans to buy Pokémon X. He expects the game to be very different from the last one.

Several new gameplay mechan-

ics have been added to the game, including a "mega-evolution" which allows Pokémon to temporarily assume different forms in the middle of battle and receive bonuses.

Chen said the mega-evolution mechanic "might really change game dynamics."

"The new game is going into a very interesting direction," he said.

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Discover birds at Latino Plumas y más plumas! event

Explore the world of birds and enjoy family-friendly activities Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Learn what makes a bird a bird, why feathers are so important and bird-watching basics. View examples of South American feathered artifacts from the Florida Museum's collection. Plumas y más plumas! is a free program presented by the Florida Museum in partnership with the Gainesville Latino Film Festival's showing of "Plumíferos - Aventuras Voladoras" For more information, call 352-273-2061.

See famous migrators at Florida Museum's Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Florida Museum of Natural History's Butterfly Rainforest exhibit from now through Nov. 14 to experience the museum's largest display of famous migrating butterflies. Daily butterfly releases, weather permitting, are held at 2 p.m.

International Student Speakers Bureau

Attention international and study abroad students: Interested in teaching others about your home or host country? Want to meet other international and American students? Then become an international speaker for the International Student Speakers Bureau. The goal of the program is to promote global awareness in Gainesville. Anyone interested in joining the ISSB, email Tiffany Frison at tfrison@ufic.ufl.edu with what country you would like to represent.

Actual Happiness and World Peace

Interested in learning how to become truly happy and contribute to world peace? Please come join the Gainesville members of the Buddhist SGI-USA as it presents an introductory meeting to learn about Nichiren Buddhism, Actual Happiness and World Peace, on Sunday at 11 a.m. Email steve.e.moore@gmail.com for more information.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Starbucks with Hillel

Meet Melissa Kansky at the Starbucks in the Hub from 1 to 3 p.m. to talk about Jewish resources UF Hillel has to offer at the university. She will provide anyone who come to talk to her with a free tall drink of their choice. It's the perfect way to start the weekend. Have any Questions? Contact the engagement associate, Melissa, at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Florida Museum swallow-tailed kite exhibit opens Saturday

Visit the photographic exhibit "A Swallow-tailed Kite's 10,000 mile Journey: A Black and White Odyssey," and learn about these magnificent birds' annual journey from South America to Florida to nest. The Florida Museum of Natural History will display the exhibit from Saturday through April 13.

NERD 5K

The UF Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science for Life Program and the UF Honors Program are hosting the first ever Novel Education Reward Day 5K. The NERD 5K will take place Saturday at 8:30 a.m. It will start at the Commuter Lot. The 5K will raise funds to help grade-school students in disadvantaged and underrepresented areas of Florida find the inspiration and confidence to seek higher education. Don't forget to come dressed as your favorite nerd. Also, bring a book to donate to Kids Count in Alachua County and receive a \$3 discount on the \$25 runner fee.

Battlefield Acupuncture

The Battlefield Acupuncture protocol is one of the most powerful tools for reducing pain in minutes. Dragon Rises College is hosting a seminar workshop in Gainesville on Saturday and Sunday at the Best Western Plus Gateway Grand. For more information visit battlefieldacupuncture.net or email Kenny at academicdean@dragonrises.edu.

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Local, wheelchair-bound lawyer to speak at world event in Munich

► HIS NONPROFIT IS DEVELOPING AN APP.

BROOKE AUSTILL
Alligator Contributing Writer

The president of a Gainesville-based nonprofit is traveling across the Atlantic this weekend to speak about a topic he advocates at home: accessibility for disabled individuals.

Rafal Strzalkowski, the president of Florida Disability Access and Awareness Foundation, will speak at the Eighth World Congress on Saturday in Munich.

"I want to spread hope to parents and educators," he said. "I grew up in times when accessibility and accommodations were

not in anyone's vocabulary."

Strzalkowski, a wheelchair-bound lawyer, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was 1 year old. While growing up in Poland, he attended the Peto Institute for Conductive Education.

Strzalkowski said the program helped him comprehend his disability and get the help that he needed.

"Conductive Education gave me a better understanding of my body, balance and strengths and how to use the limited ability I do have to my advantage," Strzalkowski said.

He said he began his nonprofit foundation, which is based in Gainesville, to raise awareness and help outfit local buildings

with better accessibility.

The foundation's treasurer, Paul Brophy, formerly owned The Shamrock Irish Restaurant, now Mother's Pub.

"I grew up in times when accessibility and accommodations were not in anyone's vocabulary."

Rafal Strzalkowski

president of Florida Disability Access and Awareness Foundation

He met Strzalkowski in 2007 when he went to several Gainesville establishments in need of wheelchair-accessible restrooms.

He said he began business with Strzalkowski after he realized his own establishment needed to be

handicap-accessible.

As treasurer, Brophy's work with the foundation includes coordinating with new and old establishments to add handicap accessibilities in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Somebody in a wheelchair can get in the door, but they don't have access to the bathrooms because the doors aren't wide enough to accept a wheelchair," Brophy said.

The foundation hopes to help local businesses by providing half of the funds in order for the establishment to incorporate accommodations.

It's currently creating a smartphone application that would al-

low individuals with disabilities to locate nearby restaurants and businesses that offer the proper amenities.

"Unfortunately, we are going to have to do some very hectic fundraising because the app is very expensive," Brophy said. "We were hoping to get it done by the end of this year."

Strzalkowski said his hard work and commitment developed from individuals who didn't believe in him, and he believes in the impossible now.

"Nothing was given to me, and I had a strong drive to be the best that I can and show all the naysayers what I'm capable of," Strzalkowski said. "Nothing is impossible."

CAMPUS

Gator Dining wins sustainability award for being foam-free

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Gator Dining does more than sustain students between meals.

Gator Dining Services was presented this week with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's "Campus Sustainability Case Study Award" for its Foam Free Dining program. Since it began in 2011, the program has diverted about 1.2 million foam products from landfills, according to a press release.

The foam cups, plates, bowls and to-go containers were replaced with compostable products.

"Gator Dining Services has made strides towards ensuring a more sustainable dining operation on our campus," Jill Rodriguez, sustainability manager for Gator Dining Ser-

vices, wrote in an email.

She said Gator Dining also stopped using plastic bags in Spring 2013. After its plastic-bag-free initiative, it received a UF Champions for Change award in April.

All plastic bags were replaced with paper bags, which can be composted or recycled.

The sustainability efforts are part of UF's Zero Waste goal for 2015.

"It's a good idea, but it's more inconvenient," said Aisha Imam, an 18-year-old UF biology freshman.

She said the paper bags used by Gator Dining have no handles and are harder to carry, but she has noticed Gator Dining locations are more sustainable than other local restaurants.

"I mean I think it is a good thing we're making a step in the right direction supporting the environment," Imam said.



William A. England / Alligator

A self-serve salad bar stands in Gator Corner Dining Center on Wednesday afternoon. Gator Dining Services was presented with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Campus Sustainability Case Study Award this week.

Officers, horses and a helicopter at GPD event

► ABOUT 100 ATTENDED.

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Residents mingled with police officers, horses and a helicopter at Gainesville Police's Celebrating Safe Communities event Thursday.

About 100 people showed up to Albert "Ray" Massey Westside Recreation Center on the corner of Northwest 34th Street and Northwest Eighth Avenue for the event, which brought officers and animals from every GPD unit as well as representatives from city agencies and other police departments.

"We're excited to have everything in one place for citizens and taxpayers to see what their police department is doing," said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Early in the night, officers from

the K-9 unit did a demonstration with Brady the German shepherd. Later, the mounted unit showed up with cream-colored horses decorated with GPD badges.

A highlight of the night was when the Joint Aviation Unit helicopter lifted off the ground, blowing dust toward families watching from the edge of the field.

One of those families was Janine, Mel and Connor Hayes. Both parents said they thought the event was informative for residents.

"I thought it was free!" added 9-year-old Connor, pulling bumper stickers, a water bottle and other gifts from a goodie bag.

Officer Nicole Tierney of the Crime Prevention Unit said the department hopes to continue and expand the event next year.

"We just want to make it easier on the community to see everything we do," she said.

Research, data projects affected

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put the research on hold.

"You don't think the shutdown will affect you personally," Bracey said.

He said he became aware the shutdown might affect him when employers at the Career Showcase asked him if the funding for his research would end because of the shutdown. He said luckily the

team received a grant and that wasn't the case.

The program became accessible again after a few days, Bracey said. He said he thinks someone realized the program was important enough to keep it running.

Still, he said, his experience made him think more about the shutdown.

"It took my position from not caring about the government shutdown to being angry about it," he said.

It'll incorporate features from both

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Because they were competing in the same areas for the same jobs, the merge will eliminate the tough choice some clients had to make between the companies, he said.

"Our customers won't have to pick between us," Swikle said. "2 College Brothers have a much stronger branding than we had, and I think our marketing strategies will complement their structure."

The companies will merge under the 2 College Brothers,

Inc. name but will incorporate features of Smarter Moving Solutions in their management.

Some customers of Smarter Moving Solutions said they are excited about the merge because it will extend the reach of both companies.

Ricky Cuellar, the operations manager of music streaming site Grooveshark, said Smarter Moving Solutions was a big help when Grooveshark was moving one of its locations.

"I think the merge will be good," he said. "(It) might give them a better rate. I'm sure his

network now includes customers from the other company. Now, they've got more hands on the ground to help more people move."

A typical move with Smarter Moving Solutions costs \$95 per hour, and a full move costs about \$200 for a student. However, pricing hasn't been worked out post-merge.

"Smarter Moving Solutions is the official mover of the UF Student Government, and 2 College Brothers was a 2012 Business of the Year finalist," Swikle wrote in an email.

INTERNATIONAL

US adults lower skilled than other countries'

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The United States doesn't have as many highly skilled adults as other countries, but younger generations could break the trend.

The Survey of Adult Skills, conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, found the U.S. falls short on levels of skilled workers compared to other developed countries.

Of the 24 countries surveyed, the U.S. was ranked 16th, and the majority of workers only possessed low-level skills, which include literacy, problem-solving and information and communication technology, according to the study.

UF education professor Dorene Ross said many educational factors can affect someone's achievement later in life. One of the main problems she saw was the inequality in education due to economics.

"If you are living in poverty, you are dealing with a wide variety of social and environmental threats that affect the achievement of kids in school," she said.

About 21 percent of workers are overqualified for jobs, and about 13 percent are underqualified, according to the study.

Legislators have been implementing policy changes in

the U.S. to aid the job market by attempting to produce better workers. There have been pushes toward vocational schools and incorporating more on-the-job training into learning.

Ross agreed education should be improved but said certain policies won't work. The focus on testing and merit-based pay for teachers, in her opinion, isn't the way to go.

"There seems to be an assumption that teachers and kids are holding back," she said. "But teachers are teaching the best way they know how, and children are learning the best way they know how."

People with lower skill levels tend to be in poorer health, participate less in civic activities and to trust others less, according to the study.

Younger generations are less hindered by their socioeconomic backgrounds than older generations. U.S. adults aged 16-65 had the strongest correlation between literacy rates and economic background, but that dropped to about average when looking at 16-24 year olds.

Rachel Werk, a 19-year-old UF neuroscience and English junior, said she thinks furthering education could improve someone's abilities, but with some qualifications.

"It's a double-edged sword, really," she said, "because we're learning all these things at school but not necessarily putting our skills to work."

Local coffee shops not steamed about long-staying studiers

► MIDTERMS TEND TO INCREASE BUSINESS.

NESHA ROBBINS

Alligator Contributing Writer

As midterms loom, Gainesville coffee shops tend to get more crowded with students who buy one drink and camp out for hours. But it's often more of an annoyance to students than management.

Juan Alcala, a manager at Pascal's Coffeehouse at 112 NW 16th St. near Midtown, said in the after-

noons during exam weeks, it is often hard for people to find seats.

But like other shops, she said, Pascal's embraces the business, noting the coffee shop aims to give students a place to come and study.

Yarrow Geggus, a barista at Volta Coffee, Tea & Chocolate at 48 SW Second St. in downtown Gainesville said the shop also experiences more traffic during midterms, but the employees don't mind people buying one drink and lingering.

"It doesn't get overwhelming," Geggus said.

Christina Chang, a 22-year-old

UF recreation, parks and tourism senior, said she usually goes to coffee shops to study, but she avoids the atmosphere during midterms and finals.

"Everyone is out then, and I can't find a place to park," she said.

Jenny Nguyen, a 21-year-old UF recreation, parks and tourism senior, said she would rather go to a coffee shop to study than a library because the atmosphere isn't as stressful.

"It's not eerily quiet," Nguyen said. "You can have a conversation if you want to."



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Students drink coffee and study at Pascal's Coffeehouse, two blocks north of campus on Northwest 16th Street. Coffee shops' management say business picks up around midterms.

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Letter to the Editor

It's true: Engineers don't really socialize

I agree that engineers don't really socialize.

What is socializing anyway? According to the Total Frat Move, it's about hanging out at run-down Midtown bars or becoming the drunkest people at a NASCAR race.

I suppose hanging out in the Formula Car lab until late hours of the night with your best friends is not socializing. How about hanging out at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art talking about the intricate connection between engineering and art? Nah, wine and classical doesn't cut it for a beer pong game.

About being the "hottest:" Since we are talking about the cursory, how would the list look 10 years after graduation?

Invariably, some will think being hot is having money; then the list would definitely not display journalism at the forefront.

To finish my letter, let me hastily generalize about most journalism majors: It's great to see that the role models at the journalism school are Victoria's Secret models and Miss Floridas and not old boring Judith Miller or Maureen Dowd.

It is definitely a solid business model — for the "hottest" ones, that is.

If the time-pressed Alligator writers need to quote another article to fill the front page, can they at least quote respectable journalism? If I want to read something from the TFM, I'll just go to their website.

Ahmed Jorge

fourth-year UF engineering student



UWire

Placebo effect: Are antidepressants really no better than sugar pills?

Depression appears to be caused by an imbalance in the levels of neurotransmitters in the brain.

Antidepressants impact some of these chemicals, such as serotonin and norepinephrine, in an attempt to rebalance the brain's chemical makeup. Some of the most common antidepressants are classified as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), such as Prozac and Zoloft, and serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs), like Cymbalta and Effexor.

Both medications block the absorption of certain neurotransmitters into the brain, leaving higher levels of those compounds floating around and returning the brain to a balanced chemical state.

Doctors diagnose depression through an evaluation of symptom severity and longevity, family history of depression and suicidal ideation. Typically, if patients present long-lasting and severe symptoms, they will be treated with antidepressants.

Often times this treatment is sup-

plemented with psychotherapy so the patient can work through life issues, learn how to cope with the illness and manage its triggers.

Patients usually have to try several different types of medications in order to find one that works, because everyone has different brain chemistry and symptomatic complaints.

Yet various researchers argue that this trial and error process might be a waste of time for some patients.

According to analysis of clinical trial data from the FDA, taking placebo pills improved depressive symptoms almost equally as much as taking antidepressants. The only clinically significant difference occurred in severely depressed patients.

This does not necessarily mean antidepressants are ineffective, however, and these studies fail to take into account a couple of important issues in the psychiatric field. For one, depression is currently overdiagnosed.

According to a study done by the International Review of Psychiatry, nearly a quarter of the U.S. population has been prescribed antidepres-

sants at some point. Only about 10 percent, however, actually have a depressive disorder. Doctors often confuse periodic depression brought on by illness, substance abuse, or other factors to be a diagnosable mental illness and pop out the pills.

Psychotherapy, light therapy, and exercise can be just as effective in minor cases of depression and should be utilized by doctors more often as treatment.

Additionally, as mentioned before, patients typically try several medications before finding one that fits their depressive symptoms and makes them feel better. Clinical trials do not account for this process of trial and error and simply examine the data from each pill without examining each participant's chemical makeup or response to other drugs. Maybe some antidepressants are ineffective for some patients, but others are still likely to be helpful for

patients who truly do suffer from depression.

It is debated whether antidepressants should be used for their placebo effect. On the one hand, the drugs have potential side effects. Suicidal ideation, increased risk of stroke in women and general personality changes are just a few of the possible results.

Additionally, antidepressants are often used over a lifetime, which can rack up quite a medical bill. On the other hand, however, if patients truly do feel better and need that reassurance to get through a difficult period of depression, some doctors argue it is OK to keep prescribing the drugs.

Dr. Durga Roy, a psychiatrist at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, said she will sometimes let patients take antidepressants, at least for a brief six-month period, to enhance their mood and boost morale.

"Sometimes patients will come to me saying they are depressed because a relative just died or some other event occurred and that they need antidepressants," she said. "If they're not at high risk for seizures

or stroke I'll let them take the medication to bump their mood. I've never seen any patients that have had personality changes or that suddenly started having seizures."

In an ideal world, clinical trials would study each depressed patient individually and track which antidepressants worked for them and which did not. In this way, researchers could still prove the effectiveness of the drug for certain patients and rule out the possibility that the study participants might respond better to another drug. Since this takes time and money, however, it is not currently a plausible solution.

Ultimately, the antidepressant-bashing data analysis of clinical trials is inconclusive and unproductive.

Until scientists find a way to physically define depression, perhaps by using a brain scan that measures neurotransmitters or some other method, clinical trials will have to rely on subjective data that simply cannot prove general efficiency.

Megan Crants is a writer for the Johns Hopkins University News-Letter. This column originally appeared on UWire.

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ANGELA SKANE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Today is the last day Starbucks is offering a free coffee to generous patrons.

Since Wednesday, the coffee chain has been giving free tall brewed coffees to customers who offer to buy a stranger's drink.

Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks, posted a letter Tuesday explaining his pay-it-forward initiative online.

Jaime Riley, a Starbucks spokeswoman, said it was inspired by current problems in America and its government.

"It's an initiative put forth to help show stability and acts of kindness," Riley said.

Some students weren't aware of the offer but still saw it as a nice gesture.

"I'm always all for that," said Savannah Green, an 18-year-old UF



Schultz

theatre performance freshman. "I've had people pay for me before in Starbucks drive-thrus just as a generosity."

Students like Diana Alarcon said it's a way to be nice to others and not be so selfish. She

said she would pay for someone's drink, even if it was more than hers.

"I think there's a human element to that," said Alarcon, a 21-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior. "It opens communication and it promotes having compassion for the person behind you. I think that's something we don't get enough of — that human interaction."

On-campus Starbucks employees were unable to comment regarding the initiative.



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Mini Michelangelo

Millhopper Montessori School student Lucas Cristell, 4, assembles a structure out of straws and tape at the Art in Engineering event at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art on Thursday.

Gainesville author publishes modern novel with folklore ties

BRETT RABINOVICH

Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville resident and UF alumnus Frederick Malphurs' newest novel, which is now available for sale on Amazon, ties together his experience in veteran affairs and his love for Spanish folklore.

"A Year in the Life of Dr. Fox," set in a small Mexican community, explains the difficult decision to put loved ones at risk when it comes to drug wars, immigration and economic aid.

"The book explains violence and corruption," Malphurs said. "Illegal drugs are a big problem in Mexico."

The novel takes readers to a place they've never heard of, Malphurs said

The strength of family, how active religious organizations are in Mexico as well as good versus evil are issues the main

characters deal with throughout the fiction novel.

"The theme of the novel is to provide a contemporary understanding for people who read about big issues and crimes in the area," Malphurs said. "I wanted to provide a hero who is based in reality."

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Frederick Malphurs
UF alumnus and novelist

Malphurs said his passion to write comes from the strength and opportunities that exist in the Gainesville community.

Although the inspiration to write this novel came from a trip to Mexico, the supportive atmosphere in Gainesville led him to become an independent, self-published author,

Malphurs said.

"I have learned the hard way that traditional marketing for someone who isn't established doesn't work," Malphurs said. "The fact that Gainesville has groups who give me support encourages me to publish books on topics most people haven't heard of."

Julia Sutton, an 18-year-old UF accounting freshman, said the novel could be of interest to students because of the author's connection to the Gainesville community.

Given the number of people who try to get published, Sutton said, it's amazing someone close to home achieved it.

"I would read the book because it's an entertaining way to gain an emotional background on an issue students constantly debate about," she said.

A Q-and-A with Aaron Carter, soon at High Dive

► CARTER WILL PERFORM SUNDAY IN GAINESVILLE.

JULIA GLUM

Alligator Staff Writer jglum@alligator.org

Aaron's Party is coming to Gainesville.

Pop star Aaron Carter will perform at High Dive on Sunday. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show — which includes The Crazy Carls, The Real Hooks and Brie Goldsobel — starts an hour later. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door, available at tktwb.tw/GI-Alq5, Hear Again Music or High Dive.

The Alligator spoke with Carter, a Tampa native, last week.

Q: What can you tell me about your tour?

A: It's live music. I do all of my hits from the past — you know, "Aaron's Party," "I Love Candy," "How I Beat Shaq" — I take all of them, and we do a new show.



Carter

Q: I think a lot of the people who are going to be coming to your Gainesville concert are probably UF students

who remember you from a few years ago. What should they know about you now?

A: Well, I've grown up, you know, and I'm 25 years old. I've been working on my craft, and ... becoming a better singer. So I think that the show really focuses on my talents as a performer.

Q: What can people expect when they come?

A: They can expect to just come and have a good time. It's live music, and I ... do a lot of the stuff that I've done before, so it's nostalgic for people too. It's nostalgic for me, and it's amazing. It's just a really good time. I encourage people to just come out and check it out.

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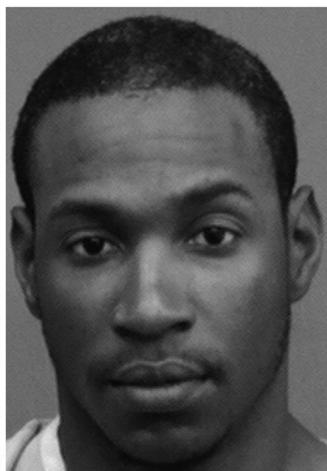


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1 Auto club offering	1 Common break	34 Diamond clan	56 Pungent Thai dish
4 Gregory Peck role	2 Speak	35 Trophy case	57 Play with, as clay
8 Foster on a screen	3 Refuse	39 Econ. measure	58 Gives the go-ahead
13 Stretches of history	4 "Pitch Perfect" co-star Kendrick	41 Bug	60 First name in folk
15 He actually played the lyre	5 Summer phenomenon	42 Earthbound bird	61 Cause wrinkles, in a way
16 Amherst sch.	6 Curved support	45 Crewman for 4-Across	62 Joel of "Wicked"
17 Two-time NBA MVP Steve	7 Short jacket	47 Tech sch. grad	63 Water whirled
18 Component of ocean H2O	8 Concession stand candy	50 Slow boat	64 Some mil. bases
19 Lawn game using lobbed missiles	9 Easternmost Arabian Peninsula country	51 Hangs around the house?	65 Edge
20 Buff ancient ruler?	10 "Dr. Strangelove" feature		
23 Attorney general before Thornburgh	11 Adherent's suffix		
24 Yank's foe	12 Start to stop?		
25 Dudes	14 With 52-Down, grilled fare		
28 Own a few James Brown albums?	21 Take control		
33 Fez, e.g.	22 Bottom line?		
36 Bankruptcy factor	26 Gay		
37 Polynesian island nation	27 Ray in the ocean		
38 "Break ___!"	29 Boxer's attendant		
40 Fare named for its shape	30 Fall back		
43 Fabric quantity	31 It's a wrap		
44 Mother of three French kings	32 "Terrific!"		
46 Shiny fabric			
48 Arctic coast explorer			
49 Leaps over an oily mud puddle?			
53 DSL user's need			
54 Mao's successor			
55 Sticky-footed lizard			
59 Beef baloney?			
64 Botanist's category			
66 Dweeb			
67 Size measure			
68 Competitor's dream			
69 A bit off the ground, "up"			
70 Sound like an ass			
71 Bobbin			
72 Ketel One competitor			
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2. Animal	RICRETT
3. Address	NORAOIT
4. "___ Woman"	TERYPT

BONUS **CLUE:** The northernmost and coldest of its kind.

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Powell ready for road rematch with Tigers

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer @adamDpincus

The loss still stings Ronald Powell. After two years of waiting and wondering if he would get another chance to play in Tiger Stadium, Powell will have his opportunity when No. 17 Florida faces No. 10 LSU on Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

"Baton Rouge is a very lively place. It'll be a very hostile environment."

Tyler Murphy
UF quarterback

Powell missed the majority of the Gators' 41-11 loss to the Tigers in Death Valley during the 2011 season.

He suffered a stinger and was forced to stand on the sidelines as Florida dropped its second consecutive game.

The loss stands as Florida's worst defeat since Will Muschamp began coaching the team in 2011.

"It still bothers me today," Powell said.

"Getting a chance to go back there and perform with the guys I got now is going to be special for me."

Powell's return to Tiger Stadium coincides with redshirt junior quarterback Tyler Murphy's first true road test.

LSU has won 13 of its last 18 games against top-25 teams in Death Valley under coach Les

Miles. That includes two of the Tigers' three matchups with the Gators.

Murphy was forced to watch as Florida dropped its last game at Tiger Stadium in humiliating fashion.

He was a redshirt freshman buried on the depth chart when true freshman Jacoby Brissett completed only eight passes and tossed two interceptions during his first career start.

"Baton Rouge is a very lively

place. It'll be a very hostile environment," Murphy said.

"As a team, we will have to focus on ourselves and not get caught up in the hype and all

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Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Ronald Powell attempts to shed a block during Florida's 30-10 victory against Arkansas on Oct. 5 in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Powell will play LSU on Saturday for the first time since the Gators lost to the Tigers 41-11 in Tiger Stadium during the 2011 season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Donovan looking to create offensive balance

LONDON WATNICK
Alligator Staff Writer @LandonWatnick

Florida enters the upcoming season having lost more than half of its scoring output from 2012-13, but coach Billy Donovan is not looking for one player to be the savior on the offensive end.

Guards Kenny Boynton, Mike Rosario and forward Erik Murphy — UF's three top scorers last season — have graduated.

Thanks largely to that trio's success, Florida finished last season as the seventh-most efficient offensive squad in the country, according to KenPom.com, en route to a third consecutive trip to the Elite Eight.

Despite several key departures, Donovan does not plan on altering his team's offensive philosophy.



Donovan

"I'm not comparing this team to the same team, but we're in the similar situation as years ago with (Matt) Walsh, (Anthony) Roberson and David Lee leaving. (Corey) Brewer was our leading scorer coming back with [7.5] points per game (in 2004-05)," Donovan said.

"Obviously, that team turned out to be a whole lot better than everyone thought they would be with the departure of those guys. We're in the same situation offensively. It's not about looking for one guy.

"We have to be a team that's balanced. We have to be an unselfish team, an extra-

pass team. We have to be really great at moving and passing the basketball."

Last season, the Gators had four players who averaged double-figure scoring.

Center Patric Young, who averaged 10.1 points per game on 58.6 percent shooting, is UF's only returning double-digit scorer.

UF also brings back guard Michael Frazier II, its best three-point shooter with a 46.8-percent clip.

The Gators will look to newcomers, such as freshman point guard Kasey Hill, Rutgers transfer guard Eli Carter — after he returns from injury — and Virginia Tech transfer Dorian Finney-Smith to pick up where the offense left off.

Prior to fracturing his right fibula in

SEE HOOPS, PAGE 15

Picks Column



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Rapper Kanye West and talk show host Jimmy Kimmel reconciled on Wednesday's edition of Jimmy Kimmel Live! and we here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column could not be more relieved. In fact, as the crew watched the pivotal, emotional exchange between West and Kimmel, there were some tears shed. But not a single one of us would Runaway. We considered this exchange a Good Life lesson. Even the most Heartless among us felt their love grow Stronger as we witnessed this spectacle of forgiveness and understanding.

On Wednesday night, we felt that All of the Lights went on for us.

Clique. Clique. Clique.

And to be completely honest, we're in the same boat as you, Kanye. When it comes picking college football games against the spread, we consider ourselves geniuses. It may not be politically correct to say that out loud, but if we didn't, we would just be lying to you and ourselves. Wake up, Mr. West, Mr. West, Mr. West!

This week, alligatorSports Staff Writers Joe Morgan and Adam Pincus — each an American Boy on the verge of Graduation — debate the Red River Rivalry between Texas and Oklahoma.

The Longhorns (+14) will keep the Sooners' love locked down because...

I'm a genius. While Mack Brown isn't the god he used to be, he will get Texas back to Kanye's pre-Graduation days. Two words for the Red River Rivalry: Johnathan Gray. He'll have a breakout game and keep Brown from becoming a College Dropout.

- Adam Pincus

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Savannah Jordan will train with the U.S. U-18 Women's National Team. Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.

Poll Results

Which team remaining on Florida's schedule poses the biggest threat?

33% UGA

29% LSU

37% FSU

98 total votes

Gators captains

Will Muschamp announced via Twitter that Tyler Murphy, Solomon Patton, Damien Jacobs and Michael Taylor will serve as captains against LSU on Saturday.

Gators preparing to run in Disney Classic

► UF COMPETES SATURDAY.

JORDAN MCPHERSON

Alligator Writer @J_McPherson1126

Julie Macedo is ready to run.

With top runners Agata Strausa, Stephanie Strasser and Cory McGee getting a week of rest as the women's cross country team travels to Orlando for the Disney Cross Country Classic, Florida's younger team members have an opportunity to compete at the college level.

"We're training hard and not tapering for this meet," Macedo said. "The past few weeks, all of the workouts have been strong, and all of the girls are looking good."

Five runners will be competing for the Gators this weekend: Macedo, freshmen Taylor Tubbs and Amber Johnson, junior Macy Huskey and redshirt senior Brittany Koziara.

Coach Paul Spangler hopes to see at least one of them step up during the 5K race on Saturday. Spangler is looking to determine who will travel with the team to compete at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational on Oct. 19, the team's last meet before the Southeastern Conference Championships on Nov. 1.

"You kind of have an idea where everybody is fitness-wise and you can project 'OK, where do we stand and how good are we?'" he said.

"But you're always looking for that one person to have that breakthrough performance. You're going to have races where maybe somebody doesn't have the best race, so when you

have somebody have an unexpected performance, it can really help out."

Macedo has the ability to be one of those top runners. As a true freshman last year, she earned a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team by posting a time of 22:03.55 at the SEC Championships, which was eighth among Florida runners.

"It was exciting to come in and be able to contribute right away," Macedo said. "As a freshman, you don't always expect to travel, and it was a nice surprise."

Despite the accolades, the sophomore felt that her performance was subpar.

"Last season, I actually didn't do that well for my standards, so this year I'm looking to improve a lot," Macedo said. "I want to be All-SEC, which means top seven."

Macedo has competed in both meets for the women's team this season.

She finished third at the Western Carolina Invitational on Aug. 30, running the two-mile course in a time of 10:57.89.

She placed second on the team and sixth overall at the Mountain Dew Invitational on Sept. 14, posting a time of 21:37.94 on the 6K track — almost 30 seconds faster than her time at the SEC Championships in November 2012.

Macedo is aiming to keep the momentum going and earn a spot at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational.

"I'm looking to run a personal best, score for my team and do as well as I can" Macedo said.

THE RALLY

Who will win the UF-LSU game?

Each week, two alligator-Sports columnists will debate the biggest looming matchup in college football. Today, Phillip Heilman and Adam Lichtenstein preview No. 17 Florida's showdown against No. 10 LSU in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.



Adam Lichtenstein
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Phillip Heilman
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has faced — held the Tigers to their second-lowest output of the season. And the Horned Frogs are 32 spots lower than the Gators in that category.

Yes, Florida struggled early against Miami, but that was against a team the Gators had not played in five years.

They play the Tigers every season and are more familiar with the boys from the bayou. And once UF got a chance to settle in against UM, the defense excelled and has not looked back.

In the 15 quarters the Gators have played since surrendering 14 points to the Hurricanes in the first quarter in South Florida, the defense has allowed 27 points total. Seven of those points came on a 4-yard Miami drive after a turnover, and seven more came in garbage time against Tennessee. That's absurd.

Mettenberger has had a great season throwing the football, but he has not faced a quality pass defense. Florida is No. 6 in the country at defending against the air attack — 50 spots higher than LSU's top opponent.

This is clearly a game of strength against strength. LSU is great on offense, Florida is all about the defense.

And, like the cliché says, defense wins championships.

Phillip: Since the end of the 2009 season, the Tigers have lost just once at home. Once!

And that was last year — a game LSU should have won — to eventual champion Alabama.

It is incredibly rare for the Tigers to be taken out in Death Valley — ask the Florida squad that got pummeled by 30 points there two years ago — especially without a star quarterback. And guess what? Florida doesn't have one of those.

Everything that Tyler Murphy has touched to this point in the season has turned into gold, but I'm willing to bet this is the week he becomes a pumpkin.

That is not to say Murphy will look as lost as Jacoby Brissett did in Tiger Stadium in 2011, but his numbers are going to take a hit playing in front of the most raucous crowd in the nation.

Matt Jones and Mack Brown will continue to struggle to find holes in the running game, which is going to put the onus on Murphy to make plays throughout the game. I don't believe he can do it.

Murphy found the softest landing spot on Florida's schedule to come in and play well right away.

Tennessee sucks. Kentucky sucks. Arkansas sucks a little less. But the fun and games are over. The bullies of the SEC are on their way.

Until Murphy shows me something against a real team, I will remain skeptical.

If he beats LSU on Saturday, then maybe I will think differently, but that's not going to happen.

Adam: Florida's real schedule is about to start. After playing a mid-major, three Southeastern Conference weaklings and Miami, the Gators are about to enter the roughest stretch of their season.

They will play three straight ranked opponents that will make or break Florida's shot for an SEC title, and it all starts on Saturday in Tiger Stadium.

The Gators have shown they are a resilient team. They have been without their offensive and defensive leaders for two games, and they have come away with two convincing victories.

After Florida marches into Death Valley as the underdog, it will come out with a third.

The Gators have shown all season that their defense is an unstoppable force. They haven't just limited opposing offenses, they have shut them down. Offenses were completely unable to break through a powerful rush defense or a shut-down pass defense.

Although LSU will be the best offense Florida has faced, the defense will rise to the challenge and take down the Tigers.

Phillip: Thanks for making my job easy, Adam. You already stated my first point: Florida hasn't played anybody.

For as well as the Gators' defense has played to this point of the season — incredibly considering what it lost from 2012 — it has only faced one team that is averaging even mediocre numbers in 2013. And Miami promptly handed Florida its only loss of the season.

Of the five games Florida has played, Miami's offense, which is tied for 24th in the nation, is the only team that cracks the top 60 in the country. Toledo is next at 65th. The trio of measly SEC teams UF has lambasted sits 84th, 85th and 91st in the country in total offense.

The Gators are in for a rude awakening in Death Valley on Saturday.

Led by senior quarterback Zach Mettenberger, LSU's offense is far superior than even the Miami unit that shredded Florida during the first quarter of its 21-16 win on Sept. 7. The Tigers are scoring an insane 45.5 points per game and accumulating nearly 500 yards of total offense.

Even if Florida cuts those averages in half, the Gators will lose by a touchdown.

Adam: The Tigers have had nearly as easy of a schedule. Only two teams they faced are inside the top 50 for total defense. TCU — the top defense LSU

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The Sooners (-14) will ball so hard that undisclosed persons wanna find them, first the same undisclosed persons gotta find them because...

Against a Longhorns defense that ranks 110th nationally with more than 465.4 yards allowed per game, I imagine Oklahoma's point total can't get much higher — soooooo hiiiiiiiiiiiiigh. Hasn't this Mack Brown thing run its course anyway? I mean, no one man should have all that Pooower. What Bob Stoops order? Longhorn file? (Yes, I know that's not a real thing.)

- Joe Morgan

Now onto the picks!

In first with a record of 29-16-3 is alligatorSports Editor Phillip "OH, MY GOD! A RACCOON! RUN!" Heilman, who regressed into a terrified 5-year-old when he saw a raccoon hop out of a dumpster during his walk home from work this week. In the words of sports personality Dan Patrick, "If you're scared, buy a dog." Or, in this case, a 'coon hound.

Sitting in second with a record of 28-17-3 alligatorSports Staff Writer Joe "PEER PRESSURE PANIC!" Morgan, who threw

out his back when running in fear after Phillip when the raccoon popped out. We're not sure which is weaker: your back or your resolve.

In third place with a record of 27-18-3 is alligatorSports Assistant Editor Adam "Redneck Wannabe" Lichtenstein, who channeled his inner red-blooded American by downloading a deer hunter game on his iPhone. I guess downloading an app is cheaper than purchasing a firearm. Maybe Brent Pease will play with you sometime, bud.

In fourth — first in the non-alligatorSports division — with a record of 26-19-3 is FightinGators.net's Cody "RELEASE THE KIMBREL!" Jones, who was incredibly upset when Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez left Craig Kimbrel in the bullpen while David Carpenter gave up a season-ending home run to Juan Uribe. It's October, Cody. You should be used to this by now.

Coming in fifth with a record of 25-20-3 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Adam "Dude, where's my phone?" Pincus, who meandered helplessly around the University Women's Club on Wednesday after a colleague retrieved his lost phone and hid it in a fake plant. Hey Pincus, can you hear us now?

Tied with Pincus for fifth is 247Sports.

com's Thomas "Just call me coach" Goldkamp, whose dedication to watching film of Florida has led to a few awkward back-and-forth exchanges with Pease. "It's called the Jets package," Thomas. If you don't know the terminology, why don't you just shut that hole in your face you call a mouth.

Back to where he belongs in dead-ass last with a piss-poor record of 22-23-3 is InsideTheGators.com's Bryan "I GOT IT! I GOT IT! I..." Holt, who has looked more lost in this year's Picks Column than Rays

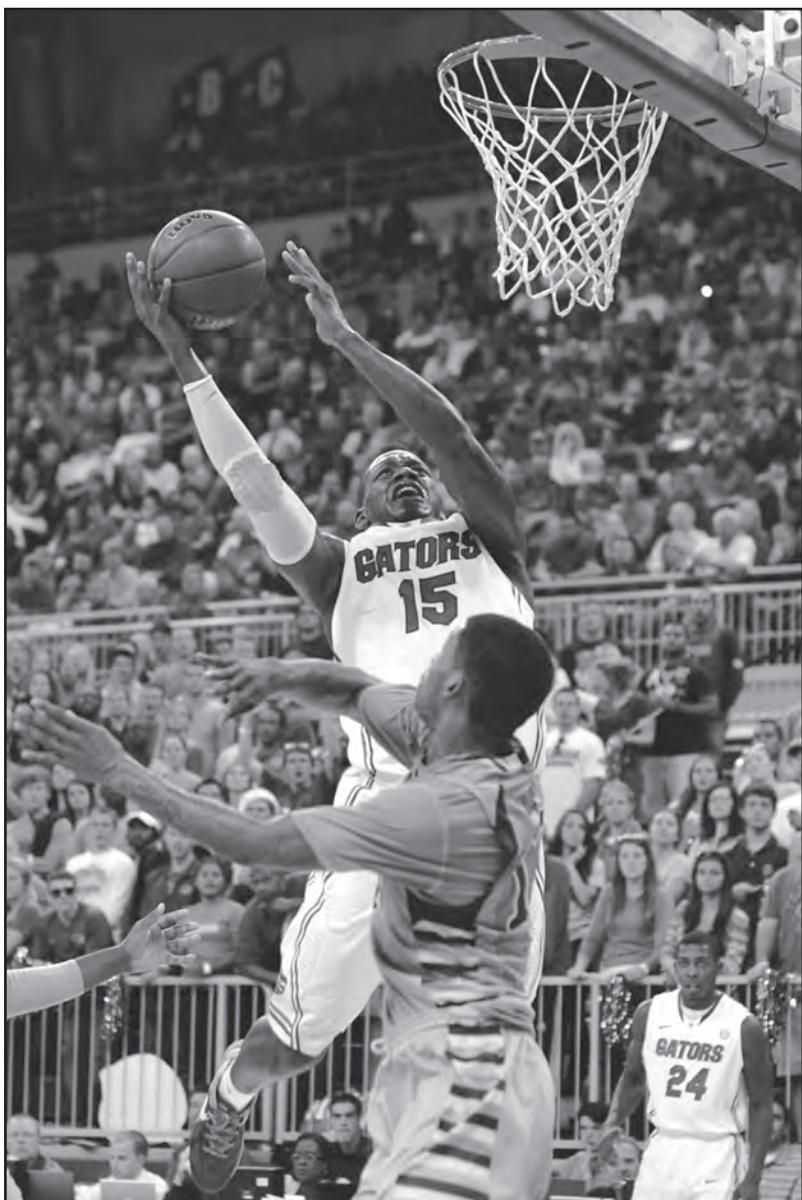
outfielder Wil Myers did in right field at Fenway Park last Friday. Yeah, buddy. We're sure those sunglasses will help you out.

Not to be outdone by Holt's ineptitude and also sitting in dead-ass last with a piss-poor record of 22-23-3 is Orlando Sentinel's Edgar "This message has no content" Thompson, who has developed a weird habit of sending entire emails written in the subject line. Would it kill you to click in the body of the email, or, I don't know, send a text?

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Yeguete underwent knee surgery on May 22



Alligator File Photo

Senior forward Will Yeguete attempts a layup over Marquette guard Vander Blue during Florida's 82-49 victory against the Golden Eagles on Nov. 29 at the O'Connell Center. Yeguete averaged 5.5 points per game last season.

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February, Carter averaged a team-high 14.9 points on 38.4 percent shooting for the Scarlet Knights last season.

Hill, who showed a knack for finding the open man in high school, should help from a distribution standpoint as one of Florida's floor generals.

"I do think — and really believe — that we have to be a team that has five or six guys in double-digit scoring," Donovan said.

"There are just so many unknowns on our team right now. As a coach, because there are the unknowns, you can't just say, 'OK, you're that guy for us right now.' It has to be done collectively as a group."

Yeguete progressing: Will Yeguete is questionable for the start of the season and will not be cleared to practice on Friday, but the senior forward's right knee is beginning to feel better, he said during Florida's media day on Wednesday.

On May 22, Yeguete underwent arthroscopic debridement on his knee — his second knee procedure in a four-month span — to remove loose cartilage. Although he currently does not feel any soreness in his knee, he still feels he needs to regain strength in his leg.

"I feel good right now," Yeguete said. "[The team doctors are] just kind of afraid that they'd put me out there too fast. I'm able to run around and doing non-contact. So we'll see in the next few weeks."

Yeguete said he has not tried dunking yet but thinks he could.

Last season, Yeguete averaged 5.5 points and 5.8 rebounds as one of Florida's key reserves off the bench.

He missed six games during the latter stretch of the Southeastern Conference schedule after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in February to remove bone chips in his knee.

Murphy making third start for UF

FOOTBALL

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that stuff. Just treat it as another game, have a good week of practice and try to continue to get better and execute like we've been doing."

Murphy has surpassed expectations after coming off the bench to replace an injured Jeff Driskel during the first quarter against Tennessee.

If he were to finish this season at his current completion rate of 72 percent, he would top Wayne Peace's school record of 70.7 percent in 1982.

Murphy's insertion into the starting lineup comes with the continued success of a defense that ranks at the top of nearly every statistical category.

Despite a season-ending injury to defensive tackle Dominique Easley, the Gators have held their own with Powell, Dante Fowler Jr., Jonathan Bullard and Darious Cummings picking up the slack.

"It all flips when you wake up that morning and we do our little walk-through, and all that stuff," Fowler said. "As soon as I wake up on Saturday, it's game time, and I'm locked in and focused."

Florida is better equipped this time around for LSU.

It has a healthy Powell, a blossoming quarterback and a tougher identity — three keys missing when the two teams last played in Baton Rouge.

"We've got a lot more people that have bought in to what Coach 'Champ' wants to do," Powell said.

"We got a great coaching staff, and everybody is out there and having fun, flying around and being physical."

Florida coaching staff looking to reduce 'dumb' penalties

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It took more than 35 minutes for Florida to commit a penalty against Arkansas on Saturday. But once the first flag was thrown, they littered the field.

The No. 17 Gators (4-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) committed eight penalties for 84 yards in the second half against the Razorbacks after completing their first penalty-free half under coach Will Muschamp before halftime.

"Aggressive penalties we can handle, we can take," defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin said.

"Dumb penalties, penalties that are totally avoidable, those are the ones we can't have and need to correct, and we deal with pretty matter-of-factly and harshly."

The dam broke when referees flagged center Jon Harrison for unsportsmanlike conduct in the third quarter. Harrison allegedly made contact with a referee after a play, and he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

"Jon's an emotional guy," coach Will Muschamp said after the

game. "He lost his temper and did something he shouldn't have done. He was ejected from the game, and rightfully so."

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D.J. Durkin

UF defensive coordinator

From there, the penalty yardage came in bunches, and three of the flags cost Florida 15 yards each.

Sam linebacker Ronald Powell and Buck linebacker Dante Fowler Jr. both roughed the passer and Powell was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Both of Powell's penalties came on Arkansas' final drive, in which the Razorbacks advanced to the Gators 3-yard line.

"Some of those in that game those were close calls," Durkin said. "Our guys we definitely don't want to slow them down. We

(want) them playing aggressive. That's part of why we've been able to be effective this time of year."

Cornerback close to returning: Junior Marcus Roberson has not played since suffering a sprained knee against Miami on Sept. 7, but Durkin said he expects the cornerback to play against No. 10 LSU (5-1, 2-1 SEC) on Saturday.

"He's continuing to get better and better like you'd expect a guy coming off an injury," Durkin said.

Roberson practiced prior to Florida's games against Kentucky and Arkansas but did not play.

Roberson has four tackles in 2013 and one pass breakup in two games.

"We want to make sure he's 100 percent when we put him out there on the field," Durkin said.

Gators add killer threat: In the absence of defensive lineman Dominique Easley (knee), Florida has added a friend of his to team meetings — Easley's stuffed "Chucky" doll.

Chucky, the star of the "Child's Play" film series, has sat in on defensive meetings with the rest of

the unit.

Since Easley suffered a torn ACL, Fowler has taken over doll duty, carrying the movie character to postgame interviews.

"He always has the Chucky doll everywhere he goes," defensive

back Jaylen Watkins said on Sept. 30. "Actually seeing that made everybody cheer up a little bit about not having [Easley] there."

Added Durkin: "Chucky's welcome in all our meetings. ... He's learning the defense."



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Marcus Roberson returns a punt during Florida's 21-16 loss to Miami on Sept. 7 in Sun Life Stadium. Roberson is expected to play against LSU.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior point guard hoping to seize final opportunity with Gators

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Jaterra Bonds is gearing up for her last season with the Gators.

Bonds, a Gainesville native and arguably the face of Florida women's basketball, will be asked to shoulder a heavy load following the graduation of Jennifer George and the departure of three transfers.

"This year is the most important year," she said. "I'm just trying to cherish every moment and make the most out of each one."

Bonds led the Gators in scoring with 13.1 points per game last season. She also paced

UF by averaging 34 minutes per contest.

"Her expectations are always to lead and to be a big factor for this team," sophomore January Miller said.

With a new supporting cast this season, the offense has been tweaked to better suit the team's strengths. Florida values its speed as its biggest asset.

"This is probably the fastest team since I've been here," Bonds said. "That's the kind of basketball we want to play."

Coach Amanda Butler has made a point of tailoring the game to fit the skill set of her players. What was once a structured, low-



Bonds

block team is now fast-paced with an emphasis on the transition game.

"We're trying to build an offensive system that makes sense for all the talent we have and trying to give them the best chance to be hard to guard every single time down the floor," Butler said.

"We pride ourselves on being a transition team and trying to play up-tempo. That just means you've got to have five people who understand space and can pass the ball.

Added Bonds: "Last year our offense was more structured. This year we have a little more freedom. That fits with what players are able to do."

Fortunately for Bonds, speed is a large part of her game. For as much as she was asked to do last season, she will be counted on for more as a senior.

"She set a very high standard for being the best leader that I've ever coached," Butler said.

"The fire that she brings, she backs it up with the way that she plays and in the consistency in how she practices."

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