

Mark Parrish leads the Florida cross country team as they compete in the NCAA South Regional Championships today at 11 a.m. Read the story on page 16.



Festival to draw artists, music, cuisine downtown

About 250 artists exhibit

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The 32nd annual Downtown Festival and Art Show will morph downtown Gainesville into a melting pot of art, entertainment music and food Saturday and Sunday.

Ranking among the top festivals in the nation, the downtown art show allows visitors to meet exhibiting artists, enjoy live music and sample international cuisine, according to a news release.

The City of Gainesville Parks,

"You see families and people walking their dogs and enjoying the art."

Nasthia Villavicencio
 UF economics junior

Recreation and Cultural Affairs department presents the festival that draws about 100,000 people every year and includes about 250 artists,

according to a news release.

Nasthia Villavicencio, a 19-year-old UF economics junior, said when she attended the festival in the past, it was crowded but worth the trip because there were interesting exhibits.

"One that I really liked was a guy that used metals to make a 3D figure," she said. "It was fun — you see families and people walking their

dogs and enjoying the art."

Adam Goldstein, a 22-year-old UF business administration senior, said the most interesting part is that artists come from across the nation.

"It's people from all over the U.S., not just Florida or close by," he said. "It's also really cool that everyone comes to little old Gainesville just for that."

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Slime Time

UF mechanical engineering student Nagid Brown, 23, gets slimed to promote a sketch comedy show put on by Theatre Strike Force. The '90s-themed show took place Thursday evening in the Rion Ballroom.

Website for reporting local rapes launches

► ITS URL IS REPORTRAPEGAINESVILLE.ORG.

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Victims of sexual assault have another avenue to notify authorities: a website launched Thursday by local agencies.

The website — ReportRapeGainesville.org — was developed by Gainesville Police and the Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center. It features various buttons users can click on to report an incident anonymously or to get information about victim resources.

The goal is to give victims an additional outlet to report their story — one that may be more comfortable than speaking directly to authorities, said Laura Kalt, a victim advocate counselor.

Kalt was inspired to make the website after noticing Minnesota law enforcement agencies used a similar model. She ran the idea by GPD Captain Lynne Benck, commander of the criminal investigations bureau. Together, they wrote the website's content while the IT department developed the website.

"We don't know what the results will be," Kalt said, "but at the very least, it will link people to the right services that will at least be available to support them."

The website presents 12 options for users to click on, including "Make an anonymous report" and "Where can I go for help?" The report section prompts questions about the incident, such as where it happened or who the suspect was.

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CAMPUS

Mysterious #UFRising campaign aims to start conversation

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The wait for #UFRising is over — kind of.

The mysterious hashtag has piqued the interest of the followers of UF social media accounts since it appeared in posts beginning Tuesday.

Ambiguous posts on Instagram and Twitter, using the handle @uflorida for both accounts, left followers' comments and questions unanswered, instead replying to

commenters by hinting at a reveal to be announced today.

But UF spokesman Chris Moran said no big announcement was planned for today, just the launch of a social media campaign to spark conversation about UF's future plans to become a top 10 public research university.

"We recognize that the plan needs to start with support on campus," he said, "a campus culture that strives for improvements



Moran

and excellence. We want to hear from people on how to get there."

However, UF's preeminence plan hinges on the Board of Governors' approval to be decided at a meeting in Miami next week.

The UF Rising Path to Preeminence website, urel.ufl.edu/ufrising,

was spotty throughout Thursday. When available, a posted description of a plan to raise UF's status included details of a billion-dollar campaign and a hiring spree of acclaimed scholars and researchers.

After Wade Ingram saw an Instagram post, he Googled for answers.

"To me, I had the image of a phoenix rising," the 20-year-old UF materials engineering sophomore said. "It's a little dramatic, but that was my immediate reaction."

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Restaurants are helping, too, pg 8.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Projects for Peace 2014

Projects for Peace is an initiative for undergraduate students at Davis United World College Scholars Program schools (of which UF is one) to design their own grassroots projects for peace that they themselves will implement anywhere in the world during the summer of 2014. Preliminary drafts are due to the Center for Leadership and Service today by 3 p.m. Final Proposals are due to the Center for Leadership and Service on Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. Presentations of top five Proposals to Committee - Jan. 22, 2014, TBD. Submissions of UF winning proposals to Davis Foundation will be Feb. 7. Winning national proposals will be announced by Davis Foundation on March 15. For more information and the application, go to leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/projects_for_peace.

Maintain or Gain: free assessment challenge for students and RecSports members

Take advantage of this free program from RecSports to stay committed and accountable for your fitness goals throughout the upcoming holiday breaks. Maintain or Gain is an annual assessment campaign that is free to UF students and members of RecSports. Registration is open, and there is space for 50 participants. Participants will select one performance test and commit to maintaining or improving their scores over the course of the break. An initial assessment will be scheduled during the kickoff period, which runs through Nov. 26. The follow-up assessment will be scheduled during the first two weeks of Spring to evaluate the progress of each participant individually. If you reach your goals, you will have the chance to win a prize from RecSports. To sign up, visit recsports.ufl.edu, and follow the links to RSCconnect to login, register and checkout to complete the free registration.

Shabbat services

Join Jewish Gators and alumni in prayer from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at UF Hillel, 2020 W. University Ave. UF Hillel offers reform, conservative and orthodox services to fulfill everyone's religious backgrounds. For more information, contact Rabbi Swedroe at rabbiswedroe@ufhillel.org. Following services Friday evening, UF Hillel provides a free Shabbat kosher dinner for students. The meal is offered free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors. Please register ahead of time by filling out the GoogleDoc found on UF Hillel's website under Shabbat Reservations.

GatorSalsaClub proudly presents its Fall Social Extravaganza

Gator Salsa Club is offering free workshops and social dancing. Be ready to dance the night

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
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away with DJ Mike Calderon from Miami. Join the massive weekend-long event starting today with a social, followed by the main extravaganza Saturday.

African Student Union sixth General Body Meeting: China-Africa Policy

It's foreign policy time. Join peers today in CSE, Room 222, at 6:30 p.m. in discussing the ongoing growth in Africa-China relations and its many advantages and disadvantages.

Arts and Craft Show

It's Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alachua County Senior Recreation Center at 5701 NW 34th St.

First Generation Student Organization

There is joy in giving, so give what you can. Join the First Generation Student Organization as they collect canned foods to benefit the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Partner Distribution Agency of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic, hunger-relief charity. Help make a difference by dropping off all canned food donations to Tigert, Room 155 now through Nov. 25. For more information, please visit the Facebook page or email fgso.uf@gmail.com.

Cooperation Festival

Join Citizens Co-op and Swallowtail Farm on Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m. in celebrating local food, music and the community. Musical guests include Holopaw, MSNRA, Euglossine, The Improper Contraband, Ricky Kendall & The Healers, Patrick Koch and Captive Eddies. The festival features food trucks, farm tours, workshops, demonstrations, activities for children and an on-stage art installation by The Church of Holy Colors. Admission is between \$10 and \$20 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. To learn more, visit the event page on Facebook. Tickets are on sale at citizensco-op.com/cooperation-festival.

4-H fundraiser

4-H Association, made up of volunteers throughout Alachua County, is coordinating a 5K fundraiser on Saturday at Paynes Prairie State Park 8:30 a.m. A nonprofit organization, 4-H allows youth aged 5 to 18 hands-on experiences in a variety of fields such as animal science, photography and technology. The proceeds

from the race will be used to provide scholarships for youth to attend summer day camps.

BB Gun Turkey Shoot

The Gainesville Elks Lodge will be having a BB Gun Turkey Shoot from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The public is invited. The first 96 families to register for the turkey shoot with a child or children who participate in our BB Gun Turkey Shoot will receive a free turkey dinner.

Family Day, 1 to 4 p.m. at The Harn Museum

In celebration of International Education Week, come enjoy family friendly tours of the Kongo across the Watersexhibition. Then in classrooms see guest artist Sarah Hammond, a traditional basket maker from Charleston, demonstrate sweet grass baskets and start one of your own. A donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per child is requested if you do the art activity. Admission to the museum, this program, and parking are free. Visit harn.ufl.edu for more information.

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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Memorial garden in park dedicated to survivors of suicide

► IT'S IN THE COFRIN NATURE PARK.

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Raela Villanueva wiped the tears from her face and grabbed the microphone in front of her.

She began singing a song she wrote for her brother, Junior, a UF student who committed suicide about 16 years ago.

On Thursday, about 50 attendees watched as the Survivors of Suicide Memory Garden was dedicated to family members and friends whose loved ones killed themselves.

Now, those affected by suicide in Alachua County have a place to find peace and reflect on the memories of loved ones they've lost in

the Cofrin Nature Park, located at 4810 NW Eighth Ave.

Commissioner Randy Wells spoke at the dedication. He said the garden represents love and can help survivors understand the doubt and confusion surrounding a suicide.

"Someone affected by suicide knows it is not an end ... but a beginning of lifelong questions," he said. "I hope and believe something special will come from this space. It represents empowerment over futility."

John Adams, one of the landscape architects for the project, said when he and his team were designing the layout for the garden, he wanted each part to represent how people deal with losing someone to suicide.

"There are four functions of the garden," he said. "It's a place for someone to go to honor

their loved one, a place for healing and forgiveness, a place for supporting others and finding support, and a place to find calmness."

"I hope and believe something special will come from this space. It represents empowerment over futility."

Randy Wells
city commissioner

Adams said the garden's "symbolic design" includes a gathering space, a labyrinth and a bench by a creek, all of which symbolize the stages of grief survivors face.

A life-size basalt sculpture with six columns that stands in the garden, designed by Greg Johnson, was created to symbolize how each individual affected by a suicide can be-

long to a greater group, Johnson said.

"Each is individuated ... but they relate to each other as people relate to their loss," he said.

The idea for the garden was hatched almost a decade ago when the park opened, said Gladys Cofrin, former owner of the park property; however, the construction on the garden began about two years ago.

The Friends of the Crisis Center, in conjunction with the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, and the Alachua County Crisis Center partnered to create the garden.

Wendy Brant, the president of Friends of the Crisis Center, said the garden was "truly built by angels — both seen and unseen," and will now be a special place for survivors.

Police: Hub employee exacts revenge with oil

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A reported revenge plot on the car of an ex-boyfriend's lover landed one local woman in jail Thursday morning.

Gainesville Police arrested Hub cook Tiffany Marie Ebanks, 27, on charges of burglary and criminal mischief, according to an arrest report.

At about 2:30 a.m., Ebanks broke into Franki Renee Bullock's car in the parking lot of Gator Place Condominiums, at 4000 SW 23rd St., according to the report.

Ebanks opened a container of oil in the car and poured it on the seats and side panels, then onto the windows outside



Ebanks

of the car. She scratched into the car's paint in several places and etched "b****" on the passenger-side door.

Police connected Ebanks to the incident after collecting fingerprints from the car and the oil container, according to the report.

She told officers she caused the about \$1,000 worth of damage to the car because she was angry with Bullock for dating her ex-boyfriend, according to the report.

Officers booked Ebanks into the Alachua County Jail.



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Drop the Bass

UF's symphony orchestra performs at the University Auditorium on Thursday evening. The show was conducted by Raymond Chobaz. The orchestra's next concert is Dec. 3 in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

CAMPUS

Star light, star bright at the Florida Museum tonight

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For the seventh year in a row, the Florida Museum of Natural History is hosting its annual Starry Night event tonight.

Laura Caicedo, the marketing and public relations assistant at the museum, said there is something for everyone at the free, astronomy-themed event.

"It's a really good way to sort of get an introduction to astronomy and space science"

Amanda Harvey

educator at the center for science learning

From 6 to 10 p.m. students can speak with experts from different astronomy programs to learn about the universe, said Amanda Harvey, an educator at the center for science learning at the museum.

"It's a really good way to sort of get an introduction to astronomy and space science," she said.

At 7 p.m. visitors will be able listen to UF's astronomy department's chair, professor Rafael Guzmán, speak about the Gran Telescopio CANARIAS, the largest optical telescope on Earth, she said.

Vicky Sarajedini, an associate professor in the astronomy department at UF, said her department has developed a new interactive activity it calls create-a-crater. People will drop objects in a tub filled with a sand mixture and see what kind of craters they can make.

Over the years, the portable planetarium that Sarajedini helps run has become a staple.

The show will start off displaying the night sky over Gainesville, then demonstrate sky movements.

The event will also have 3-D AstroWall presentations, which start out at the sun and then go through the galaxy, and viewers will be able to see how stars are positioned, Sarajedini said.

Harvey said everyone also gets a passport to the universe, a map of everything at the event and a place for patrons to collect stamps. A completed passport will earn visitors a prize.

UF economics students make memes for class

► THE MEME WITH THE MOST LIKES WILL GET EXTRA CREDIT.

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UF students don't always make memes, but when they do, they're in Lindsey Woodworth's economics class.

Public economics instructor and Ph.D. candidate Woodworth created a Facebook group for her students to post memes about public economics, which are paired with an assigned paper.

Woodworth said she got the idea of creating memes for homework from another professor at a conference.

"It's a good way to think about it in a fun way," she said. She added that by sharing economics-based memes, it ingrains the concepts they are learning in the students' minds.

She said she wanted to create homework that gets students to be more creative.

"It's a more fun type of homework assignment," she said. "We usually do a lot of math."

Part of the assignment is to post the memes to the group, where students will vote for their favorite one by liking it. Woodworth said the one with the most likes will get extra credit.

Jason Wasserman, a 20-year-old economics junior in Woodworth's class, said he enjoyed the assignment.

"My first thought when we got assigned it was I thought it would be very entertaining," he said.

Wasserman has already created and posted his meme.

"It shows professor Woodworth understands us," he said. "She's trying to appeal to us and make it fun."

LOCAL

Woman dies, family rescued after tree falls on mobile home

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A 42-year-old woman died Wednesday morning after strong winds caused a 100-foot tree to fall onto a mobile home where she and her family lived in southwest Gainesville.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 2:20 a.m. from Michael Braton, who said a large tree fell through his house at 6904 SW 33rd Place, and that he and his girlfriend, Dawn Ewing, were pinned to their bed and trapped in the bedroom.

Deputies, Alachua County Fire Rescue officials and three men from tree removal company Langston Tree responded. They used air bags and braces to lift the approximately

10-ton tree about 14 inches off of the couple, which was enough room for officials to pull them off the bed.

"I have never taken trees off of people. That's something I hope to never have to do again."

Wes Langston

owner of Langston Tree

Braton, 40, received several injuries, including broken bones, said ASO spokesman Art Forgey. Ewing, however, died from being crushed by the tree. Authorities also rescued three children, ages 5, 9 and 12, who were on the opposite side of the house when the tree fell, Forgey said. They weren't injured.

Paramedics took Braton to UF Health Shands Hospital, where doctors took him into surgery. He remained hospitalized Thursday.

Wes Langston, who owns Langston Tree, said Wednesday's incident was an unusual call for him and his crew.

"I have never taken trees off of people," Langston said. "That's something I hope to never have to do again."

Officials determined heavy winds caused the tree to topple onto the house. Forgey said the sheriff's office received more calls throughout the day about fallen trees around the city. None of the calls resulted in injuries.

At Braton and Ewing's house Thursday, the tree remained lodged on top of the couple's bed among broken pieces of metal, fiberglass

and wood. Clothes, debris and furniture sat untouched outside the house. A notice taped on the front door from Alachua County Animal Services stated two cats and a pit bull mix had been removed from the property.

Gussie Clayton, who lives near the house with her 68-year-old husband, Louis, said she woke up Wednesday morning to what she thought was thunder. She checked outside but saw nothing. She didn't find out about the tree falling on her neighbor's house until later.

The 73-year-old said she's known Braton, Ewing and their children since they recently moved into the house down the road.

"They seem to be really nice people," she said. "I just wish (the incident) hadn't happened."



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

Learning the Ropes

A new high elements course is still under construction at the Lake Wauburg south entrance. The course should be completed before Thanksgiving.

Bus routes 1, 15 and 25 will be affected

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Some city bus routes will be delayed and detoured with a few temporarily closed bus stops due to the festival.

Beginning Saturday and continuing through Sunday, Routes 1, 5, 15 and 25 will be affected.

Route 5 will follow its normal route from the Oaks Mall to Main Street but will then detour to South Main Street to Southeast Fourth Avenue to the Downtown Station. The returning trip from the Downtown Station back to the Oaks Mall will follow the same route.

Some stops along Route 5, including Arlington Square Apartments, City Hall, and Bo Diddley Community Plaza, will be out of

service.

Additionally, Routes 1 and 25 will follow its normal route to Main Street but will then detour to South Main Street to Southeast Fourth Avenue to Downtown Station. Bus stops to be closed along these routes include Arlington Square Apartments and the Hampton Inn.

Bus Route 15 will also be affected. It will follow its normal route to University Avenue, and then will detour to South Main Street to Southeast Fourth Avenue to Downtown Station.

Bus stops closed on Route 15 include City Hall and Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

All affected routes can expect delays because of the detours. Normal bus service will resume Monday.

Authorities can develop clearer statistics about rape in Gainesville

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Users can offer as much or as little information as they choose, but more detailed reports will help police follow trends, Benck said. Authorities can also develop clearer statistics about rape in Gainesville, especially because many incidents are historically believed to go unreported.

"We actually hope to get a better picture of what our victim demographics look like and what our suspect demographics

"We can potentially at least see areas of town where we should be concentrating efforts."

Lynne Benck

GPD captain

look like," she said. "We can potentially at least see areas of town where we should be concentrating efforts."

As with most anonymous reporting systems, there is a concern people will file false reports, Benck added. However,

"that's trivial compared to all the good that it will do."

Already, Benck said, a victim's advocate asked her when the website would launch because a victim expressed interest in using it. Benck and Kalt said they hope many more victims will see the website as an outlet and take advantage of the resources.

"If they can get it out and start realizing they can trust people with their story," Benck said, "the chances that they're going to heal and live a productive life will greatly increase."

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Editorial

Gainesville was straight-up COLD this week. We're talking hats, gloves, coats and boots. On days like those, it's hard to get out of bed and face the world — a pile of blankets, a mug of cocoa and a Netflix binge sound way more appealing than class. But you're all champs: You went to class, you studied hard and now it's Friday. Treat yo'self to a peppermint mocha latte, and enjoy this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Our hearts continue to go out to the people of the Philippines who've dealt with loss, injury, hunger and sorrow as a result of Typhoon Haiyan. In this tragic time, many countries and organizations have pooled their resources to donate money, food, water, medical supplies and volunteer personnel to help the people of the Philippines start to recover. This week, we're giving a **LAUREL** to anyone who helped out, whether they packed up and traveled to the Philippines to help out in person or donated to the Red Cross.

So, the Healthcare.gov website is still hella broken. If you haven't left your blanket cave this week, you may have missed the fact that politicians, insurance companies and private citizens are freaking out. A seemingly endless stream of issues has plagued the health care exchange system from the get-go: the website failed internal tests, President Barack Obama misled citizens by telling them they could keep their insurance if they liked, the task of building the website was outsourced to the U.S. subsidiary of a Canadian IT company and the federal government basically just sucks at technology systems. Hoo boy. A **DART** to the president this week for poor planning.

Another government **DART** this week to the **Food and Drug Administration**, which apparently hates doughnuts, aka all that's good and beautiful in the world. Last week, the FDA proposed a ban on trans fat, in particular, hydrogenated oil.

On the surface, the ban seems beneficial: Hydrogenated oils, which are used to increase the shelf life of most processed foods, are bad for you. No one is under any illusions about that fact, and many products boast "No Trans Fats" labels.

However, a lot of things are bad for you — smoking cigarettes, drinking soda, wearing stiletto shoes too long and consuming too much alcohol. It's not the government's job to regulate behavior, as libertarians like to point out. And they have a point. The FDA should instead promote transparency among food companies that use hydrogenated oils in their products rather than banning them altogether.

And, finally, a **LAUREL** to **Hawaii**, which will now join the ranks of states that allow gay marriage. On Thursday, according to the Los Angeles Times, a Hawaiian judge — who is just a regular judge that wears a hula skirt and coconut bra instead of robes — refused to block Hawaii's same-sex marriage law.

Congratulations to same-sex couples in Hawaii who can now have the winter beach weddings of their dreams.

Happy Friday, chilly Gators. Thanksgiving is almost here!

Reader response

Today's question: Do local police departments correctly handle rape cases?

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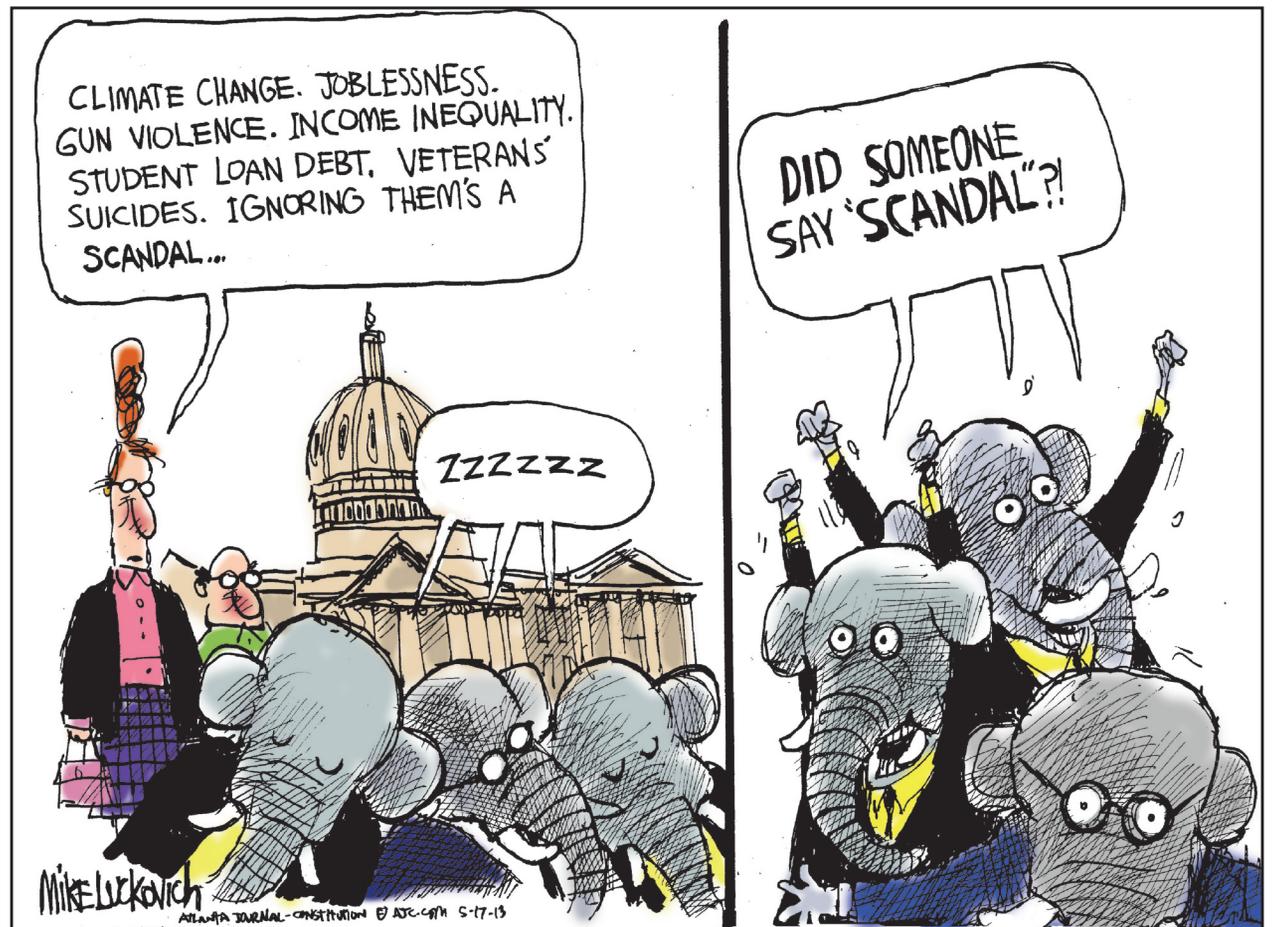
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Column

Sheriff imposes Draconian punishments

America's most controversial law enforcer will soon prove himself worthy of his title. In his latest attempt to smear Arizona's reputation, Joe Arpaio, the sheriff of Maricopa County, has stated he intends to punish prisoners who deface the American flag.

The flag will appear in jail cells and the national anthem will be played as part of Arpaio's ongoing publicity campaign.

The sheriff's futile attempts at patriotism aren't the most disturbing aspect of this campaign, however.

Arpaio has stated that those who deface the flag will be subject to a strict diet of bread and water.

The sheriff went on to boast that 10 people are already being denied anything but bread and water.

His recent ideas for punishment are nothing new.

He made his obsession with food public when he declared inmates would now have to pay for their meals earlier this year.

However, Arpaio's tendencies are by no means limited to dietary restrictions, as he has been the subject of a number of scandals.

Known for making prisoners in his jurisdiction wear pink underwear, Arpaio has repeatedly clashed with the government over highly politicized issues.

For instance, he launched an investigation of the president.

He questioned whether President Barack Obama was born in the United States.

He argued the certificate produced by Obama was a "computer-generated forgery."

Such statements have become synonymous with a dissatisfied Republican party, but this behavior is dangerous when adopted by a public officer.

As a bureaucrat, the sheriff has an obligation to be impartial to politics.

Arpaio has instead embraced his partisan instincts.



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He's also pursued a political agenda.

Manifesting in the most hideous form, Arpaio's most infamous campaign has been to consistently target Hispanic people.

A judge ruled earlier this year that Arpaio's self-appointed

fight against undocumented immigrants led to racial profiling.

According to ABC News, the Arizona sheriff's methods permitted his deputies to pull over and search the vehicles of anyone they thought was an illegal immigrant.

Luckily, his powers to implement immigration laws were suspended by the government.

Yet the pink-underwear-loving 81-year-old has continued to get re-elected.

He is now serving his sixth term as sheriff-elect.

The only difference this time is the sheriff's re-election means someone will only be able to eat bread and water every day.

Being incarcerated shouldn't mean being starved, especially in the United States, regardless of what inmates do to a flag.

Similarly, being elected as the sheriff of a certain county doesn't grant one the right to breach the neutrality the bureaucracy requires.

The agenda used by the sheriff to humiliate, harass and even starve people is nothing more than un-American.

If government has any sense, it will provoke legal action against Arpaio and challenge the legality of depriving people of certain foods in a prison environment.

Richard Vieira is a UF political science senior. His column runs on Fridays.

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

Letter to the Editor

Students should know the facts about education reform

Chances are if you're reading this, you have student loan debt. You may have a federal subsidized or unsubsidized loan, a loan through your school, or your parents may have even taken out a Direct PLUS Loan to help cover the costs of your education. I have a twin sister attending Florida State University, so I happen to have all of the above. I have federal subsidized and unsubsidized loans,

and my parents have taken out loans in order to pay for housing and books.

I was proud to stand behind President Barack Obama at the White House when he spoke about college affordability on May 31. Obama is committed to making college affordable for every student who wants to receive higher education. In August, the president rolled out even more ideas for higher-education reform that will help millions of students across the United States. The following are the

three main points of reform:

1. Implement a new rating system for colleges and universities. The rating system will be based on the institution's ability to give students a strong education at a fair price.

2. Provide incentives to schools experimenting to save student's money with on-line courses and joint programs with high schools.

3. Raise awareness of the "Pay As You Earn" program, which caps loan payments at

10 percent of a student's post-college monthly income. This program is already helping about 2.5 million students across the country.

As Obama said, "Higher education shouldn't be a luxury, or a roll of the dice; it's an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford."

Rachel McGovern

UF student, national council chair for College Democrats of America

Guest column

Obamacare tagline misleads

"If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan. Period."

William Strahovec
Speaking Out

How many times did we hear that? In the Rose Garden, during the State of the Union address, in the pressroom, on the campaign trail and in his weekly Internet addresses, President Barack Obama told us this. And we believed him. So much so that he was re-elected in a decisive victory over Gov. Romney in 2012. This phrase embodied the Affordable Care Act — at least until last week.

Americans are being told they will not be able to keep their health plan. Millions of people are opening letters saying Obamacare has made their policies illegal. My own father was told by his employer that his company will have to look for a new plan because theirs was deemed subpar. This must be a fluke. It must be a problem the government didn't foresee.

But it isn't. And it wasn't. Last week, several media outlets began reporting that, as Obama touted his famous phrase, the White House was estimating about seven million people would lose insurance. They knew. We were told otherwise. In fact, Marc A. Thiessen of The Washington Post wrote

Obama's aides advised him to tweak his tagline. It was misleading. They knew, from day one, Americans would lose insurance. Yet the line stayed.

As expected, the Obama administration has responded to the issue. It says any plan enacted before the law was passed would be left untouched for another year. What the administration failed to mention was if the plan changed in any way — Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, testified that an increase of \$5 constituted a change — the plan was no longer protected. How could they expect a plan to stay completely unchanged over three years? So why mislead the American people?

Easy. If they actually knew they would lose their insurance, their opinion of the plan would sour. They would use their vote to change things. But that didn't happen, and they didn't know. And here we are today. Prices are going up for plans. Families are losing their doctors. This is what I, and the American people, must live through. People can't keep their plans, and the White House knew from the beginning. Period.

William Strahovec is a UF engineering freshman.

Guest column

How Israel can better the world

Eric Brown
Speaking Out

On Tuesday I attended an event hosted by the Jewish National Fund titled Making the World a Better Place, which was supposed to highlight the positive impact Israel is supposedly making on the global community.

The JNF (also known as the KKL) owns 13 percent of the land in Israel. Since the 1950s, the JNF has operated as a part of Israel and controls about 93 percent of the land. The JNF's constitution explicitly states that JNF-KKL land and property is not to be rented, leased, sold or worked by non-Jews.

So you could see why I was surprised that such a discriminatory organization was allowed to come on campus by UF Intercultural Engagement.

The event sought to whitewash the oppression and discrimination inflicted on Palestinians and other ethnic groups by highlighting Israel's green efforts and medical technologies. You want to know how Israel can truly make the world a better place?

1. Stop its settler colonial project that has

ethnically cleansed Palestinians from their land since 1948.

2. Affirm the right of return to more than 4.25 million Palestinians who were displaced

from their land and reside in refugee camps in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

3. Stop the Praver Plan, which seeks to displace more than 40,000 bedouins.

4. Stop placing Palestinian children as young as 9 in military detention centers.

5. End its discrimination against Palestinians with Israeli citizenship and against African migrants.

6. Stop playing such a huge role in the military industrial complex, which greatly harms the global South.

7. Stop threatening sovereign nations with the threat of military strikes, and

8. Realize that an ethnocracy can't call itself the only democracy in the Middle East when it only represents one group of people.

Eric Brown is a UF political science junior.

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Breaking Bread

UF biomedical engineering freshman Jennifer Ralphs, 18, selects a hand-painted bowl to eat soup and bread from at the Arredondo Cafe on Thursday as part of a UF Arts in Health charity project. Proceeds were donated to St. Francis House.

LOCAL

SFC gets grant to help residents get jobs

REGINA SIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Santa Fe College received a grant from the Walmart Foundation to provide low-income adults and older youth with skills to obtain middle-skill-level jobs.

SFC was one of 12 community schools that collectively received the \$3.5 million grant.

Each school will receive \$233,333 to use in teaching programs targeted at people who do not have a high school degree, are from low-income households or

"The grant will be able to prepare students for the future."

Heather Rouse

SFC industrial biotechnology senior

speak English as their second language.

Areas of the program include career counseling and job acquisition skills such as job search, resume writing, and interviewing techniques. Other programs include focusing on literacy, mathematics, computer technology and communica-

tions, said Julie Falt, SFC coordinator of adult education programs.

"It's a support network for people to be able to make it on their own," she said.

The program will kick off in January.

Heather Rouse, a 19-year-old SFC industrial biotechnology senior, said she understands the hardships of finding jobs given the economy.

"I can relate to others who struggle to find a job because of the lack of skills or experience," she said. "The grant will be able to prepare students for the future."

Locals donate to typhoon relief

► RESTAURANTS ARE HELPING, TOO.

ISHA CHOKSI and BRETT RABINOVICH

Alligator Contributing Writers

Local nonprofits and students are stepping up to offer relief for victims of the devastating typhoon that hit the Philippines last week.

The American Red Cross is accepting donations through its local branch. Melanie Saxon, the executive director of the American Red Cross North Central Florida Chapter, said it is using social media to inform people of the need for aid.

"The disaster is so huge, and there will be large sums of money needed," she said. "Locally, we have people contacting us looking for loved ones in the Philippines. We definitely can help with that."

Some restaurants are also chipping in.

Sushi Chao, Hiro Asian Sandwich Bistro, three Mochi locations and both Bento Cafe locations will donate 20 percent of their sales Monday night. The donation period will run from 5 p.m. to close.

Kellen Wright, a 20-year-old UF anthropology junior, is a UF Health Shands Hospital nursing assistant who has a connection to the Philippines through her co-workers.

"They are like my second mothers," Wright said. "They are the generation who moved to Gainesville, but they have a strong connection to their original home in the Philippines."

When hearing of the tragedy that happened in her co-workers' country, Wright decided to act as a liaison between the nurses and her sorority.

With the help of her Alpha Delta Pi sisters, Wright has been collecting toys, money, clothes and other items to send to the Philippines.

"I think when you have the opportunity to help people, you should take it," she said. "It makes the world go 'round.'"

Jade Castro, a 19-year-old UF journalism sophomore who has family in the Philippines, said she believes Gainesville efforts can make a difference.

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Davis to make first start for depleted defense

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN

Alligator Staff Writer @alichtenstein24

Jarrad Davis was not the highest-recruited linebacker the Gators signed in their 2013 recruiting class, but he has made the biggest immediate impact.

Due to solid play on special teams and injuries to the Florida (4-5, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) linebacker corps, the Kingsland, Ga., native will likely make his first career start against No. 10 South Carolina on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Columbia, S.C.

"He just handles himself in a way that, if you didn't know, you wouldn't think he's a freshman."

D.J. Durkin

UF defensive coordinator

"We thought he was a really good player bringing him in," defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin said. "The more you're around, the more you see him, we're pleasantly surprised. He is a guy who is very mature."

Davis made an impact on the staff with his play on special teams, but he received little playing time on defense. His statistics hide his true impact — the freshman has recorded only seven tackles, including one for a loss, in nine games played.

But Davis' maturity has impressed his coaches the most — enough for Durkin to compare him to another true freshman who has made a large impact on the Florida defense.

"We've (talked) about [freshman defensive back Vernon Har-

greaves III] a bunch as a freshman who handles things well and doesn't act like a freshman,"

Durkin said. "I think Jarrad goes into that same category.

"He just handles himself in

a way that, if you didn't know, you wouldn't think he's a freshman. That's in the meeting rooms, off the field, on the field. He prepares really hard, practices well."

The Gators need Davis' practice ability to translate to the playing field against the Gamecocks (7-2, 5-2 SEC) on Saturday.

UF lost starting Mike linebacker Antonio Morrison to a torn meniscus suffered during Florida's 34-17 loss to Vanderbilt on Saturday. Despite struggling at times during the season, Morrison — UF's leading tackler — started the past seven games and played a key role leading the Gators' defense.

"He gets guys lined up. He communicates to everyone on the defensive side of the ball," Durkin said. "There's a lot of things you lose with him."

Redshirt junior Michael Taylor, who previously started at Will linebacker, will take over Morrison's role; Davis will replace Taylor and serve as one of four captains before the game starts.

"We've also reached a point right now where ... we've been there," Durkin said. "You know, it's part of what's going on ... No one really talks about it or feels bad about it. In terms of us for a team, we just got to go move on."

The Gators hope Davis can help their ailing defense.

After starting the season as one of the best run defenses in the nation, Florida has allowed

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Kristi Camara / Alligator Staff

Jarrad Davis comes to a stop following a punt during Florida's 34-17 loss to Vanderbilt on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman guard off to slow start for Gators

JONATHAN CZUPRYN

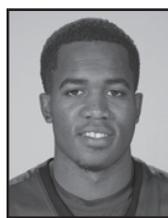
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The suspension of Scottie Wilbekin to start the season pushed Kasey Hill into the starting point guard role for the Gators.

Through two games, the freshman has had his share of struggles.

Hill is tied for 150th in the nation with four assists per game, and his 13 missed shots are the most on the Gators.

However, he will have an opportunity to turn things around for No. 11 Florida against Arkansas-Little Rock on Saturday at



Hill

4:30 p.m. in the O'Connell Center.

Hill's first road trip of his collegiate career ended with a 59-53 loss to No. 20 Wisconsin. Shooting 2 of 11 and fouling out with 3:25 in the game did not help his cause.

Coach Billy Donovan said Hill's poor shooting performance not only contributed to him fouling out during a critical point of the game, but it also hurt his defensive play as well.

"I thought his lack of putting the ball in the basket really impacted him on the defensive end of the floor, being a young guy and all," Donovan said. "He was visibly disappointed, upset, bothered. That led to some of his foul trouble. He has to be able to move to the next play."

For the first time since Nick Calathes made his debut in 2007, the Gators started a freshman at point guard to open the season. In Calathes' first two games of his career, he averaged 18 points per game on 43 percent shooting. He also averaged 5.5 assists.

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Picks Column



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Sitting at 4-5 with a likely loss ahead of them in Columbia, S.C., the Gators could easily be batting .400 by weekend's end. With that possibility in mind, as well as our nation's recent observance of Veterans Day — thank you for your service — we here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column would like to talk about Ted Williams — Teddy Ballgame — the last man to bat better than .400 in Major League Baseball.

While Williams' .400 — actually .406 — is much better than a .400 would be on Florida's end, we think this Hall of Famer had several bits of wisdom that would do the Gators good.

Will these quotes be out of context? How could you even ask such a question?

Of course these quotes will be taken out of context.

So, sit back, relax and get ready for some "Ted Talk!" (See what we did there?)

1. "If you don't think too good, don't think too much."

Put simply, this tells dumb people to avoid thinking too hard. But there's a deeper meaning here. Read what defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin said on Wednesday: "You can't let circumstances define where you're at and what you're doing." Below .500 and reeling, it's probably hard for UF to "think good" and push away the bad thoughts. So, quit the thinking, go out there and play your game!

2. "If there was ever a man born to be a hitter, it was me."

Are the Gators simply going to lie down and let good old Ted be the only hitter out there? Somebody tell us right now that Dante Fowler Jr. isn't a hitter. Somebody tell us that Loucheiz Purifoy isn't a hitter. Hell, Jarrad Davis is "a guy who sticks his face in the fan," according to Will Muschamp. We damn well know he's a hitter. Go out there and hit somebody — legally!

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Mark Parrish and Florida cross country begin the NCAA Championships today. Read the story on page 16.



Quotable

"We feel good about him moving forward."

Will Muschamp, UF coach
on potentially starting QB Skyler Mornhinweg

Gators captains

Will Muschamp announced via Twitter that Cody Riggs, Jon Halapio, Vernon Hargreaves III and Jarrad Davis will serve as captains against South Carolina.

Slow start dooms Gators in road loss

GORDON STREISAND

Alligator Writer @GordonStreisand

The third time is not always the charm.

It certainly was not for the Gators on Thursday night in Blacksburg, Va.

Failing to recover from a disastrously bad first half, Florida lost its first road game of the season, falling to Virginia Tech 71-59.

"We were on our heels defensively for most of the night," coach Amanda Butler said. "That was just so hard to overcome."

After Florida was out-rebounded in its previous game, against North Florida, Butler knew her team would face a challenge against the Hokies, who entered the game with a +18 rebound margin.

Fortunately for Florida, rebounding was not an issue.

However, almost everything else was.

Florida's defense was porous in the first half, allowing 39 points on 43.3 percent shooting, as the Gators trailed by 24 points going into halftime.

As poorly as the defense played, the offense was just as shaky.

Hokies freshman guard Vanessa Panousis had 18 points in the first half. Florida had 15.

"She did a fantastic job today," Butler said of Panousis. "She set the tone from the beginning and we were adjusting, continuously, to her. That was certainly not our game plan."

Virginia Tech's (3-0) hot shooting coupled with Florida's inability to put points on the board spelled disaster for

the Gators. UF was plagued by a six-minute scoreless drought in the first half and shot 4 of 24 from the field before halftime.

But Florida (2-1) was a different team in the second half.



Williams

Ronni Williams began to dominate the floor like she did in the Gators' season opener against Bethune-Cookman. Before fouling out with 3:30 remaining in the game, Williams recorded seven rebounds and seven points.

"I thought Ronni really sparked us in the second half," Butler said. "No question. She really battled and turned the momentum. Kayla (Lewis) had some big plays as well, but Virginia Tech answered."

Florida pulled within four points with 6:51 remaining in the game, but the early deficit proved too much to overcome.

Seniors Jaterra Bonds and Lily Svete each had strong performances. Bonds led the team with 21 points, while Svete made four threes to finish the game with 12 points.

"After playing such an embarrassing first half, it was too much to overcome," Butler said. "I was really proud of the fight and the toughness that they showed in the second half. ... Ultimately, our demise in the second half was that we gave up big plays."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

THE RALLY

Who will win the UGA-AU game?

Each week, two alligator-Sports columnists will debate the biggest looming matchup in college football. Today, Phillip Heilman and Adam Pincus preview No. 25 Georgia's road matchup against No. 7 Auburn on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.



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Phillip: What a difference a year makes.

After going winless in Southeastern Conference play last season, including a 38-0 loss to Georgia — the first time Auburn had been shut out at home since 2003 — the Tigers have bounced back.

However, their resurgence is going to hit a snag this week with the Bulldogs in town.

Georgia has won the past two meetings between these teams by a combined score of 83-7. I don't believe the margin of victory will be that impressive this time around, but the Bulldogs are going to keep their SEC Eastern Division title hopes alive with a critical victory.

Having recovered from a rough patch during the middle of October, Georgia is starting to resemble the team that was a play away from the national title game last season.

Todd Gurley, who was out for both of the Bulldogs' SEC losses after suffering a sprained ankle in a win against LSU, has returned and looks like one of the nation's top tailbacks. Going against an Auburn defense that is allowing more than 150 rushing yards per game, I expect Gurley to do enough to help his team win.

Come on, Pincus, you can't really expect Auburn to win this game. Cam Newton doesn't even play for them anymore, you dope!

Adam: What Auburn does have is what I like to call the Spread Eagle offense. The Tigers score 39 points and gain 493.3 yards a game. That yardage number is second only to Johnny Manziel's Aggies in the SEC.

Quarterback Nick Marshall will have his Tigers ready to play. This is his first Auburn-Georgia game as a quarterback since he transferred from UGA in 2012. Marshall and two teammates were found stealing from a teammate. UGA coach Mark Richt gave him the boot, forcing Marshall to attend Garden City (Kan.) Community College. This is his redemption game!

As a quarterback, Marshall has rushed for 734 yards. Running back Tre Mason has 1,038 yards himself. That's quite the duo in the backfield. Not a good combination for a Georgia team that, depending on who you talk to, may or may not have outgrown its yearly late-season woes. I know these situations are

completely different, but since you brought up Newton I must ask: Sound familiar?

Phillip: That does sound eerily familiar.

However, I don't think Marshall is nearly as talented as Newton is now or was during his one season with the Tigers. It does sound like Marshall also lacks common sense, though.

Anyway, if you want to talk about quality signal-callers, look no further than Aaron Murray.

Georgia's quarterback, a senior who did not have to go to community college to learn to not steal things, is second in the conference in passing and has only gotten better as the season has gone on. Auburn has proven to be susceptible against strong passing attacks — the Tigers are 11th in the conference in passing defense — despite having faced only one of the SEC's better quarterbacks this season.

Murray should have a field day.

Meanwhile, Georgia's defense, which will certainly need to limit Mason to win the game, is fourth in the conference against the run. The Bulldogs looked pretty stout while bottling up Kelvin Taylor in Jacksonville, and I expect them to do the same Saturday to send the Tigers spiraling.

Auburn has had a friendly schedule to this point, but starting this week (and especially after playing against Alabama in two weeks to end the season) the fairy tale will come crashing down.

Adam: The Gators don't belong in the same conversation, let alone the same sentence, as these two teams. Against top-25 teams this year, Georgia has allowed 161 rushing yards per game and boast a typical 2-2 record. These 'Dawgs are inconsistent — whether it be because of injuries or Murray's bazooka of a right arm.

I'm also not picking against Gus Malzahn's now-humming offense that's clicking on all cylinders. He may be off the Christmas card list for Florida fans for introducing the Wildcat to college football (sorry, Trey!), but he has turned Auburn into a force in the SEC.

Auburn is college football's most improved team record wise and will show it on the field come Saturday in another edition of the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. While researching things to do in Auburn, Ala., I came across the "slush bus," which is a shuttle service provided by The Supper Club bar that drives patrons home until 5 a.m.

How can you not like a team that plays in a town with that?

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Hill shooting 35 percent from field

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Hill is averaging 9.5 points per game on 35 percent shooting, while averaging four assists.

Before the season started, Hill said he was a pass-first player. But with 20 shots so far, he has as many attempts as Patric Young, Will Yeguete and Jacob Kurtz combined.

There has not been a Florida team with fewer assists in the first two games of the season than this year's squad since at least 1998. But Donovan, who was a point guard during his playing career at Providence, said he understands how difficult it is for Hill to manage

"He's kind of having to learn on the job, and I'm not so sure that's the fairest thing to him. So there's going to be some growing pains and some bumps and bruises on the way."

Billy Donovan
UF coach

a team as a freshman. With no other true point guard on the active roster, Hill is forced to carry the load in the backcourt.

"Obviously I've put him in a very difficult situation," Donovan said.

"The fact that he's a freshman and we don't have another point guard right now on our

team, and he's got to absorb a lot of minutes. He's kind of having to learn on the job, and I'm not so sure that's the fairest thing to him. So there's going to be some growing pains and some bumps and bruises on the way."

With the season opener and the first road game out of the way, Donovan said he expects Hill to take what he learned and immediately start growing into a better player. Florida's next three games are at home against mid-major schools.

"This is a good experience for him," Donovan said. "Just the way he's being guarded, what people are doing to him and how he needs to attack and play."



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Kasey Hill dribbles the ball during Florida's 77-69 victory against North Florida on Nov. 8 in the O'Connell Center. Hill is averaging 9.5 points per game through two games this season.

UF defense allowing 165.5 rushing yards per game during losing streak

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running backs such as LSU's Jeremy Hill, Missouri's Henry Josey and Georgia's Todd Gurley to shred its run defense. During UF's four-game losing streak, opponents ran for an average of 165.5 yards per game.

"I felt really good going into the season with where we were," coach Will Muschamp said. "Certainly, we've not had the results we wanted to consistently through the year, and that's been frustrating."

Florida has its work cut out for it again against South Carolina.

Gamecocks running back Mike Davis is the SEC's leading rusher and has already scored 10

rushing touchdowns.

"He is having an outstanding year, certainly has been a huge different in their run game," Muschamp said.

"Certainly, we've not had the results we wanted to consistently through the year and that's been frustrating."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

Added Durkin: "He's a powerful guy, breaks tackles. He's got some top-end speed. He's hit some long ones on teams where maybe because of his size or whatever he doesn't look like a speed guy, but he's got speed. "He can break it."

PICKS, from page 13

3. "They invented the All-Star Game for Willie Mays."

Here is Florida's most significant challenge of all. In order to get back on track, the Gators need to — BA-HAHA! The quote's about Willie Mays! I honestly cannot believe you read that far expecting to gain some actual wisdom from that. Good grief.

To those of you making the trip to Steve Spurrier's home of nine years, have a safe journey. For those of y'all staying home, try to make it through Saturday without firing coach Muschamp, OK? Jeremy Foley can't do GatorZone interviews every week.

Today, we have Joe Morgan and Adam Pincus debating the Duke-Miami matchup.

Forget .406! The Blue Devils (+3) will have the 'Canes dialing 4-1-1 because...

Miami cannot remember its last loss to Duke. Break out the record books and tell Coach K to take a backseat and police tanking NBA teams a little bit longer because David Cutcliffe is currently the king of Durham.

- Joe Morgan

Duke will call Miami (-3) the greatest hitter to ever play the game because...

These Blue Devils are in for one hell of a reality check. The U does not lose to frickin' Duke! Are you out of your mind? Go home, Joe! You're drunk.

- Adam Pincus

Now onto the picks!

Still leading the pack at 52-31-5 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Joe "Steve SPILL-berg" Morgan, who slipped and fell while walking through his apartment this week. Hey, Joe. Disney put out a casting call for Star Wars: Episode VII this week. They need an actor to play the Stormtrooper who dies first.

Tied for first is alligatorSports Assistant Editor Adam "Butt Fumble" Lichtenstein, who had the audacity to wear a Mark Sanchez jersey in the

office this week. We know you're hard on yourself, but have some self-respect, man. Besides, it's Geno Smith's team now!

Next up at 49-34-5 is alligatorSports Editor Phillip "Holier Than Thou" Heilman, who recently decided to impart some life lessons while playing Madden on Xbox Live. Listen, bud. When you follow up some sage advice by eating a potato chip off your bare chest, it's hard to take you seriously. That's the Buddha's shtick, man!

A few games back but still in the hunt at 45-38-5 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Adam "When's the press conference start?" Pincus, who still texts his colleagues to figure out the media schedule despite this year being his second covering Gators football. Repeat after me, Pincus: cal-en-dar.

Tied with Pincus is FightinGators.com's Cody "Omaha bound!" Jones, who spent Wednesday tweeting all about Florida baseball's signing class. We know you're looking for the next Mike Zunino, Cody, but you can give it a break. Baseball season isn't for a few more months.

Maintaining a shred of respectability at 44-39-5 is the Orlando Sentinel's Edgar "B.B. Kingpin" Thompson, who was busted back in his youth for firing his BB gun at unsuspecting targets. Who needs drone strikes when you've got this guy wandering around?

Finally out of the cellar at 43-40-5 is InsideTheGators.com's Bryan "Good job! Good effort!" Holt, who made a point of congratulating Vanderbilt fans for last weekend's victory against Florida. How dare you betray the orange and blue! Whatever happened to "GO GATA" 'til the death of me?

And in dead-ass last with a piss-poor record of 42-41-5 is 247Sports.com's Thomas "Ladies' Night" Goldkamp, who agreed to let the old ball and chain — ahem, Holt — leave the apartment for some fun with friends last Saturday night. Good for you, Thomas. It's important that you each have an identity outside of your relationship.

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CUSE (+39) at FSU	FSU	CUSE	FSU	FSU
MIA (-3) at DUKE	DUKE	DUKE	DUKE	DUKE
OKST (-3) at UT	OKST	UT	UT	OKST
MSU (-7) at NEB	MSU	MSU	MSU	NEB
TTU (+27.5) at BAY	BAY	BAY	BAY	TTU
UF (+14) at USCe	USCe	USCe	USCe	USCe
STAN (-4) at USC	STAN	USC	USC	STAN

	AL	AP	PH	JM
UGA (+4) at AUB	AUB	AUB	UGA	UGA
CUSE (+39) at FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU
MIA (-3) at DUKE	DUKE	MIA	MIA	DUKE
OKST (-3) at UT	OKST	OKST	OKST	OKST
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Gators cross country to compete in NCAA Championships

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After mixed results at the Southeastern Conference Championships on Nov. 1, Florida's cross country teams are hoping to boast a strong showing today starting at 11 a.m. at the NCAA South Regional Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Coach Paul Spangler said the team has limited the volume of its workouts this week after intensifying practice following the SEC Championships.

"Right now, it's just a matter of feeling fresh, maintaining the fitness that we have, keeping the athletes healthy and preparing them to run faster," he said.

The men have momentum going into regionals after their second-place finish at the SEC Championships.

They do not want to settle for second-best again.

"Overall, the team was satisfied, but I think that we have more to give," senior Mark Parrish said. "We're happy with our fitness ... but at the same time, we're looking forward to having some improvements at Regions."

The men will be running a 10K for the first time this season when

they compete on the Harry Pritchett Running Course today.

Even though this will be the first time some of the runners will experience the extended course length as Gators, Spangler said he does not believe the extra distance will faze the team.

"Overall, the team was satisfied, but I think that we have more to give."

Mark Parrish
UF runner

"The training we do is designed for them to run fast, whether it's an 8K or 10K," he said. "The only thing you worry about is them mentally going into the race, and I know those guys are mentally tough, so I don't expect it to affect them at all."

While the men have had consistency from their top four runners — Parrish, juniors Jimmy Clark and Eddie Garcia and freshman Carlos Miranda — they received an added boost when junior JL Hines returned to the lineup after missing two races this season.

"He's looked a lot better here in practice recently," Spangler said.

"We're excited to see what he can do [today]. He's going to be

key for us."

The women are shaking off a fourth-place finish at the SEC Championships — their worst team outing in the event since 2007 — as they prepare for the regional race.

"We've left that behind," red-shirt senior Agata Strausa said.

"We've acknowledged that some teams were better on that day."

Strausa said that one form of motivation for the team to perform well at the SEC Championships was the pride of running on their home course.

"We wanted to do well for our fans here," she said. "There was a lot of pressure, and it's not that it's less pressure at regionals, but at regionals, we can race with more risk and just let it all out because this is very important for us to qualify (for the NCAA Championships)."

Strausa was the only Florida runner on the women's side to finish in the top 10 in the 119-competitor field two weeks ago. Three of Florida's five scoring runners finished in 30th place or worse.

They hope to change that outcome when they run their 6K today.

"Cross country depends on a daily form, and on that day, there

were just other teams that were in a better shape," Strausa said. "I think we're all really fit and the day will

come that we all get it together and have awesome races and, on that day, we will be winners again."



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Mark Parrish (left) and Jimmy Clark run during the SEC Championships on Nov. 1 in Gainesville. The NCAA Championships begin today.

Florida looking for redemption against undefeated Missouri

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The Gators can take another step toward their 21st Southeastern Conference title tonight.

No. 5 Florida will play No. 7 Missouri at home at 7 with conference-title stakes on the line. Despite already facing teams such as Penn State and Stanford — two of the top

programs in the country — earlier this season, a matchup with the undefeated Tigers could be the Gators' (23-2, 12-1 SEC) biggest challenge.

UF Volleyball

Mary Wise said after Wednesday's three-set victory against South Carolina. "This Missouri team is as talented a team that we've faced in the O'Connell Center in years."

Not surprisingly, the Tigers (29-0, 13-0

SEC) currently lead the conference with two weeks remaining in the regular season. A win tonight would put Missouri on the brink of its first SEC title.

However, the Gators can put themselves in equally strong position with a victory.

If Florida wins the match in three sets, it will own the tiebreaker with Missouri and win the conference title outright barring any losses the rest of the season.

A win in four sets would cause the tiebreaker to come down to the points scored in tonight's match and the Tiger's four-set

victory against the Gators on Oct. 20.

Wise and her team are in for a challenge — starting with Tigers setter Molly Kreklow, who is second in the nation in assists per set with 12.7. Kreklow was named to the All-SEC Second Team in 2012 behind Florida senior setter Taylor Brauneis.

"It all starts with their setter," Wise said. "[Kreklow] is one of the best setters in the country, and that offense goes through her and is elite."

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