



LOCAL

Alachua County Fair runs through this weekend

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The Alachua County Fair has opened its gates for another round of rides, shows and fried food.

The fair, which has been coming to the county for more than 40 years, opened last weekend and runs through Saturday at the Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3100 NE 39th Ave.

"I won two fish in a game, and they had tons of unhealthy food, like fried butter."

Vassia Daskalakis
UF accounting sophomore

Along with tried-and-true fair attractions, like carnival rides and funnel cake, the fair is introducing new bands, new food vendors, and a new show — "Wild About Monkeys" — this year, said Miriam White, a fair spokes-

woman.

White said new food vendors include a smoothie booth and a locally grown boiled peanuts booth.

Kurtis Lee, a 21-year-old UF mathematics senior, said that although he enjoyed the "Wild About Monkeys" show, he would probably not go next year.

"I only had fun because I was with friends," he said. "The fair felt pretty low quality, but the price is fair."

But Vassia Daskalakis, a 19-year-old UF accounting sophomore, said she would attend again.

"What I liked most is that it was cheap," she said. "I won two fish in a game, and they had tons of unhealthy food, like fried butter."

Daily specials include a student's day on Friday, on which students with a valid ID or ticket provided by the school will be admitted free between 2 and 5 p.m.



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Patrons walk in front of a Ferris wheel Monday evening at the Alachua County Fair, held at the Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3100 NE 39th Ave. The fair runs through Saturday.

Security cameras installed after residents prank Broward Hall

► UF HOUSING SAID NO GROUP DAMAGES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED TO ANY BROWARD FLOOR.

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It started with chanting through the halls, snowballed into a barricade of lounge furniture outside the resident assistant's

"We try to be the floor that goes down in history."

Tyler Drescher
UF business freshman

door and blew up when a sign stolen from the neighboring construction site became an accessory in the hall lounge.

"We try to be the floor that goes down in history," said Tyler Drescher, an 18-year-old business freshman and Broward East 2 resident. "We did nothing that would hurt anyone, just

fun and games."

But now the party has a chaperone. After a series of shenanigans, surveillance cameras appeared on the second floor of Broward East hall less than four weeks after classes began this semester.

UF Housing spokeswoman Sharon Blansett declined to comment on the pranks. She said no group damages have been assessed to any Broward floor this Fall and did not comment

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LinkedIn-Facebook hybrid job site for post-grads gains following

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For students whose post-graduate plans are pending, a new website is offering Gators a venue to market their skills for potential jobs.

Collegefeed.com, a new online social platform, is intended to serve as a personal career assistant for each student, said Sanjeev Agrawal, the founder and CEO of Colleg-

efeed.

Students create profiles on the Collegefeed website to promote their skills, connect with companies and learn how to market their abilities.

The platform has attracted tens of thousands of college students since it was launched nationally about four months ago, Agrawal said.

He said he created Collegefeed because

college students face a difficult situation other social platforms don't address.

"Students have a very unique set of needs, primarily because they don't have a lot of work experience and are not exposed to many companies," Agrawal said.

Students can show academic projects, internships and work samples on their profiles instead of focusing on job experience.

Collegefeed is intended to bridge the gap

between sites like Facebook and LinkedIn.

"It can be very intimidating for students to have themselves on the same list as people who have been in the business for years," he said.

Students often have trouble translating their academic experience and skills to the real world, Agrawal said.

Valerie Valcourt, a career ambassador at

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Torah on Tap

Come discuss what Judaism has to say about everyday topics. Join UF Hillel Wednesday from 8 to 9 p.m. on the back patio of Leonardo's by the Slice on University Avenue and 13th Street. Rabbi Swedroe will lead the discussion and provide pizza. Just bring money for the tip, and get ready to chat. For more information, check out the UF Hillel's calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal/ or email Rabbi Swedroe at RabbiSwedroe@ufhillel.org.

Free challah roll

Who wants to celebrate Shabbat a little early this week? Come meet Melissa from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday on Turlington Plaza to get a free challah roll to "chomp" on. Contact Melissa for more information at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Come Play Gaga

From 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flavet Field, come learn Israeli games like Gaga with UF Hillel. Free snacks and drinks will be provided. The event is open to all students. For more information contact Sam at samtblfan@gmail.com.

The Innocence Project

From 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Derrick Williams from the Innocence Project will be in the Hillel Multi Purpose Room in honor of Social Impact Week. The project works to exonerate victims who were wrongfully accused for crimes they did not commit. Williams will be speaking about his conviction in 1993 for sexual battery, where he spent 18 years in prison before the Innocence Project helped exonerate him in 2011. For more information, contact Rachael Cain at tzedek@ufhillel.org, or check out the UF Hillel calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal.

Starbucks with Hillel

Get your caffeine fix this Friday with UF Hillel. Come meet Melissa Kansky at Starbucks in the HUB from 1 to 3 p.m. to talk about resources UF Hillel has to offer. She will provide a tall drink of your choice. It's the perfect beginning to the weekend. For questions, contact UF Hillel's engagement associate, Melissa at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Gay Movie Night

Friday at 7:30 p.m.: "Heels": When Kevin Richards (Ricky Reidling) loses his third job in six months his girlfriend Teresa (Julie Ann Nill) gives

him one week to find another job or he will be finding a new girlfriend and a new place to live. Along the way Kevin finds out a lot about himself. Gay Movie Night is on the last Friday of every month and is a free service provided by the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida. A \$2 donation is requested. It is located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62, in the Liberty Center.

Cedar Key clam farming topic of Oct. 28 Science Cafe

Enjoy a lively discussion on clam farming in a comfortable atmosphere at "Farming the Sea: The Cedar Key Story" in the Florida Museum of Natural History's Science Cafe at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Led by Leslie Sturmer, statewide shellfish extension agent IV at UF, the cafe will be held at Blue Gill Quality Foods, 1310 SW 13th St. A limited menu is offered for participants. To help plan for these free programs, please RSVP at least one week in advance with your name and the number attending by emailing aerickson@flmnh.ufl.edu or calling Amanda Harvey at 352-273-2062.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Toastmasters meet Tuesdays

Talking Gators Toastmasters Club meets Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive. For more information, go to: talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators is also on Facebook. The club is open to everyone.

Mr. and Mr. Being Black, Gay and In Love

Today at 6 p.m. the Institute of Black Culture presents Nate Gay and Robert Brown, who will be speaking about their experiences as gay black men whose wedding video went viral and sparked controversy. They will discuss their experiences with African-Americans' attitudes toward the LGBTQ community and the acceptance of LGBTQ individuals in historically black Greek-lettered organizations. Keeping with the institute's October theme of "Love," "Mr. and Mr. Being Black, Gay and In Love" will aim to discuss love through the lens of homosexuality in the black community. For more information about the event, visit ibc.multicultural.ufl.edu or email Veas@multicultural.ufl.edu.

'Beautiful Boxer' showing

In honor of Gainesville Pride days, LGBT Affairs will be putting on a free screening of the movie "Beautiful Boxer" tonight at 8 p.m. The movie tells the chronicles of a transgender Thai boxer who is fighting for the chance to transition and live as a woman.

SWE general body meeting

There will be a general body meeting for the Society of Women Engineers at 6:15 p.m. today in Little Hall, Room 101. The Society of Women Engineers is an educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders.

Humans Versus Zombies (HvZ) Game

Test out your survival skills in UF's very own zombie apocalypse during the weeklong game of HvZ Battle zombies with Nerf guns as a human, or use stealth and agility as a zombie to feast on humans. The game is from Wednesday to Sunday, and the final rules meeting is tonight at 6:15 p.m. in the New Physics Building, Room 1001.

Recurso Presents: Florida Organic Growers

Interested in gardening, organic food, hunger issues, sustainability or looking for amazing internship opportunities? Come to the New Physics Building, Room A101, tonight at 6:30 p.m. Florida Organic Growers' community food project manager Travis Mitchell will speak about FOG's mission, projects and internship opportunities.

LOCAL

School board uses online survey to aid superintendent search

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The School Board of Alachua County has launched an online survey to help search for someone to replace the outgoing superintendent.

The board is using surveymonkey.com to allow residents to weigh in on the characteristics they hope to see in candidates that will be applying for the position.

The survey, set to remain open until Nov. 12, features 20 characteristics candidates might possess, ranging from educational expertise to the ability to work in a diverse setting.

The goal is to give the board an understanding of the kind of candidates residents want to see in the position, said Jackie Johnson, Alachua County Public Schools spokeswoman.

The replacement search began following former superintendent Dan Boyd's retirement announcement in mid-August.

"He had been working for around 44 years, so we anticipated it," Johnson said. "We knew that it would be sometime this year, and it was just a matter of when."

Johnson said the number of completed surveys thus far is unclear, but she said she hopes for a good turnout. The school board used the same technology when surveying residents

about the board's strategic planning process and received more than 500 responses, she said.

"I think people want to see someone in that position who is aware and experienced in dealing with the sort of challenges each school in the district is facing."

James Speer

Horizon Center principal

The board has scheduled three live forums to supplement the online survey. The forums are scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 29,

Nov. 7 and Nov. 12 at Hidden Oak Elementary School, Metcalfe Elementary School and Irby Elementary School respectively.

James Speer, principal of Horizon Center Alternative School, said survey responses may vary based on computer literacy of county residents. Residents who have this technology readily available are more likely to respond, while those who don't will hopefully attend the forums to provide input, he said.

"Regardless of background, I think people want to see someone in that position who is aware and experienced in dealing with the sort of challenges each school in the district is facing," Speer said.



Nathalie Dortonne / Alligator

Lovebirds

Pat and David Hooten, from Charlotte, N.C., watch for birds at Lake Alice Monday evening. The Gainesville landmark was listed in their guidebook for Florida bird trails.

Megabus slashes prices for holiday travel

► TICKET PRICES ARE AS LOW AS \$1.

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Megabus.com, an express bus travel company, recently announced tickets are available for holiday season travel with prices as low as \$1 per ticket.

Mike Alvich, vice president of marketing and public relations for megabus.com, said he anticipates a 20 percent increase in travelers this winter.

"Now is when you'll get the lowest fares," he said. "The popular dates sell out very quickly."

The bus line travels from Gainesville to Atlanta and Orlando.

Megabus.com works from a

yield management business model, Alvich said, which means it offers a certain number of seats for a low price, and when those sell out, the prices for seats will rise.

"We have low-price seats all the time," he said. "And as soon as they're sold out, then the fare automatically goes to the next level."

Alvich said booking now for future dates is wise.

Ishani Jetty, a 20-year-old UF microbiology student, said she thinks the lowered ticket prices could be a good opportunity for students even though they must book their tickets far in advance of their travel dates.

"I feel like it's good if you know what you're doing, and you can commit," she said. "If there's conflict, at most you lost a couple of bucks, but I still think it's a really good deal."

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Professors inducted into academy

Stars join them in group

MICHAELA BISIENERE
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Two UF professors were inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious societies and independent research centers.

Robert Dan Holt, who holds the Arthur R. Marshall, Jr. chair in ecological studies, and Michael Edward Moseley, distinguished professor of anthropology, attended the induction ceremony earlier this month in Cambridge, Mass.

Holt said he was taken by surprise when he found out he

was nominated in the Spring. "I was tickled," he said. "It came totally out of the blue. I had no idea this was cooking out there."

This year's inductees include actress Sally Field, filmmaker Ken Burns and jazz musician Herbie Hancock, according to a news release.

Inductees also included Nobel and Pulitzer Prize recipients and Grammy, Emmy, Tony and Academy Award winners.

"I was very pleased to be on the same list as the names of some of the other people who were elected to be fellows this year," Holt said.

Susan deFrance, anthro-

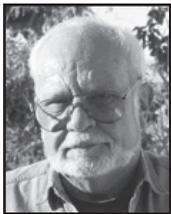
pology department chair and wife of Moseley, said she was excited Moseley was chosen to be a part of the Academy.

"This is such a diverse group of scholars," deFrance said. "It's a nice recognition of a lifetime's worth of work."

David Grove, Jerald Milanich and Maxine Margolis of the anthropology department were also inducted into the Academy in previous years, deFrance said.

Holt said other famous members of the Academy who he admired were Charles Darwin, Paul McCartney and the mathematician Leonhard Euler.

"You know, we don't do what we do because we're trying to get awards and honors like this," Holt said. "It's wonderful when it happens, but it's because we think what we do is interesting, we love our disciplines and we think it's important. We're delighted when somebody thinks we've made a contribution."



Moseley



Holt

LOCAL

'90s bowling fundraiser to benefit 2014 Dance Marathon

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Although the main 26.2-hour event isn't until April, fundraising for the 2014 Dance Marathon at UF has already begun.

The first community event will start at 6 p.m. tonight at Alley Gatorz Bowling Center at 2606 NE Waldo Road.

"We're having these events to make a difference in the lives of the families," said Jordan Robbins, the community events overall chair and 21-year-old UF public relations senior.

Celebrating the 20th year of Dance Marathon, a "'90s Strikes

"We're having these events to make a difference in the lives of the families."

Jordan Robbins

public relations senior

Back" theme was chosen to coincide with the idea of reminiscing. She is expecting about 75 teams. People will be able to decorate bowling ball cutouts and pins, which will be donated to the UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, Robbins said.

Another addition is "The Strike is Right Lane," where a person can donate \$1 to compete against a miracle child.

Awards include "Team *NSYNC," which goes to the most spirited team, and "Fresh Prince of Bowl-Air," which goes to the team with the best style.

Funds raised throughout the year through UF's Dance Marathon benefit UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, as it is the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, said Molly Vazquez, a 21-year-old UF public relations senior and public relations overall chair for Dance Marathon.

Nick Potts, a 19-year-old finance sophomore, said students are just "a small percentage of the people that support Dance Marathon."

CRC can help Gators

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the UF Career Resource Center, agrees with Agrawal and said many students don't understand how to market themselves.

She said students searching for jobs often focus too much on credentials.

"It's just as important to have qualifications as it is to be yourself," she said.

But Valcourt does not think UF students need a resource like Colledgefeed as much as other college students might. Many students already find career advice through the center.

"We're a very successful resource for career planning and career building," she said.

Amanda Marino, a 20-year-old UF biology junior, said she thinks Colledgefeed is a great idea but doesn't think she would use it herself.

Marino said she's more likely to find opportunities locally than by going online, but she thinks the site's convenience will likely make it popular.

"It's useful to have everything all in one place," she said.

Slip-and-slide, shuffleboard court still in the works

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if any other halls had security cameras.

Residents had been taking advantage of their newfound college freedom.

The "Eastside Boys," as the 15 pranksters dubbed themselves, tore door tags and posters to shreds. The hall fire extinguisher became a toy. Stapled thongs and used condoms embellished hall bulletin boards.

"We all got to know each other really fast and became boys," said Cory Hartstein, an 18-year-old political science freshman. "It's kind of dumb, but it's funny."

According to residents, their RA had enough.

During the second week of Fall 2013, a meeting was called with the residents of Broward East 2, their RA, a UF Housing staff member and two special guests: University Police officers.

UPD spokesman Maj. Brad Barber said no criminal incidents have been reported.

To dress for the occasion, residents conspired on a floor Facebook group page to turn the meeting into a black-tie affair. Before the meeting, 22 residents dressed up and posed for a picture outside of the dorm.

A week later, the cameras were installed, peering down at the entrances of the hallway.

Residents said no one has received disciplinary action, but some are required to write essays reflecting on their raucous behavior.

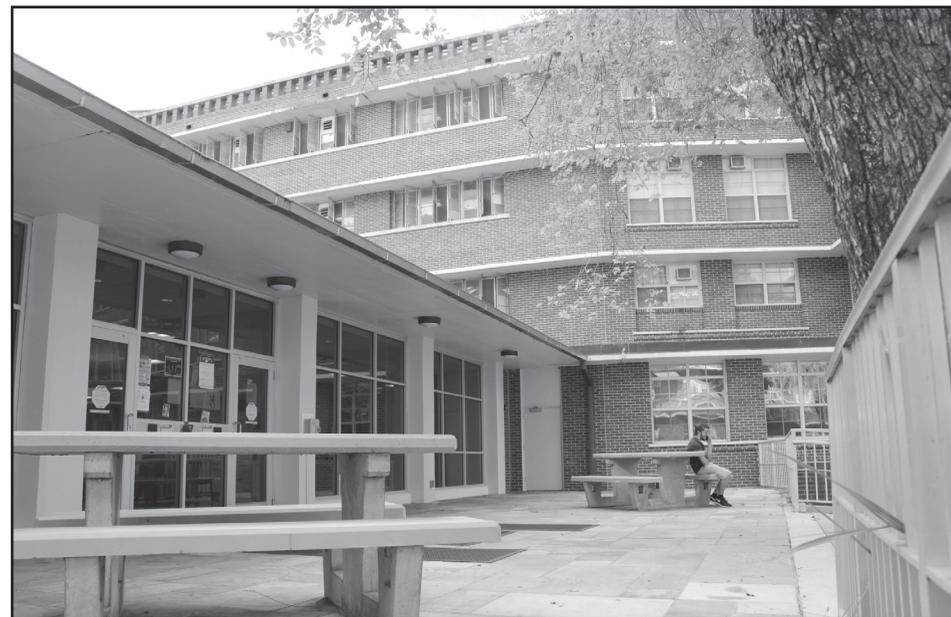
Marine science freshman Fabio Biondolillo, 18, had to write a two-page, single-space

essay for borrowing a lounge couch for a day, a punishment he deemed too long and unfair.

Recently, Broward East 2 has mellowed out since fraternity recruitment began in September, and residents even befriended their RA. The majority of pranksters are pledges, even though the "Eastside Boys" toyed with the idea of forming their own fraternity.

Health science freshman JP Hutchison, 18, said the floor has yet to see the end of the hijinks. He plans on converting the hall into a slip-and-slide and a shuffleboard court.

"I see it as more bonding on the floor, and I think it brings us together and helps enhance our college experience," he said. "Obviously we're bummed, but we're still gonna find ways to have a good time."



Nicole Gomez / Alligator

UF psychology freshman Albert Dima, 18, talks on the phone in front of Broward Hall, where he is a resident. A series of pranks were recently pulled in the residence hall and surveillance cameras were installed.

CAMPUS

Festival to showcase local plays

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The Florida Players is offering the chance to get a play produced at its annual New Works Festival.

The festival lets residents and students submit a play to be considered for production.

It is funded by Student Government.

"This year is looking really, really good," said artistic director Megan Wicks. "It's just an opportunity for new playwrights to get their work out there and to actually see it done."

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Megan Wicks

Florida Players artistic director

Two shows will be featured in this year's festival, which will take place on Nov. 22, 24 and 25.

The plays will be held on campus in the McGuire Pavilion Black Box Theatre.

The shows include "Change Provided," a play that takes place in a toll booth on Interstate 4 in Orlando.

The other play is "Mullier Ridiculum," which is a sketch comedy show.

Lauren Killer, publicist for Florida Players, said the advantage of the Florida Players is that it gives students a chance to get involved in theater.

The selection committee usually receives about 10 submissions, and it then chooses one to three shows to put on during the festival, Wicks said.

During intermission, attendees can watch staged readings featuring works that were not accepted for production, Wicks said.

She said one of the perks of being involved in Florida Players is the actors and actresses get the opportunity to be in the original cast of a play since most of the plays are being put on for the first time.

Wicks was a member of the original cast of "Iceland Play," which debuted at the festival last year.

The playwright is now in New York City trying to get the play produced for Broadway.

New cancer drug approved

► IT COULD REDUCE THE NEED FOR FULL MASTECTOMIES.

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Kristin Babik was 15 when she found out her mom had breast cancer.

Babik, now a 20-year-old UF psychology and criminology junior, said her mother's cancer was caught early. She survived but had a mastectomy.

Now, a drug called Perjeta recently approved for new use could diminish the need for full mastectomies.

Alan Shealy, a local pharmacist, said Perjeta turns off a protein called HER2 that makes cancer cells divide and grow faster.

"Before surgery, they can use this drug to shrink the tumor," Shealy said. "That means the breast can be saved a lot of times so that cancer patients don't have to have a full mastectomy."

Nearly 20 percent of breast cancers demonstrate increased amounts of

HER2, according to a Food and Drug Administration news release.

Babik said Perjeta sounds like a step forward.

"I think it's great as long as it's safe and no one's harmed in the trials of it," she said.

Paul Doering, professor emeritus in UF's College of Pharmacy, said Perjeta has been on the market since 2012 but was only approved late last month for use prior to surgery.

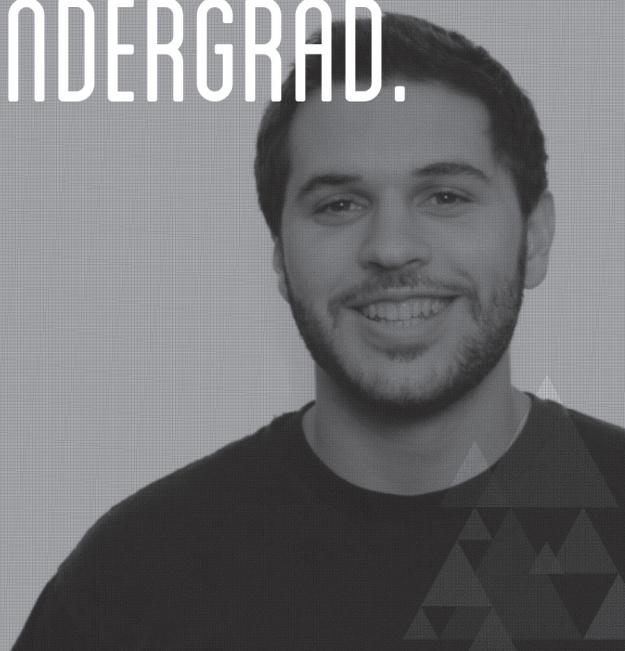
"The main study used to test this drug was so impressive that it would be considered unethical to not come up with a mechanism to make it widely available to patients," he said.

Doering said Perjeta is used with two other drugs, and the three-drug treatment costs between \$27,000 and \$49,000, depending on the duration of treatment time.

"It's hard to find silver linings in medicine, and this is something to shout about," Doering said. "It's not a cure, but it's definitely something to shout about."

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Editorial

Thanks, Obama: Glitches stall health care rollout

One day, our great-great-great grandchildren will laugh at our Dark-Ages digital technology — most likely while cruising around on jet packs and buying Google Glasses out of vending machines. They'll probably speak of the stalled healthcare.gov website the same way we speak of rotary telephones and dial-up Internet.

Because, let's be honest: It's ridiculous. Since its launch, healthcare.gov has experienced technical difficulties that have prevented Americans from signing up for the program that — aside from excessive and undue drone attacks and Michelle's arms/bangs/anti-obesity campaign — has come to define Barack Obama's presidency.

Yesterday, according to Reuters, Obama held a meeting at the White House Rose Garden with consumers, small business owners and pharmacists who have been affected by the new law to attempt damage control.

A White House official said Obama found the glitches "unacceptable" and plans to address the issue head-on. Reuters also reported the president and his team would bring in tech experts from both inside and outside the government to repair problems with the website — but it's unclear how long that will take.

In the meantime, White House administration officials are poised to travel the country and encourage people to sign up for health care. But if the website problems aren't resolved in time, the American people who support the Affordable Care Act may lose confidence in its ability to succeed — and opponents of Obamacare will have ammunition to criticize it further.

The whole ordeal calls into question the federal government's decision to rely on CGI Federal, a subsidiary of a Canadian firm called CGI Group, to orchestrate the creation of healthcare.gov. More details about the Canadian company have surfaced in the wake of Obamacare's technical woes, and they're not pretty.

"Experience in similar types of projects is very important in getting federal contracts," according to the Washington Post. "CGI had done work in the health care arena, and not all of it good: Its performance on Ontario, Canada's health-care medical registry for diabetes sufferers was so poor that officials ditched the \$46.2 million contract after three years of missed deadlines."

CGI isn't wholly responsible, though, the Post reported. A number of issues may have contributed to the rocky rollout: Not enough funding, hastily written code and the entire federal procurement apparatus, which makes it harder for smaller IT companies to bid on federal government jobs.

On the surface, the healthcare.gov problems may seem like a simple technical hiccup. This is not the case, though: Many internal, back-end issues are hindering the success of the program. It's a shame, too — we want Obamacare to work, we really do. But if the technical issues aren't resolved swiftly, even supporters of health care will have a hard time justifying a system that's so broken.

Reader response

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Column

Tea Party strategy flawed, substance OK

With the government shutdown behind us, the media is declaring winners and losers. No matter what poll or TV station you turn to, there always seems to be universal disapproval for the House Tea Party Caucus.

Though passionate and fearless, Tea Party politicians lack a clear vision of how to reach their goals. It seems as though their only approach to an issue or specific policy is to attack it head-on unilaterally, regardless of any political ramifications.

The main reason the Tea Party base is so unhappy is because Washington has not embraced a true center-right policy change in decades. Even during the golden age of the Reagan Administration, America experienced rising debt, a continuation of entitlement programs and tax increases. During the Bush years, the government continued to explode with more departments and bureaucracy. The Tea Party base has credible reasons to be unhappy.

But instead of having a comprehensive plan of action and general legislative approach to deal with policy issues, Tea Party politicians simply throw themselves into a fight with no vision of an endgame other than the belief that they should win. Most of these politicians were elected to enact change immediately and refuse to compromise. However, our system of government requires our branches to work with each other slowly to reach legislative solutions.

And most of the policy issues the group brings up are pressing issues. The debt America continues to pile on will continue to negatively affect the nation for years to come. Entitlements are hopelessly mismanaged and costing us more and more every day. And having an inefficient government that continues to grow is not a good thing. There is not necessarily a problem with Tea Party substance; the problem is with the Tea Party strategy.

As we have seen, the government cannot be run from a minority of the minority party. But if you want to become a majority party, you can't pull off stunts like a faux-



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filibuster and a shutdown of the government. With the 2014 mid-term elections in sight, the Republican Party should be assessing what it did wrong in the past and working to gain a majority in the Senate.

In addition to this, an insane strategy from the Tea Party base is comparing how conservative

Republican politicians are. Great Republican politicians like New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) — Republicans who are serving in blue and purple states — should not be subjected to questions about their conservativeness. Unlike failed Tea Party candidates such as Richard Mourdock and Todd Akin, Christie and Toomey are in office, governing from the right and, most importantly, winning elections. The base should realize that instead of getting our own incumbent Republican politicians out of office, we should be getting the Democratic politicians out.

It is interesting to also point out that though the Republican Party is viewed unfavorably nationally, on a state-level the party is viewed favorably.

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal are the true standard-bearers for the GOP. They are governing effectively from a center-right position and have Democrats giving them positive approval ratings. No faux-filibuster or state government shutdown needed. A few bad apples seem to be giving the Republican Party a bad name.

With budget and immigration fights on the horizon, all eyes will be on the Tea Party to see if they have learned anything from the shutdown fight. I, for one, hope they have.

Michael Beato is a UF economics sophomore. His column runs on Tuesdays.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Column

'Created Equal' makes some women feel less than equal

If you had to make the unfortunate trek through Turlington Plaza last week, chances are you caught an eyeful of the Created Equal movement's aborted fetus posters and stand-ups lining the walkways. The "graphic images ahead" signs weren't quite emphatic enough to prepare us for what was there.

Yes, Turlington Plaza is a free speech zone. Neither the university nor anyone else can regulate the content or media expressions of those who assemble there. They may only regulate the time, place and manner. However, none of that means a visual shock-and-awe is in an appropriate or effective method of expressing a belief.

When I entered Turlington Plaza last Tuesday, I wasn't angry with the Created Equal members. I admire their conviction, and they must be courageous to submit themselves to the hostility of passersby. I wasn't even angry at the images, though I believe them to be sensationalized. I was angry for every lady Gator who has had an abortion, willingly or not. I was angry for any woman

considering one at the time she walked to class Tuesday only to be ambushed by everything she didn't need to see.

This has nothing to do with being pro-choice, pro-life or pro-anything. Regardless of anyone's beliefs about abortion — and we all have an opinion there — does anyone feel it is acceptable to make students with abortion experiences feel uncomfortable on their own campus? No matter what the message, presentation is everything. In my opinion, a less-hostile open dialogue would be a more productive model of outreach. There must be another viable medium that doesn't feel like an ambush. If I were considering abortion, or simply on the fence about my beliefs, these seemingly extremist people are not the ones I would consult.

Created Equal executive director Mark Harrington says his platform targets "the mushy middle," people who have no strong stance at either end of the abortion debate



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spectrum.

I don't believe such an audience exists on a university campus. If you do exist, on-the-fence folks, here's my message to you: engage in civil, fact-based conversations with multiple people from both sides of the issue. Sharing beliefs and creating an open dialogue

about social issues is a fundamental aspect of university life. One beauty of our campus is that it fosters constant exposure to new belief systems. No one here is naive enough to want protection from opposing views. I imagine we all value them greatly. But this sideshow? It's all a sensational stunt, an exhibition of the outlandish that serves only to needle young women into feeling guilty.

To the members of Created Equal, thank you for voicing your beliefs and exercising your right to free speech. However, is it too much to ask that women with abortion history or those considering it presently have a peaceful walk across their campus without

being confronted by grisly photos of fetuses on coins? Is there not enough humanity in your movement to recognize the benefits of a different approach? Judging from the pamphlets that were available at the exhibit, I know you have other media at your disposal.

Regardless of my abortion views — which have probably become apparent anyway — it's important to note these images are not from the typical procedure. Traveling pro-life groups are notorious for using photos of late-term abortions carried out for emergency reasons. Those interested should visit thisismyabortion.com for a glimpse of reality.

To the girls this has affected negatively, those with past abortions or those considering them when they saw the posters, I'm so sorry.

Everyone I talked to that day had you in their thoughts, regardless of their personal beliefs.

Katie McPherson is a UF English junior. Her column runs on Tuesdays.

Letters to the Editor

Better resources for cyclists

I recently became an avid biker after a church friend gave me a bike. I used to bike everywhere on campus and in town when I was a University of Florida student in the 1970s. Some streets around town don't even have a bike lane.

Bicyclists are forced to use the sidewalk, which should be reserved for pedestrians. Sometimes if we have to use the sidewalk, there are tree branches blocking our path and debris all over the sidewalk.

The city and property owners have mutual responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear for safe public use.

Also, bikers and motorists need to be aware of each other and coexist better, for everyone's safety.

Finally, I ask the city to please check the operation of the buttons designed to give bikers and pedestrians safe crossing of streets. Sometimes I wait five minutes to cross a street. Thank you to RTS for providing bike racks on its buses.

Bruce Frendahl
Gainesville resident

Michael Beato's columns

I just would like to say great job for having Michael Beato write a weekly column for the Alligator.

Despite the fact that I do not agree with him on every issue, I appreciate having a sane, level-headed, conservative-minded voice on the opinions section.

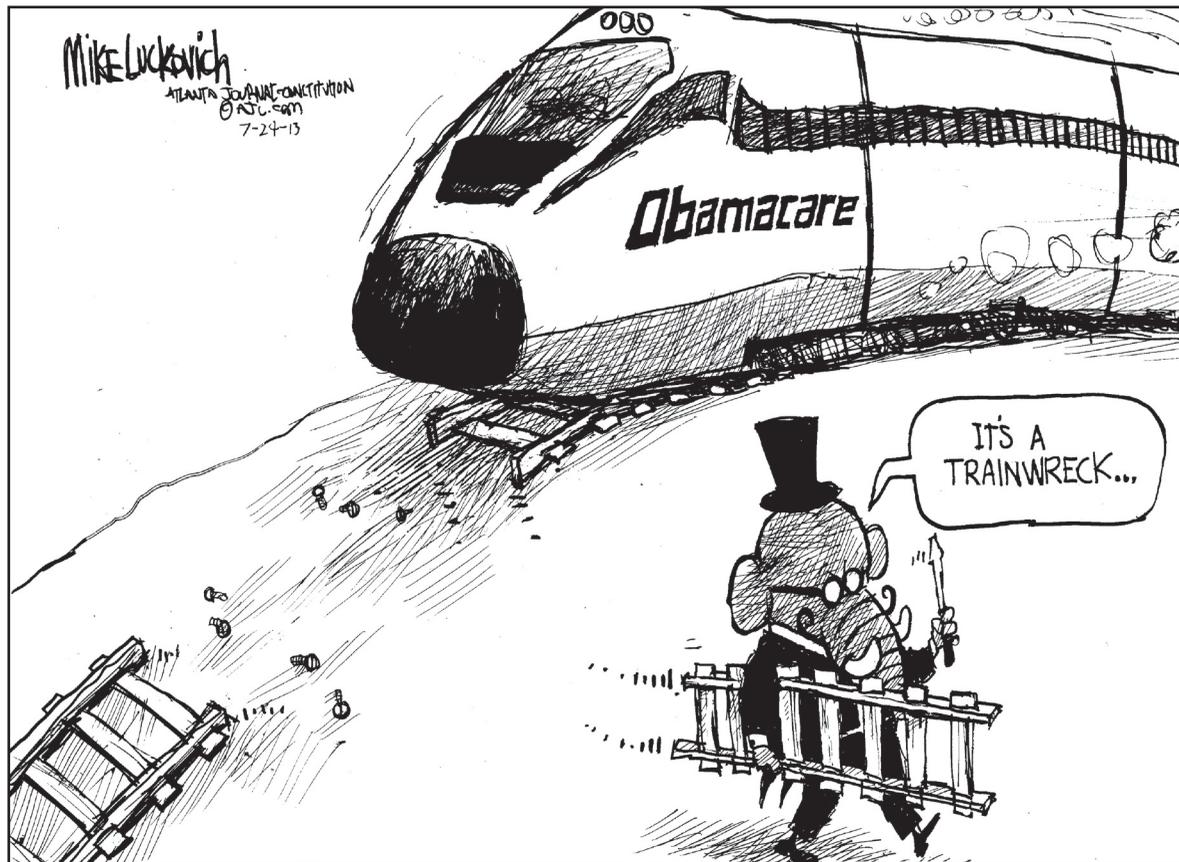
Even though the readership is pretty liberal, I think he caters his writings to that particular group, and he explains his point of view well.

Though he is right of center, I have not heard him talk about the birther movement, legitimate rape or any other outlandish Republican views — and for that I am truly thankful.

He is by far better than your conservative columnist last year. The differences are quite evident.

I highly encourage you to keep him on your paper because there are not many like him.

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Pumpkin spice maybe not so nice: Fall products invade stores

ELIZABETH BOONE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Pumpkin pie, pumpkin yogurt, pumpkin body butter: It's a pumpkin party in Gainesville.

From pumpkin spice seasoning to actual fresh pumpkins, shoppers have an array of items to choose from starring the great gourd at stores like Trader Joe's.

But some UF students might have already had enough.

UF industrial engineering junior Lauren Neely, 20, certainly has.

"Everything is pumpkin-flavored now," Neely said.

Neely said she first noticed the fall flavor at Starbucks, which she liked, but soon McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts had it, too.

She said she specifically noticed the power of the pumpkin in the Trader Joe's newsletter, which included numerous pumpkin recipes in the publication.

"It's too in-your-face," Neely said.

Others disagree.

For example, a manager at Trader Joe's in Butler Plaza said some local customers are ordering pumpkin products by the case.

UF telecommunication senior Jeanie Fletcher, 21, said she thinks the scent and food helps people get into the fall spirit.

Still, she won't be rushing over to Trader Joe's.

"I've never been a huge holiday person," Fletcher said.

"It's the go-to theme."

Courtney Crosby

UF animal science freshman

But UF animal science freshman Courtney Crosby, 18, said she is OK with the pumpkin craze.

"It's expected for pumpkins to come out in the fall," Crosby said. "It's the go-to theme."

Although she's not the biggest pumpkin fan, Crosby said she still likes the scent of pumpkin.

"It makes it feel like fall," Crosby said.



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Pumpkin spice flavored groceries sit on the shelves of Trader Joe's in Butler Plaza on Monday. The store has embraced the season and is currently selling many pumpkin-flavored ingredients and food products.

Study: Yoga betters brains

► PARTICIPANTS PERFORMED BETTER ON COGNITIVE TESTS AFTER DOING YOGA.

CLAIRE BOUGH

Alligator Contributing Writer

Yoga provides more immediate cognitive benefits than aerobic exercise, which has a delayed effect, according to a recent study.

"Despite an increase in the prevalence of yoga exercise, research focusing on the relationship between yoga exercise and cognition is limited," the study's authors wrote.

In the study, 30 female undergraduate students completed three cognitive tests during three visits.

Before the first test, they did not perform any exercise. Before the second test, they completed 20 minutes of Hatha

yoga, and before the third, they completed 20 minutes of aerobic exercise.

After exercising, the participants completed simple tests on a computer screen that measured memory among other factors. The participants performed significantly better on the cognitive tests after yoga in comparison to aerobic and baseline assessments, said Neha Gothe, one of the study's authors.

May Ko, a 24-year-old first-year doctor of nursing practice student at UF, has realized the long-term benefits of yoga.

"I have more energy, and I feel better health-wise overall," she said. "My posture is better. I am generally happier."

The study suggests it may be beneficial to practice yoga directly before a task where brainpower is needed.

"Yoga is a mind-body activity, and clearly there is something about its practice that leads to better cognition and thinking immediately after its practice," Gothe said.

CAMPUS

BSU plans lip-synch competition

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UF's Black Student Union is preparing to hold a new competition on campus where students can lip-synch their hearts out.

UF's first campus-wide lip-synch competition, "The Vegas Decade Showdown," is hosted by the union and slated for Oct. 28 in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

The winner of each category will receive a trophy, and the overall winner will be awarded a \$100 cash prize, said Janna Gilstrap, a 20-year-old UF telecommunication junior and BSU member.

The competition will be separated into four categories: Greek, individual, organization and group, Gilstrap said.

The teams will be given an '80s, '90s or 2000s music category. Each team must create a routine to a song from the decade.

About 20 teams have applied to participate in the show, Gilstrap said.

The competition will be judged by UF fac-

ulty and staff members including the Institute of Black Culture director Vee Smith.

Performances will be judged based on creativity, originality, appearance and crowd appeal, Gilstrap said.

"You don't have to know how to sing or dance. You just need to know how to have a good time."

Jah'tia Haynes

UF public relations junior

BSU is also encouraging audience members to wear an outfit that represents their favorite decade. The person with the best outfit will be awarded a prize.

Jah'tia Haynes, the special events director, said she expects the ballroom to be so full that they will have to stream the show in smaller surrounding rooms.

"You don't have to know how to sing or dance," the 20-year-old UF public relations junior said. "You just need to know how to have a good time."

Two-fifths of the world will be online by end of 2013, report says

► ABOUT 2.7 BILLION PEOPLE WILL HAVE ONLINE ACCESS.

MARIA LLORENS

Alligator Contributing Writer

For 40 percent of the world this year, the Internet could be a source of information, time-killing cat videos and a constant stream of Miley Cyrus tweets.

A recent United Nations report projects that by the end of the year, about 2.7 billion people will have online access.

However, many countries in Africa and Asia remain underrepresented in Internet use.

"The Internet should become a

norm, not a luxury," said UF senior Ronald Quan.

Quan, the 22-year-old vice president of the UF chapter of Association for Computing Machinery, said the Internet contains everything a person needs except for human contact.

But Dhanashree Thorat, a UF English graduate student who researches inequality in new media, said this isn't the case. Lack of access to computers, software and an Internet connection creates a gap in the kind of knowledge found on the Internet, she said.

"Wikipedia articles on non-Western topics are sometimes underdeveloped or non-existent," Thorat said.

Sophia Acord, associate director of the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, said she questions the ability of the Internet to connect people globally when social biases still exist.

"People go on the Internet to find people who think like them," she said.

This isolation has a variety of effects, she said, like making it difficult for political systems — especially democracy — to work efficiently.

Still, Acord said, the Internet has been helpful in certain cases. It allows immigrants and political activists to connect to each other and express their ideas.

In places like India and sub-Saharan Africa, she said, the cell-phone is more significant to daily life than the Internet. Networks of communication have developed more around texting than tweeting.

"Do you need the Internet there? Sure," Acord said. "Have they been waiting for it? No."

Thorat said she recommends people in more Internet-dependent groups, like college students, become more socially aware online, where information can be biased. Students, she said, should recognize that technology is shaped by the culture that creates it.

"The Internet is not a utopian space," she said.

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- 9) Live
- 10) Twitter

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Florida to examine voter rolls more closely

► THE PLAN WILL BAR NONCITIZENS FROM VOTER ROLLS.

HANNAH MORSE

Alligator Contributing Writer

The state government is adding a new system for cross-checking voter rolls, and Alachua County is moving toward implementing it.

Ken Detzner, a Republican and Florida's Secretary of State, recently completed his five-city tour around Florida, aiming to educate about an improved plan to bar noncitizens from state voter rolls, which are lists of registered voters in an area.

"It's important that we continue to do file updates and keep them clean."

Pam Carpenter

Alachua County
Supervisor of Elections

Formerly, Florida used the driver's license database from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to determine whether someone was a citizen and therefore eligible to vote.

This database only changes when someone makes a transaction directly with the department, which could be once every four years for license renewal, said Pam Carpenter, the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections.

Last year, the DMV database excluded war veterans in the rolls, The New York Times

reported.

Florida will also be using the SAVE Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to compare databases and determine if someone is eligible to vote, Carpenter said.

SAVE, short for Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, was created to ensure immigrants were receiving their entitled benefits. Now, it will also prevent them from voting illegally.

Carpenter said she sees how the change is an improvement but said she knows it isn't foolproof.

"The question is that how quickly is that information going to be up there, and how is that going to affect new citizens," she said. "We want to make sure the list that we get from the state or the documentation we get from the state is credible and reliable."

UF political science professor Richard Scher said he doesn't agree with keeping noncitizens from voter rolls.

"In the long history of this country, noncitizens could vote. That all changed in the 1920s," he said.

He said that today some U.S. cities, including Chicago, allow noncitizens to vote in local elections.

Carpenter said the new process is about respecting existing federal laws.

"The bottom line is you need to be a U.S. citizen," she said. "So it's important that we continue to do file updates and keep them clean."

CAMPUS

One Less Car Day rolls into UF again

CHERI BAILEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Another one rides the bus.

In an effort to reduce carbon emissions, the UF Office of Sustainability asks students, faculty and staff to use alternative forms of transportation on Wednesday for One Less Car Day.

"We'll be on the Plaza of the Americas from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. with information and some fun activities and things for people," said Laurel Nesbit, program manager for the Office of Sustainability.

Since 2008, about 5,000 people have signed up for One Less Car Day, she said.

Samantha Blanco, a 19-year-old UF computer science sophomore, said she does not have a car and getting to campus is not a problem.

"I just take the bus anywhere I need to go," she said. "I have like six to choose from."

Nesbit said the Office of Sustainability spent about

\$5,000 on the campaign this year.

UF has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2025, Nesbit said. Transportation accounts for 11 percent of the carbon footprint on campus.

"One Less Car Day is a way for students, faculty and staff to really take action to reduce their own carbon footprint on campus and on the planet," she said.

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Gators struggle to stop run in back-to-back losses

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Through five games, no opponent could run effectively against Florida.

The Gators kicked off in Baton Rouge, La., on Oct. 12 with the nation's second-ranked rush defense. Toledo, Miami, Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas averaged only 65 yards per game on the ground against Florida.

But stopping Tigers from running has proven problematic for the Gators, who gave up 380 rushing yards on 76 carries in back-to-back losses to LSU and Missouri.

"We need to play better defensively," coach Will Muschamp said.

"We need to play the run better, take more pride in our performance and how we're playing on the field. That falls on me. We're going to work and we're going to get it done."

Each Tigers team had a rusher eclipse the 100-yard mark in the ground game against Florida's defense.

LSU's Jeremy Hill and Mizzou's Henry Josey ran for 121 and 136 yards, respectively.

"We need to play the run better, take more pride in our performance and how we're playing on the field. That falls on me. We're gonna work and we're gonna get it done."

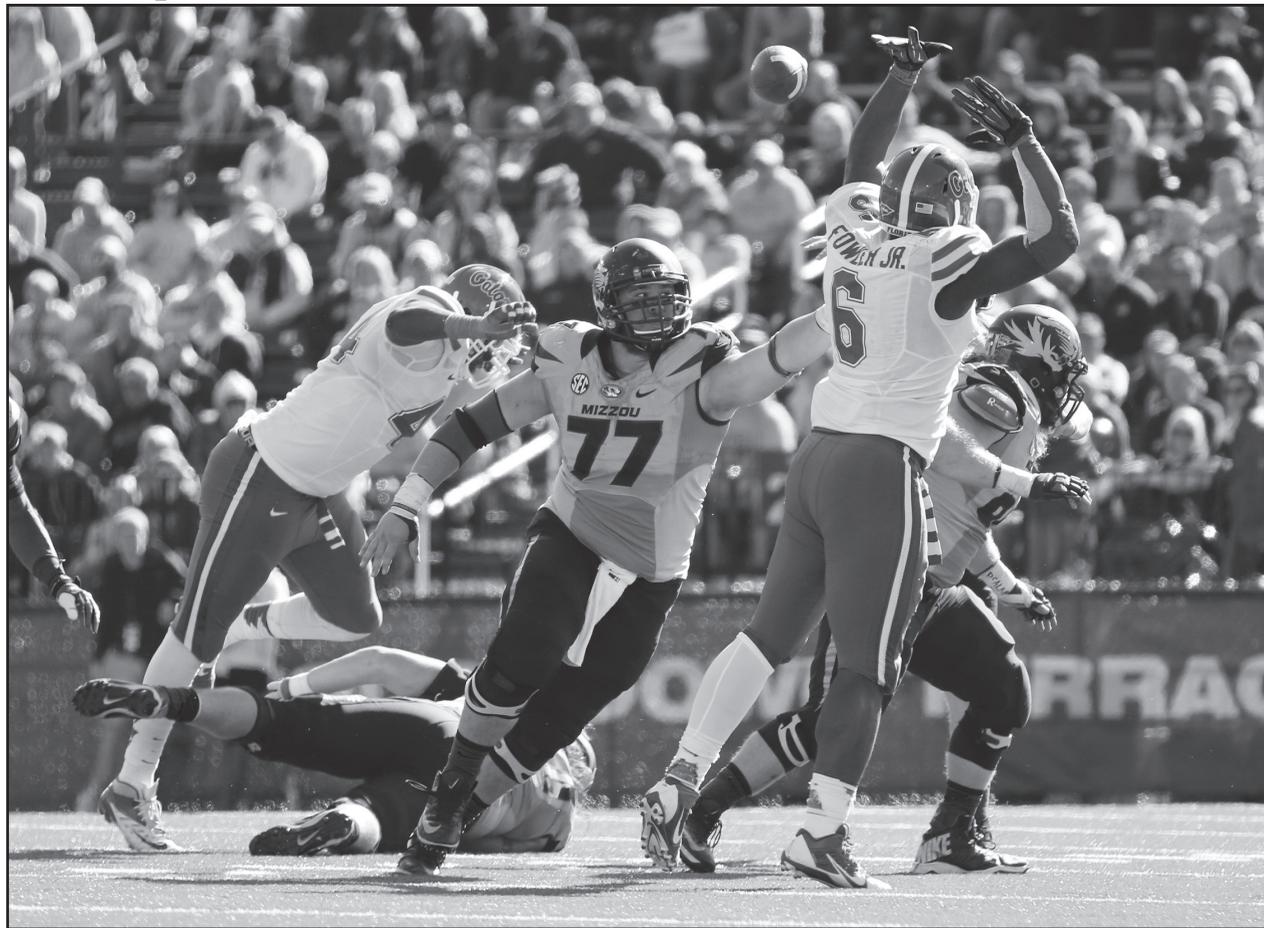
Will Muschamp

UF coach

Georgia's Todd Gurley was the lone opponent to rush for more than 100 yards against Florida last season, doing so during the Bulldogs' 17-9 victory.

Problems against Missouri stemmed from the absence of defensive tackles Dominique Easley (torn ACL) and Damien Jacobs, who did not play on Saturday due to lingering effects

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Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Dante Fowler Jr. (6) attempts to block a pass during Florida's 36-17 loss to Missouri on Saturday at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. Tigers quarterback Maty Mauk threw for a career-high 295 yards during the game to help Missouri accumulate 500 yards of total offense — the most UF has allowed under coach Will Muschamp.

SOCCER

Senior widening playing field for Florida offense

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Taylor Travis epitomizes how the Gators want to play this season.

The senior outside back usually comes off the bench, but when she steps onto the field, she lets her feet do the work.

Statistics do not show the full story of what Travis did in her 65 minutes of action on Friday and Sunday. She was quick to challenge any opponent who went to attack the ball on the flank.

Travis was swift on her feet against a physical LSU team on Sunday, making sure to defend against players

threatening Florida's possession.

With how productive she has been on the field, it would be hard to tell she has been banged up this year.

"She's battled these little crazy injuries all season," coach Becky Burleigh said, "and it's hard for her to have consistent playing time because of that."

"She's starting to get more and more healthy. You'll see her role continue to grow as long as she's consistent, and she's proven that so far in the last couple of games."

Travis and the Gators finished a successful weekend because of their

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AS STEIN ON TV

Taylor should be UF's starter

After Florida defeated Toledo 24-6 on Mack Brown's shoulders, the Alligator ran the headline: "What Can Brown Do For You?"

Since then, the answer has been, "not much."

Brown has sputtered, and in the meantime, freshman Kelvin Taylor has excelled.

It's time for coach Will Muschamp and offensive coordinator Brent Pease to end the Mack Brown experiment and start Taylor.

Taylor made his best case for the starting job on Saturday against Missouri.

The Tigers defense shut down every other facet of the Gators' offense. Taylor was the lone exception.

The true freshman, playing in the fifth game of his career in front of a hostile crowd, notched 74 yards on 12 carries.

Meanwhile, Brown ran for 19 yards on eight rushes for a meager 2.4 yards per carry.

Taylor has excelled every time he has been given a chance to succeed.



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When Taylor entered the game against Toledo — to rapturous applause fitting of a Heisman winner, not a freshman — he pounded the ball for 43 yards on five carries. He averaged four more yards per rush than Brown, who had a superb game.

Taylor barely saw the field for the rest of September.

Florida stuck with Brown and starting sophomore Matt Jones despite their mediocre performances against Miami and Tennessee; Taylor got one carry for 3 yards.

Jones looked like he would establish his hold on the position after a stellar game against Kentucky, rushing for 176 yards and a score, but he suffered season-ending torn meniscus early in the game against

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UF volleyball's offense struggled to gain any momentum against Missouri. *Read the story on page 14.*

Poll Results

Where do you think the Gators will be ranked to finish the season?

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UF midfielder honored

The Southeastern Conference named Lauren Smith the SEC Defensive Player of the Week Monday. Smith scored twice against Kentucky on Friday.

Florida offense sputters in first SEC loss

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The Gators were riding high following nine straight sweeps and 13 consecutive wins entering the weekend.

Both streaks came to a halt as Florida's offense struggled.

No. 18 Missouri, one of two undefeated teams in the nation, defeated No. 2 Florida in four sets, declaring that the Southeastern Conference is still up for grabs.

"Sunday's match was a terrific environment for volleyball," coach Mary Wise said.

"They had a great crowd, and this Missouri team, with all of the experience they returned last year and their young players, played terrific against us.

"It was a high-level volleyball match. Those first three sets couldn't get any closer. I just felt that Missouri made a few more plays and they were the better team."

Florida's performance during the weekend — which also included a four-set win against Arkansas — was uncharacteristic of the way the team has played the entire season.

Heading into the road matches, Florida ranked second in the nation in both hitting percentage at (.336) and kills per set at (15.17).

But that offense all but disappeared when UF visited Fayetteville, Ark., and Columbia, Mo. In Friday's match against the Razorbacks, the Gators hit just .237.

Sunday's outing was much of the same as Florida only hit .237, and Missouri recorded 9.5 blocks.

"We've always said you learn more from a loss than you do from a win," Wise said. "All credit has to go to how well Missouri played."

The players who have carried the team offensively for much of the season were a virtual no-show during the weekend.

Outside hitter Gabby Mallette has been one of UF's most consistent players this season, but the sophomore hit just .192 against Arkansas and .059 against Missouri.

UF Volleyball

The same can be said for senior middle blocker Chloe Mann.

Mann has been unstoppable in almost every match, but she also failed to get anything going, hitting just .231 against the Tigers.

Despite the strong play the Gators have had from their young players, the key to pushing them over the edge will be if sophomore outside hitter Ziva Recek can return to the level of play she showed during her freshman year.

Recek has failed to make much of an impact so far this season.

She was second on the team in kills with 15 against Missouri but was second worst in hitting percentage with a .120 clip on 50 attempts.

Florida (18-2, 7-1 SEC), which entered the weekend undefeated in conference play, is now one game behind Missouri (23-0, 7-0) in the loss column with 10 matches remaining during regular season play.



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Gabby Mallette blocks a ball during UF's win against Texas A&M on Oct. 4 in the O'Connell Center.

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Three ranked SEC teams upset by unranked opponents

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from a head injury he suffered during a pile-up at the goal line against LSU.

The same issues on the line of scrimmage that plagued the Gators in Baton Rouge carried over to Columbia, Mo. Twenty of Mizzou's 37 rush attempts gained 5 yards or more.

The dagger was a 50-yard carry by Josey late in the third quarter with the Tigers leading 23-17. The play sparked a run of 13 straight points that helped Missouri ice the game.

"Can't give up big plays," Buck linebacker Dante Fowler Jr. said.

"We gave up a lot of big plays. That hurt us. Our job is to get them off the field with three-and-outs and things



Muschamp

like that. We can't give up big plays like that."

Sloppy Saturday: Despite the ugliness of Florida's 36-17 loss to Missouri, Saturday could have been worse for the Gators. Five ranked teams lost to unranked opponents during a weekend of upsets.

Florida's next opponent, injury-ravaged Georgia, fell from No. 15 to out of the top 25 after a 31-27 loss to Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. The Bulldogs blew a 13-point lead, fumbling on back-to-back possessions in the fourth quarter and allowing the Commodores to score 17 unanswered points in the game's final 15 minutes.

UCF was on the right side of another upset, toppling then-eighth-ranked Louisville 38-35 in Louisville, Ky., on

Friday night. Knights quarterback Blake Bortles threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Godfrey with 23 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter for the game-winning score.

Two more upsets occurred in the Southeastern Conference when formerly 11th-ranked South Carolina fell to Tennessee 23-21, and then-No. 6 LSU lost to Ole Miss 27-24.

The Volunteers defeated the Gamecocks with a 19-yard field goal as time expired, ending Tennessee's 19-game losing streak against ranked opponents.

The game also marked the first Saturday since Oct. 9, 2004, that UF, UGA and USC all lost.

Formerly 20th-ranked Washington capped a wild day by falling to unranked Arizona State 53-24. The Sun Devils dominated the ground game, rushing for 314 yards compared to the Huskies' minus-5.

Florida outside backs contributing offensively

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fundamental play.

After going into the week-end with a 4-2 Southeastern Conference record, Florida clawed its way back to a prime position in the league with 3-0 sweeps against Kentucky and LSU.

Holding the league fore-runners to a combined 10 shots was due in large part to Florida's depth in defensive roles.

Burleigh switched out multiple players in the outside back roles throughout Sunday's matchup against LSU at James G. Pressly Stadium, with all making effort to break down LSU's defense.

"If we play quickly and we execute, it's hard to defend, because no defender moves faster than the ball," Burleigh said. "We just kind of have to keep that trend going and make sure we work on the hustle stats that are 50/50 balls and defending things like set pieces."

Florida's risky strategy of sending outside backs forward in the attack has paid off so far.

Against Kentucky on Friday, Florida scored all three goals while utilizing the flanks.

Outside back Claire Falknor ran up the near side and found junior midfielder Havana Solaun near the corner. Falknor made the pass, and Solaun made a cross into the box that found Lauren Smith's right foot. She took the shot for Florida's first goal of the night.

Solaun then transferred

to the far flank in the second half to find Smith again in prime scoring position en route to Florida's final goal of the game.

Outside back Lauren Silver helped Florida grab a cushion lead before halftime and quickly ran up the far flank to make a cross to freshman midfielder Liz Slattery.

The freshman took the shot from 21 yards out to get the 2-0 lead over the Wildcats.

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Burleigh said going back to the one-two-touch style the team is comfortable with helped with the wins.

"Our team takes a lot of pride in the way that we play, and they also take a lot of pride in being a close team," Burleigh said.

"We want to see what that looks like on the field, and we're starting to see some of that."

Florida's weekend shut-outs improve its conference record to 6-2, tying with Kentucky for second in the league.

"We expect to get better every game," Burleigh said. "We're either getting better or getting worse, and right now we're getting better."

Taylor led Gators tailbacks in yards per carry each of previous two games

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LSU on Oct. 12.

Taylor looked better against the LSU defense than either Jones or Brown, rushing for 5.2 yards per carry versus a defense that limited UF to six points.

Taylor is simply the Gators' best running back. At this point, the argument is settled.

Since Brown's solid season-opening performance, the redshirt junior has averaged 3.3 yards per rush. That just does not cut it for a team whose offense is based around pounding the football.

Florida needs a running back who can make plays like the one Taylor made against Missouri.

While the Tigers stifled Brown, the freshman managed to find the end zone and score the Gators' sole offensive touchdown of the game.

It was also Florida's longest play of the afternoon.

The Gators cannot keep plowing forward with the same rushing attack. If Florida's offensive line keeps

failing to protect quarterback Tyler Murphy, then UF needs a running back who can get past the line.

Taylor is the Gators' only player who can consistently be a threat out of the backfield. If defenses see Brown lining up, they can play people back to guard the pass without worrying about Brown breaking off a big run.

He has not shown he can do that against a Southeastern Conference defense. Taylor has.

He averaged 5.7 yards per carry against the No. 3 and No. 8 rush defenses in the conference. Opposing defenses have to respect him.

Muschamp has been saying since fall camp that Taylor is great at running the ball, even if he was substandard at other aspects of the position.

Right now, Florida needs a playmaker more than it needs a blocker or receiver in the backfield — although it needs those, too.

If UF's season has any chance of being salvaged, the Gators need someone to step up.

It's time to free Kelvin.



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Kelvin Taylor (21) runs the football during Florida's 36-17 loss to Missouri on Saturday at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. Taylor, a freshman running back, gained 74 rushing yards and scored the first touchdown of his college career on 12 attempts against the unbeaten Tigers.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Tight end scores in Redskins' victory

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With Week 7 of the NFL season in the books, here are a few former Gators who made the most tangible impact for their respective teams.

Jordan Reed, tight end: During the Washington Redskins' 45-41 victory against the Chicago Bears, Reed made Gators fans long even more for their starting tight end from a year ago.

A third-round selection in the 2013 NFL Draft, Reed caught a career-high nine passes from Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III for 134 receiving yards and the second touchdown of his career. His score — a 3-yard reception — put the Redskins ahead 24-17 with 27 seconds remaining in the first half.

The 6-foot-2 tight end's longest reception was a 38-yard gain on the third offensive play of the game.

Reed won the battle against Chicago's linebacker core, which features Jon Bostic — Reed's teammate last season at Florida.

Bostic tied for a team-best eight tackles with five other Bears, but he could not stop Reed from shredding the Bears' pass defense.

Riley Cooper, wide receiver: A game after a 120-yard performance that saw him score his first touchdown of 2013, Cooper notched a team-high 88 yards Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys. He caught six passes on seven targets.

Cooper's 26-yard recep-

tion from quarterback Matt Barkley late in the fourth quarter was the longest by an Eagle all afternoon.

Unfortunately for Cooper, his performance was not enough to lift Philadelphia, which fell 17-3 to Dallas at home on Sunday.

Notes: During the second quarter of the Miami Dolphins' 23-21 home loss to the Buffalo Bills, Dolphins rookie kicker Caleb Sturgis missed a 51-yard field goal attempt that hit the right upright of the goalpost.

The miss was only his sec-

ond this season.

Also during the loss, Dolphins rookie linebacker Jelani Jenkins stirred up controversy when he drilled Bills quarterback Thad Lewis on a near helmet-to-helmet hit after a completed pass on third and 11.

Jenkins was flagged for 15 yards for roughing the passer.

In the New York Jets' overtime win against the New England Patriots, Jets wide-out David Nelson caught four passes for a season-high 80 yards.

Also in the game, Pats linebacker Brandon Spikes recorded 11 tackles with one for a loss of yardage.

Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Carlos Dunlap recorded five tackles and two quarterback hits during his team's 27-24 win against the Detroit Lions.

Dunlap also blocked a field goal attempt by David Akers from 34 yards out, which was recovered by former Gators and current Bengals safety Reggie Nelson, in the second quarter.

Baltimore Ravens free safety Matt Elam made three tackles — one for loss — and recovered a fumble by Steelers tight end Heath Miller in the second quarter.

Running back Jeff Demps (groin) was inactive for the 0-6 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who lost to the Atlanta Falcons 31-23 — their fourth loss this year by fewer than 10 points.

Demps is out indefinitely, according to Bucs coach Greg Schiano.



AP Photo

Rookie tight end Jordan Reed catches a touchdown pass against the Chicago Bears in Landover, Md., on Sunday.

Senior drops tournament championship

► CERCONE LOST IN STRAIGHT SETS.

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Alexandra Cercone nearly won her first tournament of the season at the 2013 USTA/ITA Southeast Regional Championships on Monday.

The senior fell short against her singles finals opponent, Silvia Garcia, losing 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Cercone battled in the first set but dropped the tiebreak. With her win, Garcia, who plays for Georgia, claimed the regional title and earned an automatic entry into the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships.

Cercone must now wait for an invitation to the national event held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y.

Despite her loss, coach Roland Thornqvist said he thought Cercone played well.

"Alex improved every day at this tournament," he said. "She was very tough."

Cercone was not the only player to make an impression at the tournament. Seven Gators combined for a 17-0 singles and doubles record on Friday.

Cercone collected her 98th career singles win in the semifinals, while Olivia Janowicz and Stefani Stojic reached the doubles quarterfinals. Kourtney Keegan and Belinda Woolcock also reached the doubles semifinals.

"I'm really looking forward to the spring season," Thornqvist said.

Florida will now head to Orlando, where the Gators will compete in the USTA Clay Court Invitational beginning Thursday.

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