

Savannah Jordan scored two goals to lead Florida past Texas A&M on Sunday. Read the story on page 12.



CRIME

Police look into UF alert robbery

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Police are still investigating a Friday night robbery that happened in the Midtown area, announced through a UF alert.

As an unidentified man walked west along Fourth Avenue — a couple of blocks behind the University Avenue Chipotle location — he was approached from behind by two men, wrote Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias in an email.

The victim was hit from behind and fell to the ground, Tobias said, and the men kept hitting him.

They told the man, “Empty your pockets” and “Give me your phone.” They took his wallet and phone and retreated to the next street, Northwest 15th Street, where they joined two other men. The group then ran south toward University Avenue, Tobias said.

UF originally sent out an alert at about 10:30 p.m. announcing someone had been robbed at 400 NW 15th Ave. outside of Lionsgate Condominium Association.

The alert described the four perpetrators as 20-somethings wearing hooded sweatshirts.

UF sent out a second alert near midnight on Friday noting that no more information at the time was available on the incident. Tobias indicated Sunday that the investigation is continuing.

Residents are encouraged to call GPD with any questions at 352-955-1818.



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Winnie Wins

Rhonda Black and Darling, dressed as Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, win first place in the annual Drool & Ghou! Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest & Pool Party for Dogs on Saturday at the H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool at Westside park.

UF to produce hip-hop, EDM and indie under its own record label

THE LABEL IS UNDER STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRODUCTIONS.

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Swamp Records is here to play.

Rachel Ring, 20-year-old UF management senior and director of Swamp Records, said the new university record label will focus on enhancing the careers of local Gainesville musicians.

“It’s a student-run record label under the umbrella of Student Government Productions,” she said. “We want to enhance the careers of artists in and around the Gainesville community.”

Swamp Records is the brainchild of Ring and Breana Auberry, who came up with the idea while interning in New York City this summer.

Ring said the label will produce mainly hip-hop, electronic dance music and indie music because they’ve found it most popular among UF students.

Daniel Levin, a 21-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior and chairman of SGP, said that Swamp Records’ budget is “less than a couple thousand,” and funds are available on a case-by-case basis.

Ring said they hope the program, which they call an educational experience for all students involved, will be signing artists by 2014.

“This semester is purely

about getting us ready, getting the resources in place,” she said. “Next semester, in 2014, is when we’re actually going to be out in the community and be working with these bands.”

The steps to signing an artist into the label are still under works, but Ring said she hopes to have a preliminary process ready by the launch of their website, which will be within the next month.

Breana Auberry, a 20-year-old advertising junior and the assistant head director of Swamp Records, said the idea of a student-run record label at UF isn’t a new one.

She said that a nonfunctioning record label, called SGP Records, has existed for about

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LIFESTYLE

Students pop some tags for thrifted costumes

DANIELA GELATKA

Alligator Contributing Writer

As students scramble to assemble DIY costumes, some thrift shops report increased traffic from the younger crowd.

At Cecile’s Clothing Resale and Consignment Shop, owner Cendra Gier said she notices an increase in student shoppers during the fall. She said sought-after items depend “on the year and what’s cool.”

The hot costume item this year, she said, is overalls.

Thrift 5, at 1227 W. University Ave., sees a younger crowd of shoppers in general, said manager Emily Claire. She said the store has sold more than 15 full costumes since the beginning of October.

Others come in search of specific pieces. She said a group of fraternity brothers came into the store recently and left with Hawaiian shirts.

Because costumes are in higher demand now, she said, they sell at a higher price point in comparison with other items.

Ashley Pollan, a third-year UF law student, said she prefers thrift stores because of lower prices and a selection of unique items.

“I always prefer putting together my own costume. I enjoy the process, ability to utilize my creativity ... The end result always stands out.”

Ashley Pollan

third-year UF law student

This year, the 24-year-old plans on dressing as Spaceman from the band Kiss. She bought a leather skirt and black top at Goodwill.

“I always prefer putting together my own costume,” she said. “I enjoy the process, ability to utilize my creativity ... The end result always stands out.”

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Awakening With Spirituality

Come check out AWS on Mondays at 6 p.m. in Matherly, Room 112, to see how spirituality can be practical and beneficial. The group takes a theme relevant to college students and discusses it from a spiritual point of view, and it ends with a 10-minute meditation session. For more information, look for the Facebook group and check out "AWS Free lectures" on YouTube.

Cedar Key clam farming topic of Monday 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. tonight. Led by Leslie Sturmer, a statewide shellfish aquaculture 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.

Authors@UF: Lillian Guerra

Lillian Guerra, who works in the department of history, will discuss her book "Visions of Power in Cuba: Revolution, Redemption, and Resistance" today at 3 p.m. in the Latin American Collection Reference Room, fourth floor of Smathers Library. In the tumultuous first decade of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro and other leaders saturated the media with altruistic images of themselves in a campaign to win the hearts of Cuba's six million citizens. In her book, Guerra argues these visual representations explained rapidly occurring events and encouraged radical change and mutual self-sacrifice. Refreshments will be provided.

Student organizations needed for RecSports photo shoots

UF RecSports is looking for

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student organizations to volunteer as models for photo shoots promoting the department's group services, including activities with Lake Wauburg, competitive sports and fitness. They are looking for organizations that will sport smiling faces and their club's T-shirts while participating in activities guided by RecSports marketing leaders, photographers and videographers. To volunteer, contact Hayden Manuel at haydenm@recsports.ufl.edu. As few as five members from an organization are needed for this opportunity.

Stress Management 101

Is school getting stressful? The Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar Chapter and GatorWell will be working together to help students through it. Come to Rinker Hall, Room 210, Tuesday at 7 p.m. to learn about Stress Management 101. It'll be a night full of tips and strategies to learn how to manage time and keep stress at a healthy level. Free food and beverages will be provided. Contact facebook.com/HsFatUF or hsfatuf@gmail.com for more information.

'Love Shouldn't Hurt'

Hillel and GatorWell will be facilitating the event "Love Shouldn't Hurt." It will be held Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the CSE Building, Room E220. The workshop is designed to educate college students about the qualities of a healthy relationship and how to

recognize an unhealthy relationship to prevent abuse and violence. The program will address various types of relationships, both romantic and friendships. It is open to all faiths.

Got something going on?

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

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LIFESTYLE

Teenagers more interested in Twitter than Facebook, study says

AGASSY RODRIGUEZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

Facebook is starting to see a lot less face time. About 23 percent of 8,650 teenagers surveyed in Piper Jaffray's 26th Semi-Annual "Taking Stock with Teens" Market Research Project cited Facebook as the most important social media platform, down from 42 percent the year before.



Floyd

Twitter was cited as the most important.

But Bruce Floyd, UF's social media specialist, said he's skeptical about the research provided in the study and needed to examine it before agreeing with the trend.

"What (teenagers) say they like is different from what they use," he said.

Anna Cesarotti, a 19-year-old UF sociology and sustainability studies sophomore, said she

hasn't had a Facebook account for more than a year.

"I was overwhelmed by Facebook," she said. Cesarotti said she felt keeping up with Facebook was too much like maintenance, so she choose to delete her account before starting college.

Although the study shows teen Facebook users are down, some UF students still think there is a need for it to stay connected on campus.

Lizbeth Ramos, an 18-year-old UF exploratory freshman, said she recently reactivated her Facebook after not having one for almost three years because she felt it was necessary for college.

"Everything is done through Facebook," she said.

Ramos said most of the organizations at UF use Facebook to advertise events, meetings and other information. Without it, she wouldn't be able to stay up to date.

"I don't want it to socialize. I want it for school purposes," she said.

Wood-fire food truck to debut Friday

▶ PRICES RANGE FROM \$7 TO \$12.

LAUREN MALONEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

With his oven burning at temperatures between 800 and 900 degrees Fahrenheit, Tyler Black is hoping to get locals fired up.

Black, 29, is getting ready to roll out his new food truck business, Ameraucana Wood Fire. The food truck, which contains a state-of-the-art wood-fire oven, will debut at High Dive on Friday.

Black said his truck name was inspired by the Ameraucana type

of chickens he raises on his farm.

"It ... says something about the theme of the business," he said. "I'm using domestic ingredients to make something that is great."

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Tyler Black
owner of Ameraucana Wood Fire

He will serve pizzas and other items, such as locally milled grits incorporated in a polenta-inspired dish topped with rata-touille.

Prices range from about \$7 to \$12.

Black, a Gainesville native, said he got burned out working in the Philadelphia fine-dining scene, so he brought his skills back to Gainesville.

"I wanted to do something accessible that still used very refined techniques and high-quality ingredients," he said. "Wood-fired pizza seemed to be a perfect culmination of my experience."

Leslie Flanders, a 19-year-old UF nursing freshman, said she's excited to try creations from the food truck.

"Something like this is exactly what this campus needs," she said. "I can't wait to get my hands on a plate."

.. THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE ..

Oct. 31, 1979

"They've held together all this time on a shoestring and a prayer," George Kirkpatrick said of his tenants, the Hippodrome Theatre group. The group had been negotiating a contract with the City of Gainesville to move into an old post office downtown. The negotiations took a turn for the better when it won a \$175,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. It was expected to finalize the contract within a few weeks.

Oct. 28, 1993

The green banana was assured of its future of being green. A state law passed to allow universities to plan future development, as well as future conservation. The legislature awarded UF and nine other universities \$4.3 million to create long-range development and con-

servations plans in compliance with the statute. The "physical master plan" projects the university's image for the following 10 years.

Oct. 30, 2001

A local woman led a slow-speed chase through a Walmart and its parking lot, which ended with a charge of strong-arm robbery and an employee with scratches on his left hand. Lola Mae Monroe, a 69-year-old Gainesville woman, was seen pocketing \$5 worth of makeup, and she fled the store. The employee chased her out into the parking lot, wanting her to come back into the store. She hit and attempted to bite him, eventually throwing merchandise at his backup.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS



Oct. 31, 2001

Making a Face

A UF student volunteer, left, concentrates on painting a girl's face during the 19th annual Pumpkin Carve Off at UF Health Shands Hospital. The event was for Shands Children's Hospital patients.

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College of Medicine's new center to reflect modern approach

► CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN FALL 2015.

ASHLEY KOBZA

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's College of Medicine is building a new education center in its efforts to move from a disciplined-based program to a patient-centered one.

The official groundbreaking will take place Nov. 22 at noon across from the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute. The cost of the project is estimated at \$45 million.

"The building is going to be an education

building for the medical students as well as the physician assistant students," said Karen Dooley, spokeswoman for the College of Medicine.

The original building was built in the 1950s and refurbished in the 1970s, Dooley said.

"Whenever I'm in the medical buildings, a lot of it feels old and run down, so I'm really excited to be proud of it," said Holly Carnell, a 21-year-old UF biochemistry senior, who will start medical school in Fall 2104.

Carnell said the new building — which is being built west of the brain institute on Newell Drive — will be more impressive and attract prospective medical school students.

De-Vaughn Williams, a 21-year-old UF

food science and human nutrition senior, echoed Carnell.

"It's definitely old," he said, "especially when you get to the ground floors. It gets dreary looking. It will be really nice to have a new building."

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De-Vaughn Williams

UF food science and human nutrition senior

Dooley said she thinks a more comfortable learning environment will be beneficial to students, some of whom spend up to 12 hours a day in the facility. In addition, the building will contain more space for the growing num-

ber of incoming students.

After the new building opens, the College of Medicine will be implementing a new learning style, called "experiential" or "simulation" learning. It allows students to practice medical procedures using dummies.

"You can have all the book knowledge or classroom knowledge you want, but the more realistic they can make learning the material, the better you'll be able to draw on that material when you need to perform," Carnell said.

Construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2015.

"We're optimistic we will meet our targeting date," Dooley said. "If all goes well, hopefully the freshman will be able to be in this."

Startup weekend gets locals inventive

► WINNING ENTRIES WERE AWARDED ABOUT \$10,000 COLLECTIVELY.

NICOLE EARLY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Apps and interactive websites took center stage at the second annual Startup Weekend Gainesville, where inventors formed ideas and work teams to make concepts realities.

The competitive event, which ran from Friday until Sunday night, spawned ideas such as Bounce, an app that connects stranded students with student drivers, and Game On, an app that helps users organize pickup games of basketball or other sports.

Ten idea pitches were selected for inclusion in the competition, and about 70 people participated throughout the project teams.

Scientist and UF alumnus Aleksander Levental pitched the idea for Waitr, a mobile application restaurants can use to receive orders from customers as well as feedback. It also alerts restaurant workers when a returning customer who logged a previous negative experience comes in.

Turned Up Technology, which placed second, was the only hardware-based entry. It turns off music in earbuds when they are taken out of a user's ears and turns on when users put them in.

Levental, whose Waitr app took first place, said the at-

mosphere created at Startup Weekend was key in bringing his idea to fruition.

He said it provided all the necessary resources from design and business mentors to working spaces that allow teams to efficiently collaborate.

Addison Killebrew, a 20-year-old UF event management sophomore, was a part of the Waitr team. He said he joined the competition to use his creative side by making something people can use rather than just consuming.

Orrett Davis, global startup weekend facilitator, said the weekend is the best experiential education for entrepreneurship.

"This weekend provides a safe environment for entrepreneurs to test their ideas and get feedback," he said.

Anjali Kundra, Startup Weekend lead organizer, said the weekend is all about team-building and opening up to new ideas.

Kundra said the weekend gives people the tools to get started in the entrepreneur community and encourages them to think differently.

Martin Schaffel, mentor and judge for the competition, said he looked for the "buy ability" of a business — whether a product solves a problem and whether producing it is feasible.

Winning entries were awarded with about \$10,000 collectively in services, including consulting and attorney services, to aid the launch of the startups.



Megan Reeves / Alligator

Fall Feast

Eduardo and Kate Candelario and their 2-year-old daughter, Audrey, eat organic, southern-style macaroni and cheese at the Florida Organic Growers' Harvest Hoedown 2013 at Prairie Creek Lodge on Saturday.

LOCAL

App rewards customers for sharing food

MCKENZIE COLLARD

Alligator Contributing Writer

Foodie Instagrammers can now earn rewards for sharing their obsessions on social media.

Stealz, which recently expanded to Gainesville, is a free app that rewards users for sharing photos of participating businesses.

When making a purchase, users scan a QR code and share photos on Facebook or Twitter and accumulate points to exchange for deals, said spokeswoman Kirsten Kalsky. The app is available for

download on the iPhone and Android through the App Store or Google Play.

Rewards from the app vary with each business.

Matt Aschenbrener, manager at How Do You Roll?, said the restaurant offers an instant reward of miso soup for downloading the app and other incentives at 10, 20 and 25 points. Users can earn one point for checking in and two points after sharing a photo on Facebook or Twitter.

Big Lou's Pizzeria manager Jordan Pfeiffer said customers are

taking notice of the app. Rewards at Big Lou's include a free slice of pizza or six free garlic rolls. When a user reaches 50 points, he or she receives 50 percent off of an order.

Pfeiffer said it is a convenient way for students to save money.

"I think people in our day and age are using smartphones more and more," she said. "Stealz is a great app, especially in a college town where kids start out kind of broke."

Other Gainesville businesses covered by the app include Burrito Famous, Pita Pit and Relish.

Swamp Records, run by UF students, hopes to sign artists in 2014

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two years.

"SGP Records is an idea that wasn't fully developed or put in action completely, and that's why we rebranded it as Swamp Records," she said.

Jared Glosser, a 21-year-old UF history senior and the events director for Swamp Records, said the short-term goal for the

"It's basically real-life experience building a record label from the ground up."

Breana Auberry

UF advertising junior

organization is to sign at least one or two artists in 2014.

"Long term, in the next five to 10 years, we want to have artists that have come through and been a part of Swamp Re-

ords make it big," he said.

The Swamp Records team is currently made up of about 20 people, Auberry said, and they are looking to learn as they go on this project.

"Everything that can be done at this record label, from promotions, to PR, to recording, to distribution, to marketing; everything is going to be done by students," she said. "It's basically real-life experience building a record label from the ground up."

NATIONAL

Jerky treats linked to pet deaths, cause concern for owners

REBECCA TURKEL

Alligator Contributing Writer

With animal treats recently linked to illnesses and death, local pet owners may need to be more cautious when walking down the pet aisle.

About 600 pets have died since 2007 and thousands have gotten ill from jerky treats, according to a Food and Drug Administration news release. The FDA is urging customers to report symptoms.

Richard Hill, a UF College of Veterinary Medicine associate professor, said it's difficult to attribute the outbreak to one specific factor.

Veterinarians have seen specific instances of clinical signs,

specifically a rare kidney disorder called Fanconi syndrome, that are associated with these jerky treats, Hill said.

"It may be that the source of the treats changed," he said. "It may be that a lot of them came from China or that something changed when the treats were processed."

Hill suspects jerky treats from China are responsible.

"Unfortunately, it's not possible to tell just by looking at the packages where the treats came from," he said.

Pet owners can stray away from giving treats or stick to purchasing them from major manufacturers. They have better control of where they are getting their treats from, Hill said.

CJ Hall, a 21-year-old UF pre-vet senior, fosters animals but does not purchase dog treats.

"It's just shocking," he said.

Pet food companies recalled in 2013

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Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Cooter Champion

A race referee lifts the winning cooter — a large, herbivorous, freshwater turtle — from its lane on Saturday at the Great American Cooter Fest in Inverness, Fla. The festival had horse rides, crafts and a petting zoo.

LIFESTYLE

Making music can make exercise better

LIZ MOONEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new study found that creating music while exercising might make workouts more effective, but some locals are hesitant to concur.

In the study, researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognition and Brain Sciences installed electronic kits into various exercise machines that would musically respond to the person using the machine. Participants who used the machines generated smoother movements, used less oxygen and reported exercise felt less strenuous.

But Heather Hausenblas, a UF

"I've had classes before where you can just feel the energy leaving the room, and usually the first thing I do is say, 'Let's change the song.'"

Sheila Gardner

Gainesville Health & Fitness Center
director of group fitness

exercise psychologist, said she's skeptical about whether the same results could be duplicated.

"They were distracted from their workout and focusing on the music they were making, so it seemed that they were putting less effort into their workout," she said.

Sheila Gardner, director of group fitness at Gainesville Health & Fitness Center, said she's unsure if there's an advantage to creating music over listening to music while working out.

"I've had classes before where you can just feel the energy leaving the room, and usually the first thing I do is say, 'Let's change the song,'" Gardner said.

Raphael Konforti, a 22-year-old UF sports management graduate student and a personal trainer, said the old standby of listening to a personal iPod at the gym is probably just as good.

Flu shots back at Student Health Care Center until Friday

JESSLYN WADE

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A new shipment of flu shots are in, and students can get the vaccine through Friday.

"This shipment was already planned months ago," said Catherine Seemann, a spokeswoman for the Student Health Care Center.

UF doesn't order the seasonal influenza vaccines from one manufacturer, she said.

It orders from multiple manufacturers in case there is an issue with the shots or delay from the manufacturers.

"So this way we don't put all our eggs in one basket," Seemann said.

She said about 4,000 shots have been given this season compared to 2,500 this time last year.

Seemann said this year the SHCC did expect to give out more shots, but the number was more than originally estimated.

Evelyn De la Vega said she has a busy schedule and doesn't have enough time to schedule an appointment at Walgreens or CVS.

"I think it's great that I can just walk in the (SHCC) and get my flu shot every year

on campus without having to plan ahead," said the 20-year-old UF public relations senior.

Seemann said the most common mistake students make is thinking they are healthy and don't need the shot.

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Evelyn De la Vega

UF public relations senior

A healthy immune system helps fight off infections. However, it does not make students immune to the seasonal flu.

Seasonal flu begins after Thanksgiving break and peaks in February. But students should not wait until the last minute to get the vaccine, Seemann said.

It takes two weeks for the antibodies from the shot to build in the body's system, so students should get the vaccine as soon as possible, Seemann said.

"The flu shot is extremely important to all students, and it is literally the No. 1 way to prevent the seasonal flu," she said.

Alachua Conservation Trust to host first Halloween ball

The ball's theme is sea monsters

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A local conservation organization will host its first Halloween ball on Friday.

The Alachua Conservation Trust ball is a

chance for attendees to enjoy Swamp Head brews in their best Halloween costumes while supporting the conservation organization, said Ivor Kincaide, land manager for the trust.

The sea monsters-themed event will in-

clude live music from folk indie rock band the Wild Shiners and a costume contest with a category for the best sea monster.

The fundraiser will take place at the Prairie Creek Lodge from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$40 each, and all proceeds will go to the trust's mission of conserving critical natural and historical resources. Students receive a 50 percent discount on admission at the door.

Organizers decided to host the Halloween ball because they noticed the number of Halloween celebrations offered in Gainesville wasn't as high as it usually is, said Chris Burney, project manager for the trust.

The trust was created in 1988 and has since assisted in preserving more than 50,000 acres of land in the North Central Florida area. Forty years ago, there were only 2,000 acres of land set aside for conservation.

Editorial

Celebrity criminals: Pop culture forgives them too often

Chris Brown was arrested early Sunday morning in Washington, D.C., on felony assault charges, but hey, we'll probably forget about it in a few weeks or so.

According to The Washington Post, Brown had been scheduled to host a party Saturday night. On Sunday morning just before 4:30 a.m., Brown and his bodyguard, Christopher Hollosy, were reportedly involved in a "physical altercation" with an unidentified man, who was later taken to a nearby hospital and released.

Brown and Hollosy will remain in custody until their scheduled court appearance today.

Despite the fact that Brown has been on probation since 2009 after pleading guilty to attacking his former girlfriend, Rihanna, he's continued to produce music while floating in and out of the public eye — most recently over a parking-space dispute with R&B artist Frank Ocean in February in Los Angeles.

You'd think maybe he'd want to keep a low profile, given his reputation will probably never recover from the 2009 Rihanna incident. However, this recent assault charge is only one in a long line of highly publicized incidents involving the singer.

In August, Brown went on a rage-fueled Twitter rant and accused the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office of racism after he was ordered to perform 1,000 more community service hours, according to NBC News.

The increased community-service hours agreement was reached after Brown's previously revoked probation from 2009 was reinstated following a hit-and-run accident in May.

After the new community-service agreement, Brown tweeted, "How about y'all take care of all the homeless kids and families on skid row. Promote helping people that are really f**ed up in your city!"

The Los Angeles prosecutors have said in court filings reported by The Associated Press that they could find no evidence that Brown ever completed the community-service hours he was originally ordered after his 2009 conviction.

And there it is.

For the past four years, despite a few hiccups, it's been business as usual for Brown. It's perfectly cyclical: Every once in a while he'll do something stupid — such as throwing a tantrum after a "Good Morning America" appearance — the incident will be highly publicized, people will inevitably bring up the Rihanna incident and then everyone conveniently forgets about it. Meanwhile, nothing changes — he obviously hasn't addressed his anger issues, and he isn't completing his court-ordered community service hours.

Will this incident be any different?

Because Brown is on probation in California for his 2009 domestic violence conviction, any arrests could be viewed as a violation of his probation and result in jail time, according to CNN.

However, Brown is a cash cow for his label. The mixtapes and full-length albums have brought in revenue, and it goes unsaid that he'll have the best legal representation money can buy.

It's likely he'll evade jail time — as well as being held accountable for his actions.

Reader response

Today's question: Is UF making its own record label a good use of student money?

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Column

Saudi women drive rights argument home

A revolution can start with the simplest of actions.

On Saturday, dozens of women in Saudi Arabia made a statement by driving. The Middle Eastern country has no law prohibiting females from driving, but it's considered a taboo in the conservative Islamic culture dominated by an authoritative monarchy.

Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world that prohibits women from getting behind the wheel. It's considered just as offensive for women to vote or run for office. Although King Abdullah has recognized that perhaps by 2015 women will have the opportunity to vote, he didn't give women the green light on the Oct. 26 campaign.

Despite the monarch's dismissal and warnings from mosque clerics being broadcast in the days before the campaign, about 40 Saudi women made their statement this weekend. A half-dozen YouTube videos were posted showing mothers, sisters and daughters driving the roads of Jeddah, Riyadh, Mecca and other Saudi cities.

In 1990, more than a dozen women were imprisoned by the Saudi government for defying the defacto ban. When they were released, some lost their jobs. Saudi Arabia qualifies as the 130th out of 134 countries in gender parity, according to a report from the World Economic Forum. It was also the only country to get a score of "0" for the political empowerment of women.

But that doesn't mean women have been silent. The Arab Spring sparked the flame of activism in 2011, when Manal al-Sharif, a 34-year-old female computer scientist, started a Facebook page called "Women2Drive," which had "Teach me to drive so I can protect myself" as its slogan.

She posted a video of herself driving, which received support both domestically and abroad by women's rights advocates. Shortly after, she was arrested and detained by the Committee for the Protection of Virtue



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and Prevention of Vice. The secret religious police also started an initiative to notify husbands and brothers of the whereabouts of their female counterparts by text message in 2012. This weekend, al-Sharif fearlessly organized women all over the country to get on the roads.

Women weren't alone in their rebellion. Singer and YouTube sensation Alaa Wardi who grew up in Saudi Arabia showed his support for the campaign with a Bob Marley song as a satire of the government's gender-restrictive ban. "No Woman, No Drive" got more than 1.9 million views in just one day. It's only a matter of time for the ultra-traditional Saudi government to realize most of the world won't stand for sexism anymore.

It's not about driving: It's about being treated like a capable human being who has the right to mobilize and take control of her own life.

Although we're not subject to government or religious persecution, women in the U.S. should take a lesson from our Saudi sisters. They put themselves on the line to advance their own dignity and safety, in spite of the backlash they might receive from authority.

We have our own driving to do. The way we are treated by our male-powered society should reflect how we want to be treated.

As these women take the steering wheel into their own hands, so should American women. Next time I get into my car, I will take a deep breath of gratitude for having the right to drive, to vote and to do most things my male colleagues can do.

Now, onward women. We still have a way to go on this road to equality.

Daniela Guzman is a UF journalism senior. Her column runs on Mondays.

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Column

'Ender's Game' author's bigoted views in the minority

The highly anticipated film adaptation of Orson Scott Card's "Ender's Game" hits movie screens across the country Friday. I haven't read the much-heralded novel — or its subsequent sequels — but by all accounts, it's a great novel. If the film is successful, it will likely launch yet another franchise based on a wildly popular series of young adult novels, following in the footsteps of "Harry Potter," "Twilight" and the "Hunger Games," to name a few.

While that's all well and good, the man behind "Ender's Game" doesn't seem to live up to the heroics of his book's main character.

It makes sense that a science-fiction author might be a little kooky, but Card — who serves as a producer on the film and stands to profit greatly if "Ender's Game" scores a box office win — is a bigot, a homophobe and pretty much suggested President Barack Obama is the next Hitler.

The evidence against Card is overwhelming: He recently called on Congress to outlaw gay marriage and then suggested that Obama was going to create a citizen police force by arming street gangs and letting them dispatch Obama's enemies, while the president secretly organizes a plot to have Michelle Obama elected president in 2016 — and then plans to run the country through her.

It sounds like a pretty swell idea for a pulpy political thriller, best saved for long days at the beach next summer, but not reality. Sadly, Card believes all of this to be true.

Card's views are dangerous, delusional and shameful. And he's not alone. He joins a chorus of the American public, who generally take to the Internet to share its outrageous views, without any shame for how bigoted they may appear.

All too often, we turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to the shenanigans emanating from the mouths of deranged people like Card. Yes, the First Amendment provides very strong protections to our right to free speech — as it should — but that doesn't mean the American people should have to listen to this crap.

Since the president took office, celebrities like Donald Trump regularly ques-



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tion Obama's place of birth. A member of Congress called him a tar baby, and all too often — and much like Card — Obama's policies have been equated to those of Hitler.

The media does a fine job reporting on the nonsensical and downright offensive beliefs of pseudo-celebrities and celebrities alike, but far too often, we fail to tell these people they're wrong.

Folks like Trump, Card, Ted Nugent, Tea Party politicians, Pat Robertson and countless others get their asinine quotes in any number of articles, TV news segments and blogs, but it's due time the press and the American people tell them that it's enough.

Free speech is powerful, but what's more powerful is a nation, where all of us — regardless of race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, gender, ethnicity, or anything else that makes us different — are created equal.

Fortunately, the haters are thinning in numbers, even as they attempt to shout from the mountaintops.

Sorry, guys, you're losing.

Nasty views like Card's existed in this country long before he opened his mouth, but in a nation that claims to be a tolerant place and a shelter for the huddled masses, some do their damndest to keep the U.S. a club for wealthy, straight white males.

Obama's election, along with an expansion of rights for our gay and lesbian friends shocked some of our fellow Americans and, unfortunately, their reaction wasn't one of understanding or respect.

Civil rights has come a long way since our nation's founding. It's just too bad a few ignorant people didn't come along for the ride. However, the great thing about this country is there's always room to get on board.

So, Mr. Card, won't you join us?

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Guest column

Iran nuclear challenge a win-win?

Iran's nuclear program became a challenge 10 years ago. Some parts of the international community, represented by the permanent members of United Nations Security Council and Germany (P5+1), are exposing their concern about possible military dimensions of Iran's nuclear program, and Iran is operating on peaceful purposes of its program.

P5+1 has passed several unilateral and multilateral sanctions to stop Iran's nuclear program. Meanwhile, Iran and P5+1 had several rounds of meetings to reach a deal. Iran is seeking two goals.

First, Iran wants P5+1 to recognize and respect its right to have a complete nuclear fuel cycle as a member of NPT.

Second, Iran wants all of the sanctions to be lifted. On the other hand, P5+1 wants to ensure Iran's nuclear program remains exclusively peaceful, as declared by Iran. A win-win deal can be defined when the goals of both sides are pursued simultaneously. Otherwise, such a deal is not achievable, according to the long history of negotiations. The sanctions affected ordinary people's lives in Iran but not its nuclear program — which has advanced considerably during the last ten years. Therefore, neither P5+1 nor Iran has reached their goals. Now, the question is how this challenge can be resolved.

On June 14, Iran experienced a different outcome than the controversial election in June 2009. About 73 percent of Iranians participated in the presidential election, and the majority voted for a moderate candidate with the "key of hope and prudence."

Hassan Rouhani, Iran's new president, called

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his foreign policy "charm offensive." His administration wants to show a new and true face of Iran to the world. President Rouhani truly understood the U.S. played the "key" role in P5+1 and hence accepted bilateral meetings with the U.S. on side meetings with P5+1.

But the U.S. should also show its seriousness in finding a win-win deal. It cannot put a gun on Iran's head and then ask for negotiations. President Obama used the same reasoning to refuse negotiation with Republicans during the recent government shutdown. In particular, if Congress wants to play the role of bad cop and constantly pass sanctions to enforce Iran to give up its rights, the negotiations will certainly reach stalemate as before.

New talks between Iran and P5+1 started last month in New York and continued last week in Geneva. The "key" of success in the new negotiations is to pursue common goals — not competitive ones. Iran's new foreign minister announced that Iran has nothing to hide and is ready for full transparency under international regulations, which can guarantee the goal of P5+1.

Now, if P5+1 shows its willingness to Iran's aforementioned goals, a win-win deal is achievable.

Fortunately, both sides initially agreed on Iran's road map to pursue the common goals.

Commitment of both sides to this road map and further negotiations about the details can hopefully lead to an equilibrium solution in 2014.

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UWire

Overreactions to gun scares out of hand

On Monday, The Huffington Post reported 2013's six cases of students aged 5 to 14 who were expelled from their schools for possession of a firearm. No shootings resulted from the minors' possession of guns.

In one case, a middle school in Virginia suspended two students for playing with airsoft guns in one of the kids' front yard. Of his house. Not the campus. Not the school bus, not even the bus stop. Unless something is done with respect to this, their school's permanent record will forever say these students were in possession of a firearm.

Of course, guns are a complex topic, as illustrated by the nation's ongoing debate over gun laws, but for

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small children, a basic analogy relating guns to scissors or knives would probably be enough — since they are both relatively harmless and useful tools but potentially dangerous.

The older the children are, the more apt they are to be able to understand the severity of a real gun on campus and to comprehend why their behavior with the gun was inappropriate. Kidshealth.org has parent, teen and child sections talking about guns and how to explain their dangers to children.

As for the case of the Virginian middle schoolers, that one is just ridiculous.

Monica Rojas is a writer for The Daily Cougar. This column originally appeared on UWire.





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▲ Pride parade attendants were encouraged to bring their friends, family and even pets to the gathering on the downtown plaza, where the Pride parade finished its route.

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▼ A sign advertising a Pride-friendly specialty sandwich sits in front of The Lunchbox, a cafe in downtown Gainesville.



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▲ Bruce Blackwell (left) and Brandon Wight have been together for 47 years. The couple fulfilled their dream of legal marriage on Sept. 17, 2004 in Martha's Vineyard.

Overturning of DOMA celebrated at Gainesville's Pride festival

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Rainbow colors flooded Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Saturday at Gainesville's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Festival.

The day included a parade, shops, advocacy booths, food and live music in the downtown plaza.

This year's festival stands out because it also commemorates the overturning of the national Defense of Marriage Act, said Terry Fleming, co-president of the North Central Florida Pride Community Center, which hosts the festivities.

"The community is excited," he said.

The event typically sees about 5,000

people throughout the day and about 1,500 people in the plaza at any given time, Fleming said.

This year's turnout was about the same as last year's, he said, but he noted that Pride attendance has been growing over time. He said this year's parade included more floats.

"The community is excited."
Terry Fleming

co-president of the North Central Florida Pride Community Center

"You can see the response," he said. "People are into it."

Fleming added that one of the reasons the festival is held so late in the year, instead of in the summer to commemorate the Stonewall riots, is to tap into the student community

in Gainesville while it is nearby for classes.

"You can't engage the student population in the summer," he said.

Some students who attended the festival said they appreciate how open Gainesville is to the LGBTQ community.

"People are pretty open about it," said Laura Robayo, a 22-year-old UF first-year pharmacy student. "It's not a big deal to see someone who is gay."

Others came from out of town to attend the events.

Bethany Powers, a 20-year-old waitress of Ocala, said she came to the event because Pride events don't happen in her town.

"Any Pride we hear about, we're like, 'Hey, let's go to that,'" she said.



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▲ A float that grabbed the attention of many portrayed two same-sex couples joining together in marriage.

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◀ Members of the Pride Student Union at UF march in the Pride parade Saturday afternoon. The event started at Eighth Street and spanned all the way to Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

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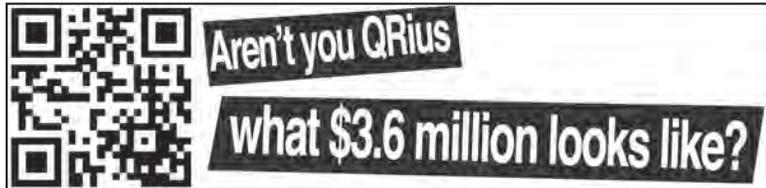
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Freshman tallies two goals to lead Florida to victory

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Coach Becky Burleigh's most potent force on Florida's offensive attack continues to score goals.

Savannah Jordan embodies everything Burleigh wants in a forward: physicality, persistence, quickness and precision.

On Sunday, the freshman scored two goals to help Florida earn a 2-0 upset against Southeastern Conference leader Texas A&M at James G. Pressly Stadium.

"Her consistency is pretty remarkable as a freshman," Burleigh said.



Jordan

"We saw that last year with Christen Westphal, and it's pretty unusual, so it's great to see that."

After a choppy first half, Florida came out strong in the attack after halftime knowing Jordan was ready and waiting to score.

The freshman was farther back from her post in the box and used the width to her advantage.

Jordan ran up the field and into the left side of the box to take a shot on goal.

Texas A&M goalkeeper Jordan Day deflected the ball out short — putting it in a prime position for Jordan to rifle a shot into the right corner of the goal.

"I just continued my run and followed it," Jordan said.

"It wasn't the prettiest goal, but it went in, and I'm happy."

The Aggies put an emphasis on a high back line to limit the Gators' opportunities, but Florida retaliated by sending one of its own defenders in on attack.

Westphal, a center back, drove the ball into the Aggies half, stopped shy of the arc and sent a pass to Jordan in the left of the box.

Jordan ran the ball up and shot it before Aggies defenders could close in on her, finding the right corner for the second

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UF defense seeking improvement

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Florida's defense was one of the strongest in the nation in 2012-13.

This year's unit has work to do before it reaches that level of production.

Last season, the Gators limited opponents to a 38.2 field goal percentage, which was the best in the Southeastern Conference.

Florida also finished first in the nation, allowing 54.4 points per game en route to a third consecutive trip to the Elite Eight.

Fewer than two weeks from

the start of this season, coach Billy Donovan believes the unit has regressed considerably.

"We're nowhere near the defensive team we were a year ago," Donovan said.

"I mean we're not even remotely close."

Donovan has stressed the importance of remaining poised during games, which was a problem at times last season, to this year's unit.

"There were times where adversity would hit our team," he said.

"We would get fractured. And

I don't mean fractured from the standpoint of guys finger-pointing.

"We're nowhere near the defensive team we were a year ago. I mean we're not even remotely close."

Billy Donovan

UF coach

"But Scottie (Wilbekin) turns the ball over (and) he's consumed with the turnover and he's down or he's disappointed in himself and he's consumed with that play.

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Patric Young poses for a photo during Florida's basketball media day. The senior center, who averaged 10.1 points and 6.9 rebounds per game last season, is hoping to help the Gators improve on defense in 2013-14.

AS STEIN ON TV

Gators need multiple lucky breaks to make it to Atlanta

Somehow, some way, Florida is still in the hunt for a trip to Atlanta.

Despite two of the worst played games since the John Brantley era, the Gators still (almost) control their own path to the Southeastern Conference Championship Game.

With two conference losses, UF is tied for second in the SEC Eastern Division with Georgia and South Carolina behind one-loss Missouri.

Thanks to the Gamecocks' win against the Tigers on Saturday, the Gators still have a shot.

What Florida needs to do is win out and pray for more teams to beat Mizzou. The Tigers hold the head-to-head tie-



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breaker against the Gators because of Florida's awful showing against Missouri on the road, but UF's season is not over.

The Gators have the "easy" part. Just win.

Their quest begins on Saturday in Jacksonville when they take on the Bulldogs. Both teams have

been wracked by injuries, which have caused Florida and Georgia fans to lament for the season that might have been. If you're sitting in the first few rows, stay hydrated. You

might be called into action if things get too rough.

Then, Vanderbilt comes to The Swamp for Florida's homecoming game. The game that features parades, pageantry and Gator Growl is picked before the season starts and is intended to be a contest the Gators will win easily in front of all the alumni who grace Gainesville for the weekend.

However, homecoming has been rough for UF recently. From 2010 on, Florida is 2-1 in homecoming games against Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and Louisiana-Lafayette. The biggest win? A seven-point victory on a last-second blocked

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Antoinette Bannister and UF women's basketball are looking to find a defensive identity. [Read the story on page 14.](#)

Poll Results

Who deserves the most blame for Florida's offensive woes?

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Former Gator subpoenaed

Mike Pouncey was served a grand jury subpoena in Massachusetts related to the investigation of Aaron Hernandez, Sports Illustrated reported Sunday.

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Simone Antwi leaps to hit the ball during Florida's three-set victory against Tennessee on Sunday in the O'Connell Center. Florida won both of its matches during the weekend.



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Several Gators react to scoring a point during Florida's three-set victory against Auburn on Friday in the O'Connell Center. With nine matches remaining in the regular season, Florida is second in the Southeastern Conference to undefeated No. 11 Missouri. The two teams play for a second time this season on Nov. 15.

WEEKEND RECAP



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Savannah Jordan shoots on goal during No. 7 Florida's 2-0 victory against Texas A&M on Sunday afternoon at James G. Pressly Stadium. The freshman forward leads the Gators with 18 goals on 90 total shots this season. Havana Solaun is second on the team with six goals in 2013.



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Annie Speese (left) and Christen Westphal celebrate with Savannah Jordan (7), who scored both of the Gators' goals during No. 7 Florida's 2-0 victory against Texas A&M on Sunday in James G. Pressly Stadium.



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Sophomore Antoinette Bannister poses for a photo during Florida's basketball media day.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators searching for new defensive identity

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The buzz around the Gators this pre-season has been about their new, fluid offense that incorporates the transition game.

But what about Florida's defense?

Last season, the Gators were 12th in the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense and 11th in the SEC in field goal percentage defense.

Making matters worse, Florida lost Jennifer George, the team's defensive anchor last season, to graduation. George led the team with 5.2 defensive rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game in 2012-13.

Sydney Moss, who was second on the team with 4.7 defensive rebounds last season, transferred.

Without George and Moss, new players will be needed to help build a consistent defense.

Sophomore Antoinette Bannister said she thinks Jatterra Bonds and Carlie Needles are going to pick up the slack.

"They're role models to me," Bannis-

ter said. "I really love the way they play defense. They lock down. I look at them everyday and I'm like, 'Dang, I want to be like them.' I want to be a great defender. I don't want to be just an offensive player that can't guard anybody. I want to be great on both ends."

The question still remains: How will the defensive philosophy shift in accordance to a new offense that depends on an up-and-down, frenetic style?

"Defensively, I feel like we're a lot the same as we were last year," redshirt junior Kayla Lewis said. "A lot of interchangeability with the pieces that we have."

"A lot of people talk about our offense being fast and fluid. I think our defense will be just as fast and just as fluid. We haven't done a lot of full court things, but I know in the half-court we're going to be just as aggressive as we were last year."

With a new offense that coach Amanda Butler said could seem chaotic at first, establishing a defensive identity could prove challenging. There will inevitably be kinks on both sides of the ball when

implementing a new paradigm.

Butler knows that. Her players do, too.

The buzzword that keeps reoccurring about building a successful defense is communication.

"If we just talk and let each other know we have each other's back, I feel like we'll be fine on offense and defense," Bannister said.

Still, questions remain.

How will another year without the big-bodied Viktorija Dimaitė take its toll? Who will step up on the rebounding front with the departures of George and Moss?

The Gators hope the fluidity from the offense translates to the defense.

"We've worked on our transition game and changed our defense when it comes to attacking," sophomore Christin Mercer said.

"With the guards in a smaller post, we'll be able to run the majority of the team to have a set half-court game. ... Since we're so versatile and so guard-like, we can move."

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UF needs Missouri to lose twice more

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punt against the Ragin' Cajuns last year.

So, if Florida survives homecoming, it will travel to Columbia, S.C., to face No. 14 USC in Williams-Brice Stadium with an SEC title game berth still within the realm of possibility.

The Gators had a bad day the last time they played in a town named Columbia, but they need to shake those memories and pull out a win against the Ol' Ball Coach, Steve Spurrier.

It's possible — South Carolina is in the middle of an up-and-down season that includes a loss to Tennessee and narrow victories against

UCF and Kentucky.

But even if the Gators win out, they would still need assistance to reach Atlanta. The Tigers need to lose at least twice.

Missouri still has a tough road ahead of it. A somewhat resurgent Tennessee team is next on the schedule.

The Volunteers nearly pulled off an upset against the Bulldogs before knocking off the Gamecocks as part of a topsy-turvy week for the SEC.

Things returned to some semblance of normality last week as Alabama blew out Tennessee, but the Vols have another chance to defeat a division leader and send the SEC into anarchy against the Tigers.

Kentucky follows Tennessee on Mizzou's schedule. This is as close to a surefire win as any SEC game. Next.

The Tigers' final two games will be their toughest. An upstart Ole Miss squad that already took down a top-10 LSU team followed by the Texas A&M Fightin' Johnny Footballs await Missouri.

Assuming the Tigers win those first two games as the heavy favorite, Florida fans will need their friends in Oxford, Miss., and College Station, Texas, to do them some big favors.

The Rebels have already shown the ability to play with the conference big boys, and the Aggies have the ability to beat any team in the conference on any given Saturday thanks to the pairing of Johnny Manziel and Mike Evans.

Missouri needs to lose both of those games for Florida to make it to the SEC title game. That way, the Gators can receive the honor of being obliterated by Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide — a noble fate Florida would be lucky to enjoy.



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Coach Will Muschamp watches players warm up prior to Florida's 36-17 loss to Missouri on Oct. 19 at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo.

Texas A&M took 10 shots during scoreless second half

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time on Sunday.

"It was great defending by [outside back Tessa Andujar and Westphal]," Jordan said.

"They doubled down on the girl and got the ball. Christen's bringing the ball forward, so I just kind of got out. She looked up at me, made eye contact and just played a great ball."

Westphal added: "I really didn't know what to do after it happened ... I was kind of just frantic, but it was awesome. I've been looking for it for the past couple games because I like to get forward as a center back."

The goal was Jordan's second of the game and 18th of the season.

Texas A&M was relentless trying to battle back, taking 10 shots during the second half.

"We just needed to settle down a little bit," Jordan said.

"We were a little anxious. I think everyone was a little nervous about this game because it was a big one. At halftime, we just kind of calmed down, took a second breath, and when we came out, we just started playing the way we normally play."

Florida's victory was its fifth straight shutout and keeps the Gators (14-3-1, 8-2 SEC) in contention for an SEC title as they stand tied for first in the conference with the Aggies (13-4-1, 8-2 SEC).

"At halftime we just kind of calmed down, took a second breath, and when we came out, we just started playing the way we normally play."

Savannah Jordan

UF forward

"We've got one more step to take," Burleigh said "That's going to be Thursday night against a very good Georgia team."



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Savannah Jordan battles for the ball during Florida's 2-0 victory against Texas A&M on Sunday afternoon at James G. Pressly Stadium. Jordan scored both of the Gators' goals in the win.

Players distracted by own poor plays

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Another guy missed a little short jump-hook in the lane or missed a layup and he's consumed with that play. And before you know it, you've got guys that are all kind of involved in their own little world."

Center Patric Young said there is hope for this year's team to match and even surpass the defense of a year ago. But much like Donovan, Young has placed an added emphasis on team defense.

"We can't go in there expecting to just walk in and be good on that same level," Young said. "I think we don't trust each other as well on defense as far as knowing that there's a next man there to help you out. Because that's all what defense is about: help."

UF Basketball

Donovan said his players are not passing the blame or being selfish. Instead, they are beating themselves up so much for bad plays that they forget they have the rest of the team to help on the following play.

Even without Will Yeguete (knee) and several other Gators who are battling injuries, Donovan said the defense will make great strides if the remaining players can have short memories.

"Sometimes our guys, at times, have been way too hard on themselves," he said.

"They make a mistake, they get so upset and frustrated and down on themselves and don't realize there's another play coming. Because if you're going back on defense and you're coming off of a turnover, you still have an opportunity to stop them. But you're not going to stop them if one of you're guys is worrying about the previous play and is not engaged in the next play."

Michael Frazier II, who played under Donovan for the USA men's U19 team over the summer, said he knows first-hand how easily it is to get caught up in mistakes after he struggled with his shot in the FIBA tournament.

"Talking with my coaches that were there with me, they were saying I was just thinking about it too much," Frazier said. "That's something we all can get better at as a team."

Keegan drops semifinal match in singles, doubles

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Kourtney Keegan had two chances to advance to tournament finals at the USTA Clay Court Invitational in Orlando this weekend.

The freshman failed each time.

Keegan, a Roswell, Ga., native, fell in straight sets during the singles semifinals.

She then teamed up with fellow freshman Stefani Stojic and lost in the doubles semifinals 8-4.

On Thursday, Stojic was the only one of Florida's three freshmen participating who competed in the first round, as both Keegan and Belinda Woolcock received byes.

Stojic defeated Auburn's Ashley Kitchen in three sets 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 to advance to the second round.

There, Stojic faced USTA's Mia Horvit, winning 7-6 (3), 6-1.

UF Tennis

Woolcock won the first set of her match against Tulsa's Marcelina Cichon 6-2 before Cichon retired. Keegan's second-round opponent withdrew due to injury.

On Friday, Keegan defeated top-seeded Pleun Burgmans, a sophomore from Auburn, and Texas Tech's Lynn Kiro, which advanced her to the semifinals of the singles tournament.

Stojic lost her singles match, and Woolcock fell in the quarterfinals.

"The highlight for [Friday] was obviously Kourtney beating the No. 1 seed," associate coach Dave Balogh said in a release.

"She played tough, smart and handled some pressure situations extremely well."

Florida had no participants remaining in the tournament after Saturday.

The duo of Stojic and Keegan won their first match against Ines Deheza and Paula Deheza of Texas A&M, but they later fell against Vanderbilt's Ashleigh Antal and Marie Casares in the semifinals.

On the singles court, Keegan fell to her opponent, USTA's Peggy Porter, 6-2, 6-1.

Next, the Gators will be split between two separate tournaments. The first will be held in Flushing, N.Y. The USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships will most likely feature Alex Cercone and Brianna Morgan, who are both waiting on an invitation to tournament.

The rest of the Gators will compete at the Dick Vitale Intercollegiate Clay Court Classic in Lakewood Ranch beginning on Nov. 8.

Gators stave off Volunteers' attack

Recek led UF with 14 kills

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With the score tied at 21 in the second set, it appeared that Florida could be in for a battle with Tennessee.

The Volunteers opened the set on a 12-5 run after the Gators won the first set.

But a controversial attack error by Tennessee junior middle blocker Shealyn Kolosky sparked a six-point run for Florida, which won the set and cruised to a sweep.

"We got the kill by Alex (Holston) and then the attack error came, but there were two back-to-back digs by Taylor (Unroe) that were the separator in the second set," coach Mary Wise said.

The No. 5 Gators improved their record to 20-2 (9-1 SEC) with a three-set victory against the Volunteers (25-13, 25-21, 25-15) on Sunday.

Florida hit .500 with only three errors to quickly take the first set, but Tennessee responded with a second-set rally.

The Gators struggled — hitting nearly .200 lower than the first set — allowing the Volunteers to gain momentum. Senior outside hitter Whitney Heeres led the charge with four kills in the set.

"I thought the second set was pretty good volleyball by both teams," Wise said. "I think we got better from that."

Florida's defense continued to be a vital part of its success. UF held UT to a .108 hitting percentage after shutting down Auburn on Friday.

The middle blockers and defensive specialists showed off their ability, holding every Tennessee player to a hitting percentage of .300 or less. Two players hit in the negatives.

After failing to win the second set, the Volunteers hit .030 for the rest of the match.

"We kind of let off the gas pedal a little bit in the second set," Unroe said. "They blocked some balls, and it felt like we were

coasting a little bit."

Outside hitter Ziva Recek helped steady Florida's offensive attack and made sure there would be no upset in Gainesville.

The sophomore has struggled to make the same type of impact she had during her freshman year, but she made her presence known against the Volunteers.

Recek led the team with 14 kills and had a hitting percentage of .323. She also notched six digs and committed just four attack errors.

"It always helps us when Ziva plays well," Unroe said. "When she's on, it makes it a lot easier. We don't have to force as many

balls out of system to Alex (Holston) or the outside."

The Gators also received key contributions from sophomore outside hitter Gabby Mallette, who was instrumental on offense and defense.

She helped keep several rallies alive, wearing down a Tennessee defense that entered the match ranked second in the nation in digs per set (18.9) in the process.

Mallette led the team in hitting percentage (.444) and tied for second with nine kills during the match.

"They're a team that historically plays very well here in the O'Dome," Wise said.

"It wasn't until we got into some good serving runs and got the ball away from their middles that allowed us to run points."



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Ziva Recek reaches for the ball during Florida's three-set victory against Tennessee on Sunday afternoon in the O'Connell Center.



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