

Senior Cory McGee overcomes freak foot injury to compete in World Championships. Read the story on page 15.



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'AN EMBARRASSMENT'

Eagles run all over Gators

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There's no defense for this one. Georgia Southern, a Football Championship Subdivision team that was missing 19 scholarship players due to injury and had lost to the likes of Wofford, Samford, Appalachian State and Furman, dominated Florida on its own turf without completing a pass.

Georgia Southern (7-4, 4-4 Southern Conference) gained 429 rushing yards using the triple option to pull off a historic 26-20 upset on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium that snapped a 22-year bowl appearance streak for Florida (4-7, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) and marked the first defeat against a current FCS team since 1946.

"Very disappointed for our program," coach Will Muschamp said. "An embarrassment in this situation."

Florida managed just 279 yards of offense and allowed the fourth most rushing yards in school history. Eight Georgia Southern players had a rush attempt of 10 or more yards.

Georgia Southern earned a reported \$550,000 just to share the same field with Florida. The numbers did not add up. Florida entered the game as 27.5-point favorites. Its football expenses of \$67 million are more than seven times Georgia Southern's entire athletic

budget. This never should have been close.

"They came out here and played their tails off. This was their ballgame," right guard Jon Halapio said. "They had nothing to lose. We took them lightly."

At the start, it looked as if Florida could ride its talent to a victory. Redshirt freshman Skyler Mornhinweg, starting his second game in place of injured quarterback Tyler Murphy, led a 13-play, 63-yard opening drive that ended in a 27-yard field goal by Francisco Velez. Freshman Kelvin Taylor had eight carries on the drive for 54 yards.

Georgia Southern punter Luke Cherry fumbled the snap on a punt to end the subsequent series. On the next Eagles possession, safety Jabari Gorman stripped the ball from GSU running back Johnathan Bryant. Linebacker Michael Taylor recovered the ball at the Georgia Southern 14-yard line.

Mornhinweg, scrambling right, found Solomon Patton in the end-zone from 3 yards out for the first touchdown of his career. Despite a blocked field goal, Florida held a commanding 10-point lead with 13:31 left in the second quarter.

"We did not play a perfect game. We put ourselves in bad situations, but nobody panicked," Georgia Southern coach Jeff Monken said. "There was never any doubt in their minds."

The doubt escalated for Florida

once it became clear that it would not generate a passing offense, and Georgia Southern buckled down against the run.

Taylor gained 11 yards during the remainder of the first half following his 54-yard opening drive. Georgia Southern, led by senior

Jerick McKinnon, gashed Florida in the run game.

The Eagles scored 20 points on **SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 13**



Kristi Camara / Alligator Staff

Georgia Southern quarterback Jerick McKinnon stiff arms Vernon Hargreaves III during Florida's 26-20 loss to the Eagles on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The Eagles ran for 429 yards against the Gators.

Skipping class may trim Thanksgiving Break

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UF students and faculty are preparing to travel home for Thanksgiving. But Wednesday could lose its status as part of the holiday.

Bernard Mair, associate provost for undergraduate affairs,

said Wednesday's canceled classes were only part of a trial period set up by the Faculty Senate for 2012-2014. This Spring, the extra day will be up for review to see whether its benefits outweigh its issues.

Mair said the Faculty Senate voted that Wednesday should be

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LOCAL

Man swipes Salty Dog cover money

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One bouncer's shift turned into a chase across UF's campus this weekend after police reported an Ocala man stole more than \$1,000 in cover charges.

Gainesville Police arrested 21-year-old Robert Price Brannan on charges of grand theft, according to an arrest report.

Salty Dog Saloon bouncer Brandon Wright said he was putting a wristband on a bargoer at about 1:15 a.m. Saturday when Brannan walked up and swiped a bag with \$1,205 inside. He had been escorted from the bar earlier after drinking too much.

Brannan ran across West University Avenue, and Wright followed him. While Brannan was crossing

the road, a taxi hit him, and he rolled a few times over the car, Wright said. However, he got up and continued running.

Wright said he chased Brannan through the Murphree courtyard, where he took all the money out of his pockets and surrendered it to Wright.

Brannan then started running toward Keene-Flint Hall near Library West, where he hid in bushes. Officers arrested him there, Wright said.

Police booked Brannan into the Alachua County Jail Saturday. He was released on his own recognition. He declined to comment about the incident.

The chase became the talk of the night among Wright's co-workers.

"I've had to clean up throw-up and escort some people out, but nothing like this," he said.

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Food donations also increase, pg 8.



News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

RecSports gift certificates available for the holiday season

Give the gift of good health this holiday season. RecSports has holiday packages available for massage therapy, personal training and small group training. Available massages include deep tissue, sports, orthopedic and Swedish. Small group training classes are a great way to meet fitness goals through specialized formats in a small group environment. Class formats offered in the Spring include kettlebell, Kinesis/PowerPlate, TRX, olympic lifting training, sport conditioning, inversion yoga, PilatesMAT, MoveStrong and Welcome to the Gym. To purchase a holiday package, stop by the training center at Southwest Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu.

First Generation Student Organization canned food drive

There is joy in giving, so give what you can. Join the First Generation Student Organization as it collects canned foods to benefit the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, which is a partner distribution agency of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic, hunger-relief charity. Help make a difference by bringing all food donations to Tigert Hall, Room 155, today. For more information, please visit the Facebook page or email fgso.uf@gmail.com.

FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
CLOUDY 70/61	THUNDER-STORMS 78/58	THUNDER-STORMS 64/34	SUNNY 59/40	SUNNY 66/45

Talking Gators Toastmasters meets Tuesdays

Talking Gators meets Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031. An officers' meeting will be after this week's meeting. The annual Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange will be part of the Dec. 3 meeting. Bring a wrapped, or just in a bag, gift for the exchange. For more information, go to talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators also is on Facebook.

Enter to win a fully equipped scooter

In addition to free admission to all exhibits, students who come to the Florida Museum of Natural History between now and Dec. 5 can enter to win a fully equipped scooter. Party 99.5 and the museum are giving away a new scooter courtesy of Southern Scooters and ATVs. Entrants must be a UF student with a valid Gator 1 Card and 18 years or older. The winner will be announced during a Party 99.5 remote broadcast at the museum from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 5. The winner must be present to claim the scooter. Tune in to Party 99.5 for more details and the chance to get registered, or register at the museum, 3215 Hull Road.

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CAN MAKE UF THE BEST IT CAN BE.*



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CAMPUS
**SDS rallies
at Tigert
for tuition
equity**

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The UF Students for a Democratic Society's battle for tuition equity for undocumented students continued Friday when the group pushed for space at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

Nine members gathered outside Tigert Hall to hand over about 6,200 signatures from an online petition on Change.org, 200 handwritten letters, endorsements from almost every major student organization and 13 news articles to Jamal Sowell, the liaison to the Board of Trustees.

"This campaign is about tuition equity, but it's also about free speech and democracy," Conor Munro, a lead organizer for SDS, told the crowd.

Munro handed over a thick folder to Sowell, who then said a few words.

"This campaign is about tuition equity, but it's also about free speech and democracy."

Conor Munro

lead organizer for SDS

"As an administration, we never want to stop free speech," Sowell said. "We want to pass what they're saying along."

The night before, students from the group appeared at the Faculty Senate meeting, where faculty voted 40-27, falling short of a two-thirds majority, to move the item to be discussed at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

Now, that group is fighting for speaking time at the meeting on Dec. 6.

"The biggest emphasis to note is that this can be effective at a university level," said Michela Martinazzi, a 21-year-old UF art history senior and a lead organizer for SDS.

Undocumented students currently do not qualify for in-state tuition and therefore must pay out-of-state tuition, which costs about four times as much.

At Nov. 13's Student Senate meeting, representatives from Hispanic Student Association, Black Student Union and Asian American Student Union, among 15 other organizations, also spoke during public debate in support of a resolution.

The Senate approved the resolution with a majority vote. Florida International University has also passed a similar measure.

Munro, a 22-year-old UF history and economics senior, said he feels confident the initiative will appear as an item on the board's agenda.

"I feel like the ball is in their court," he said. "We've done everything we can."

Babysitting option gives graduate students a Thanksgiving break

It is \$35 a day per child

EMILY BEHRENS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Baby Gator nursery and Graduate Assistants United are teaming up to provide reduced child care today and Tuesday for UF graduate assistants.

Alachua County schools are

closed this week, leaving graduate assistants to find babysitters or child care. But for the first time, Baby Gator and Graduate Assistants United are providing an affordable option, said Emily McCann, the co-president of Graduate Assistants United at UF.

Baby Gator will accommodate 25

"We are happy and delighted to collaborate with Baby Gator."

Emily McCann

co-president of Graduate Assistants United at UF

children, aged kindergarten to sixth grade.

The cost is \$35 a day per child, but Graduate Assistants United is

covering \$20 of that cost per child, McCann said.

"We are happy and delighted to collaborate with Baby Gator," McCann said.

Kelly Jamison, the assistant director of the Lake Alice Baby Gator, said the nursery thought it would be a nice opportunity to serve more UF families.

"We thought it would be a nice trial run and hopefully do it again in

the future as well," Jamison said.

Melody Schiaffino, the president of Ph.D. Moms at UF, said graduate assistants have a 50 percent rate of not completing their graduate assistant term due to the cost of caring for children while in school.

"To have this Thanksgiving week and hopefully in the future for other days off would be amazing and would not interrupt our progress and our duty," Schiaffino said.

Degree might not play major role in career, study says

OF THE COLLEGE GRADUATES SAMPLED, 36 PERCENT WISHED THEY CHANGED THEIR MAJOR.

ELIZABETH BROWN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Although college students might view their major as a seal of fate, a new survey says that might not be the case.

A recently released CareerBuilder.com study found one-third of college-educated employees do not work in careers related to their majors.

The survey, conducted in August and September, also found that 47 percent of the 2,134 college graduates sampled took first jobs unrelated to what they studied in college.

In addition, 36 percent of participants said they wish they could have changed their major.

Kristina DePue, a UF assistant counselor education professor, said she thinks this is because of the poor state of the job market.

She said graduates with degrees in science, engineering and technology are mainly the ones landing jobs in their fields because of the specified training, but other areas might not be the same case.

With this competition in the job market, DePue said she thinks more people are coming back to school.

She said because of major overlaps, like education similarities between sociology and psychology or education and social sciences, the actual major doesn't matter as much.

But according to the study, 32 percent of the participants said they never found a job related to their major.

Even though jobs are scarce, DePue said, just having an undergraduate degree is still attractive to employers, and strengthening a skill set is crucial.

"It's lots of challenges, time demands and deadlines," she said.

For students looking for jobs right after graduation, DePue said location plays a big role in landing a job — small cities like Gainesville won't offer the same amount of opportunities like bigger cities.

"You open a door for yourself. It's really all about who you know."

Kristina DePue
assistant counselor
education professor

Gaby Alvarez, a 21-year-old UF philosophy senior, said she thinks the logical reasoning and thinking skills she's learning will be helpful when she attends law school.

She said her main concern is getting a well-rounded education, not necessarily working in a certain field.

The survey also found that 64 percent of employees are satisfied with their degrees.

As a professor, DePue said undergraduate students should invest time in practical classes and additional training.

Because students are not familiar with the job world, she said, they should speak with their professors, be proactive and work toward getting internships.

"You open a door for yourself," she said. "It's really all about who you know."



William A. England / Alligator Staff

In Memoriam

The UF Latin American Collection showcased newspaper headlines from Latin American and Caribbean countries reporting President John F. Kennedy's assassination on the Plaza of the Americas on Friday.

CAMPUS

'Rock of Ages' coming to UF in January

AMANDA AREVALO

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new musical will be rocking the stage of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts come Jan. 10.

"Rock of Ages" will be the seventh musical planned for the 2013-2014 season, said Todd Taylor, a public relations associate for UF Performing Arts.

The musical, nominated for five Tony Awards, is about a small-town girl and a city boy falling in love in Los Angeles' most famous rock club to the best hits of the '80s, according to a news release.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale at noon



Taylor

for \$45 to \$65, and student tickets will be sold at noon Dec. 2 for \$20, Taylor said.

Elizabeth Auer, assistant director for UFPA, said the touring Broadway crew will arrive in Gainesville on Jan. 2 and rehearse for a week before its kickoff performance.

Erika Ackerman, a 21-year-old UF public relations senior, saw "Rock of Ages" in New York City.

"I thought it was very good. It appealed to the young crowd," Ackerman said. "It was a little raunchy."

UF to measure how many leave early

BREAK, from page 1

part of the already four-day weekend to ease traveling for students. With some 50,000 students enrolled, having the entire Student Body jam into highways and airports on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving would create a travel nightmare.

"The concern now is that students are not showing up for classes earlier," Mair said.

The issues arose when students took off extra days, skipping classes the Monday or Friday before.

Professors like Linda Perry, a lecturer in UF's colleges of journalism and agriculture, feel the issue of

student attendance shouldn't mean taking away the extra day.

She said many students live four to six hours away, and having everyone drive home Wednesday night poses a serious risk.

"I have to side with the students on this one. They need that Wednesday," Perry said.

Mair is urging students to avoid taking off an excess amount of days so their extra day won't be killed in the Faculty Senate vote.

"I'm relying on students to come to class Monday and Tuesday," he said. "I think it's a good thing, but if it's abused, they will lose this privilege."

He said because many classes

don't take attendance, different data will be collected to gauge student presence. RTS ridership, transactions and water flow on campus will all be measured to determine how many students left early.

David Easley, a 19-year-old UF family, youth and community science sophomore, is braving the five-hour drive to Miami on Tuesday night. He said his trip last year was delayed two hours with traffic, making him hesitant to start the journey again.

"It is nuts just on Tuesday," he said. "I really couldn't imagine only being able to drive on Wednesday instead of spreading out the traffic over two days."

Five people arrested in local prostitution sting

► ALL BUT ONE WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL.

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Gainesville Police arrested five people after an undercover prostitution sting Friday.

Officers arrested 37-year-old Janie Angela Harris and 46-year-old Cheryl Denise Stephens on prostitution charges after they offered male officers oral sex in exchange for \$20.

Zhou Duan Zhu, 44, and Eric Carl Title Jr., 21, were also arrested on charges of soliciting a prostitute. Zhu agreed to pay a female officer \$40 for sex, and Title offered two officers \$40 for oral sex.

Jeremiah Williams, 27, was arrested after he agreed to pay a female officer

\$30 for intercourse and oral sex.

Both Harris and Stephens were arrested in southeast Gainesville when they agreed to give the officers "head," according to arrest reports.

Officers arrested Title, Williams and Zhu in the 1900 block of Southwest 13th Street near the Days Inn Motel, according to arrest reports. The men propositioned the female officers and were then taken behind the motel, where they were arrested.

The prostitution sting was organized after officers received complaints from residents in the area, GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias wrote in an email.

Officers booked Harris and Stephens into jail Saturday. They booked in Zhu, Title and Williams later that evening. All defendants were released except Stephens, who remained in jail with a \$10,000 bond.



Adam Harrington / Alligator

Adopt-a-Bull

Third-year UF medical student Lisandra Perez fills out an adoption application from Rachel Slivon, a volunteer for Plenty of Pit Bulls, Sunday. Perez adopted Sasha, an 8-week-old puppy.

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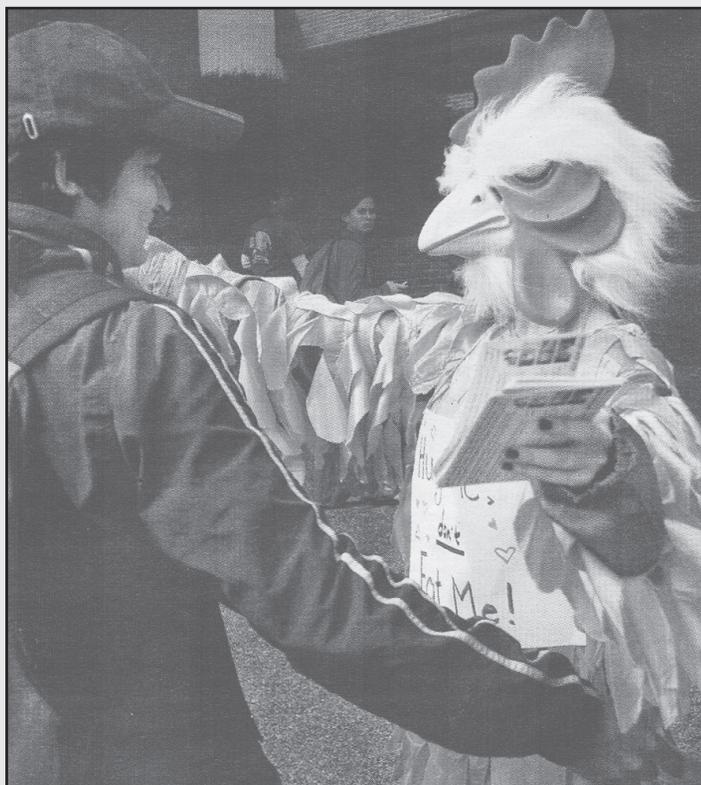
Nov. 29, 1984

Someone must have missed patience day in prekindergarten. An unidentified man made his way through the drive-thru line at Kentucky Fried Chicken. The man approached a 30-year-old Gainesville man in his car, who was just waiting on his biscuits, and started verbally abusing him and even punching him through the open car window. Although the food was not implicated as the reason the man lost his temper, the matter was under investigation.

Nov. 25, 1998

A man switched up his morning routine in an unconventional way — by breaking into another man's house to finish it. The then 33-year-old Gainesville man was caught climbing out of a bedroom window by the house's owner who came home early. After investigating, police found the man had broken into two houses that day, showered and dressed in clothes found in the latter house and made himself a meal before trying to sneak out.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS



Nov. 24, 2008

Fowl as Friends

Amanda Rudderman, dressed as a chicken, moved in to hug a student while promoting vegetarianism on Turlington Plaza.

LIFESTYLE

Search engines warn about porn

ISHA CHOSKI

Alligator Contributing Writer

Google and Microsoft are partnering to tackle the global problem of online child pornography, and some UF students are happy with the companies' efforts.

Internet users can now receive pop-up warnings if they Google search terms that could be associated with child pornography.

"We hope this will make (a) difference in the fight against this terrible crime."

Peter Barron

Google spokesman

Microsoft, which claims a zero-tolerance approach to the issue, will incorporate a buzzword tagging feature on Yahoo and Bing. The company will also use Microsoft PhotoDNA to find illegal pictures and remove them, according to a Microsoft press release.

Arren De La Torre, the founding president of Gators Against Human Trafficking, said she is

glad to see the efforts Microsoft and Google are taking and thinks they will help prevent crime.

"I believe the combination of this preventative measure of Google and Microsoft's, along with increasing efforts to advocate and combat against human trafficking, can end (it) within 30 years," De La Torre, a 20-year-old UF advertising junior, wrote in an email. "I hope that my kids will be able to finally say that slavery is defeated."

Peter Barron, a Google spokesman, said in a statement that while the company already removes offensive material, there was more to be done.

"We are fine tuning our search engine to prevent this material appearing in our results," he wrote in an email. "We hope this will make (a) difference in the fight against this terrible crime."

Awurama Acquah, a 19-year-old UF advertising sophomore, said the measure is raising awareness for an uncomfortable subject.

"Human trafficking is something people don't want to talk about," she said. "But more needs to be done about it."

BP spill money funds snapper project

► RESEARCHERS ARE COLLECTING DATA ON FISH.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PENSACOLA — The Ocean Conservancy says a \$3 million, five-year project to expand data collection on red snapper and other reef fish stocks in the Gulf of Mexico could be a key milestone in recovery from the 2010 BP oil spill.

The Pensacola News Journal reports that the project is one of six in Florida paid for by \$15.7 million of criminal spill fine money from BP and Transocean, and it's the first of the projects that targets marine fisheries. The red snapper fishery is of particular

importance to the Gulf region.

"This is a good investment of BP fine money in the sustainability of the fisheries," said Elizabeth Fetherston, a marine restoration strategist for Ocean Conservancy, based in St. Petersburg.

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Elizabeth Fetherston

marine restoration strategist

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is managing the project. Gil McRae, director of the agency's research institute, said the project will fill critical gaps in data collection regarding catches of red snapper and other fish.

Researchers will go out on volunteer commercial and recreational fishing boats, McRae said. They will more accurately document the type of fish caught, which ones are released and how many of the released fish survive.

Another aspect of the project will be development of smartphone apps that would allow anglers to record their catches in a central computer.

"What we hope is the information will improve the predictability of the season and prevent wide swings in regulations of size limits and bag limits," McRae said. "The project is all about getting better data to better manage offshore fisheries, especially red snapper."

Column

Retailers and shoppers are slowly destroying Thanksgiving

As the nights grow longer and the temperature slowly cools, we are faced with a series of festive days. It's a whirlwind for all Americans, especially students, who use the time to visit family, cram for finals and crank out that 15-page essay the night before it's due.

Thanksgiving is an especially joyous time.

It's a day where we hopefully have the wonderful opportunity to gather with our families, feast together, watch football and take lengthy naps.

Oh, America, how grateful we are for your national day of thanks.

However, as American families gather around their tables to dine on a delicious meal, underpaid workers will put on their uniforms to work at retail stores across the nation. The holiday President Abraham Lincoln declared for our great nation is eroding away at the promise of a good bargain on Thanksgiving evening.

Many of the largest U.S. retailers, including Wal-Mart, Macy's, Kohl's, Best Buy and a slew of others are opening Thanksgiving evening to give shoppers the chance to purchase hordes of crap manufactured overseas at prices so low, they're insane. Kmart — perhaps the biggest offender of them all — is opening at 6 a.m. on Thanksgiving and will remain open for 41 consecutive hours.

Of course, it's all about the customer convenience. Who cares how many low-wage employees have to skip time with their family and friends in order to assist throngs of animalistic shoppers?

In what qualifies as one of the saddest yet most uplifting stories of the year, employees at an Ohio Wal-Mart recently started a food drive — to feed other Wal-Mart employees on Thanksgiving. When you have to start a charity collection for your co-workers so they can actually eat a holiday meal, your country has reached a new



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low point.

Now, couple that image with cell phone videos of gluttonous shoppers, relishing in the cheap crap they get to purchase on Black Friday — I mean Thanksgiving. Little compares to the video of a woman grabbing piles of white bath towels from a bin at a Wal-Mart and dumping them into her shopping cart.

Boy, did her family and friends luck out when they all got a set of stark white bath towels for the holidays.

In recent years, a select few retail stores dealt with violence, stampedes — which in some cases led to the deaths of customers — and a whole litany of madness as Ameri-

cans spent oodles of money on gifts that one day appear in a thrift store near you.

You have to ask yourself, what kind of society allows the perpetuation of such a disgusting trend?

When Lincoln signed the Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863, I doubt he had bargain shopping on his mind.

As the Civil War raged and our nation's creeks, rivers and streams flowed with the blood of fallen soldiers, Lincoln — at the behest of a woman named Sarah Josepha Hale — issued the proclamation, setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national day of thanks so we could all appreciate what we have. It was a dark time in American history, but Lincoln wanted Americans to be thankful, hopeful and prayerful.

One hundred and fifty years later, he got stampeding crowds at the local Wal-Mart.

We don't need to abandon shopping for the holidays, but perhaps

we should reanalyze how and when we're doing it.

Is there really a need to ruin someone's holiday just so you can shop, or have we become so selfish as a nation that our shopping addiction comes before the lives of others?

Think that's an exaggeration? Tell that to the family of a Wal-Mart employee who was stampeded to death on Black Friday 2008. The sales were so good, shoppers killed to get them.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can and should demonstrate care and compassion for others, be thankful for what we have and realize the need to buy crap doesn't help those poor employees sacrificing their holiday for you.

It helps the Waltons and other retail giants have bigger Thanksgiving turkeys.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Joel Mendelson is a UF graduate student in political campaigning. His column runs on Mondays.

Guest column

Is it great to be a gator at UF?

We have all heard the cheer, "It's great — to be — a Florida Gator!" It is usually chanted after a football victory as the crowd exits Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. We all feel great about our team and our school. Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an actual alligator living on campus?

If you walk along Lake Alice, it is easy to find alligators soaking up the sunshine, but you can find other "gator holes" on campus where the alligators do not appear in a majestic setting.

Off Gale Lemerand Drive, across from the band's practice field and the parking garage, there is a drainage canal where an alligator normally lies in plain sight. Just up the road, on the corner of Gale Lemerand and Museum Road, you just might spot a gator hiding among the vegetation in the drainage ditch. In places such as these ponds and ditches around campus, there is something else that you are likely to find with ease: trash.

All over campus, there are garbage bins accompanied by a couple of recycling receptacles. Still, there is litter left on the grass and

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Speaking Out

in the bushes. Much of this garbage ends up in a drainage ditch and gets carried away by storm runoff to the same corners of campus where you may find our school's mascot, along with other wildlife.

Although the courtyard in the middle of campus may appear tidy and clean, other secluded and forgotten corners of campus are riddled with Aquafina bottles, Chick-fil-A boxes and Subway wrappers.

Are we a Student Body that thinks out of sight, out of mind? Or do we take pride in knowing we are a Student Body that will make changes in the world both seen and unseen? I feel we are the latter, and as ecological issues arise, we will tackle them.

The issue of litter on campus has been around for a long time now. We all need to be more responsible and keep our campus clean, not just for ourselves, but also for the alligators and other wildlife we are so fortunate to have on campus with us. Then we can all cheer that it's great to be a Florida Gator.

Phillip Rodgers is a wildlife ecology and conservation senior.

UWire

Not a princess, but it's OK

This past week, something magical happened. No, it wasn't brought on by a fairy godmother, but rather a group of princesses.

An entirely female team created an ad campaign that will revolutionize the way girls think — about themselves, their choices and their futures.

The "You're Not A Princess" campaign, a progressive and innovative series, soon became nationally recognized and includes a set of four ads telling girls that they in fact are not princesses. The creators of the ads don't want little girls to stop pretending to be princesses, but they do want them to grow up realizing they don't need a prince to save and protect them for the rest of their lives.

Right now, only 20 percent of the United States' Senate is composed of women. In the House of Represen-

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tatives, females are only a sparse 17.9 percent, despite the fact that women make up 50 percent of the population. As more and more pro-feminist texts arise, we can only

hope we see those numbers shift in a positive direction and see more girls participating in not only politics, but other fields such as math and science as well.

The "You're Not A Princess" campaign is a much-needed campaign that can aid young girls in developing a better self-image and increased self-respect. The campaign is feminism at its finest and reminds girls and women of all ages that they shouldn't be confined to society's expectations; rather, they should decide who they want to be on their own terms.

Madeleine Gallegos is a writer for *The Collegian*. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

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As holidays approach, charities see more need, more volunteers

► FOOD DONATIONS ALSO INCREASE.

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Locals are getting into the spirit of giving back as nonprofit organizations prepare for the holidays.

Charities are seeing an increase of people in need before the holidays this year as well as an increase in volunteers and donations. But they're still urging for more help.

At St. Francis House's soup kitchen and shelter, the number of homeless people who visit doubles during the holidays to about 400 a day, said Stephanie Breval, the volunteer coordinator.

The number of volunteers increases, too, said Lee Smith, director of operations.

"People get in that spirit of giving," Smith said. "They want to be a part of it."

He said the increase in foot traffic around Thanksgiving isn't so much about the free food but about having people to share a meal with on those days.

Catholic Charities of Gainesville is also encouraging people to get in the spirit of giv-

ing.

The group has organized a number of different food drives in town in time for the holidays, including one at UF in Tigert Hall and one at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo.

John Barli, Catholic Charities regional director, said there is a 60 percent increase in donations during the holiday season.

The organization has seen a slight increase in food donations from years past. The number of people in need rose, too — by about 40 percent, he said.

Holiday food donations can be dropped off at Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, 325 NW 10th Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Money and food donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 1701 NE Ninth St., from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. St. Francis House is accepting food and clothes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Daniela Mejia, a volunteer at Bread of the Mighty, said charity is something she enjoys.

"I like to organize, and I like to give back," the 19-year-old UF biochemistry freshman said. "The holidays are ... a time to give back because some people don't get to experience them like you do."



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Light Touch

Avi Gray, 6, paints a menorah at the Pre-Chanukah Menorah Workshop at the Home Depot on 13th Street on Sunday afternoon.

FEATURE

Identity theft on the rise in Florida, Gainesville no exception

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Brittanie Baker binge-watched "Orange Is The New Black" on Netflix in two days. She has run a half marathon, traveled to 13 countries and knows almost every word to "Legally Blonde."

But she's not one-of-a-kind.

Capital One, for example, recently had two different profiles for Brittanie Baker in its system. Even the Internal Revenue System was confused — while one Brittanie Baker hadn't yet filed taxes, the other was getting a \$38,000 refund.

The "real" Baker, a 24-year-old UF alumna and Florida State University law student, is a victim of identity theft.

Her case joined the 69,795 complaints of identity theft filed in Florida last year, according to the Consumer Sentinel Network. About three times as many complaints were filed then as there were in 2008, making Florida part of a national trend that shows identity theft has been on the rise in recent years.

In fact, since 2009, Florida has had the highest number of identity theft complaints in the United States, according to the online database of consumer complaints run by the Federal Trade Commission.

Identity theft is a problem everywhere, said Gainesville Police Detective Matthew Goeckel.

"We do see our fair share of it," said Goeckel, who has worked in GPD's Economic Crimes Unit for about three years.

Alyssa Jones, public relations manager for Protect Your Bubble, an insurance company that offers identity protection, said the company is investigating why Florida has such high rates of identity theft.

As of now, the company doesn't know. However, she said, cases have continued to increase everywhere.

"We're so much more exposed now than we ever used to be," Jones said.

In today's digital age, any information a person puts online could be compromised.

Kristina Bergman, a UF psychology and food science and human nutrition junior, said her dad thinks his information was stolen when he filled out financial aid for her Bright Futures scholarship.

"But he's always buying stuff online, always buying stuff on Amazon," the 20-year-old said. "I think it could be anything."

Using his information, multiple credit card accounts were opened in Texas. Although Bergman's family is financially stable now, her dad's credit had been crippled.

"I don't think we're suffering from it financially," she said. "But the fear lingers."

In Baker's case, a stranger was using her name, Social Security number and birthday.

She received a letter, informing her a refund for \$38,000 had been issued in her name for the 2011 tax year. Knowing she hadn't filed her taxes yet, she completed an ID theft affidavit in October 2012.

"I was really worried," she said. "I realized I give out my Social Security number more than I want to."

It wasn't until February that everything was settled with the IRS, and she could get her real tax return.

Goeckel said one of the most active times of the year for identity theft is during tax season. He said people go to file their taxes and find out someone already filed them in their name.

Three days before getting the initial letter from the IRS, Baker received another letter.

This one was from Capital One stating "possible fraudulent Capital One account that has recently been opened using some or all of your personal information."

"I obviously knew it was not me," said Baker, who already had a card with the bank.

The police never found out who stole Baker's information.

Goeckel said he finds many of the people stealing identities are located out of the U.S., particularly in Eastern Europe.

But in the U.S., a "fair amount" are caught, he said.

Still, big-time identity theft can happen in businesses, like hospitals and doctor's offices, which most people would consider secure.

Although Baker said she doesn't know who stole her identity, she thinks she could have been a victim of the South Miami Hospital identity-theft scam.

During her freshman year of college, she underwent jaw surgery at the hospital. In March, South Miami Hospital announced that two convicted identity thieves allegedly paid a respiratory therapist at the hospital for patients' personal information, including Social Security numbers. The numbers were sold up to \$150 each, and about 800 patients were affected between June 2011 and February 2012.

A similar situation happened at UF Health Shands Hospital.

About 14,000 patients were notified in April that a Shands employee had been involved in an identity-theft ring and had given out patients' names, birthdays and Social Security numbers from March 2009 to October 2012, according to a

UF news release.

Another incident happened in May at the UF Pediatric Primary Care Clinic. An employee of the clinic stole about 6,000 patients' and parents of patients' information, according to a UF news release. UF investigated and found that the employee improperly accessed some of the records.

Although doctor's offices are considered secure, one employee could jeopardize everything, Goeckel said.

"All it takes is one bad employee," he said.

Goeckel himself was a victim about two years ago. His bank contacted him because it needed to authorize a charge coming from Australia. The bank solved the problem quickly, and no money was taken.

He suspects his information was taken from a company like Netflix or Redbox. But Goeckel maintains that both companies are secure.

Because anyone can be a victim, he said, people need to be proactive about protecting their information. He said they should check their credit reports periodically.

After going through her ordeal, Baker hired a service that informs her when anything is changed with her account. She is even hesitant to give out her Social Security number to doctors.

"I realized how easy it is for someone to do this," she said.

Goeckel said it's almost impossible to be 100 percent safe and secure.

The only way to be completely safe from identity theft, he said, is to "live in bubble and basically use cash for the rest of your life."

GPD tips for protecting your information:

- Set hard-to-guess passwords for credit card, bank and phone accounts.
- Don't give out personal information online or over the phone unless you initiated the contact.
- Check your mail frequently, and take out any letters promptly.
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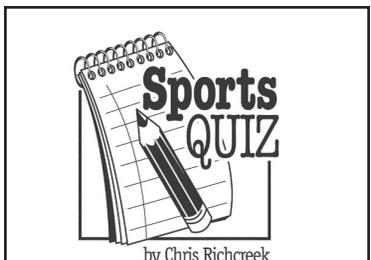
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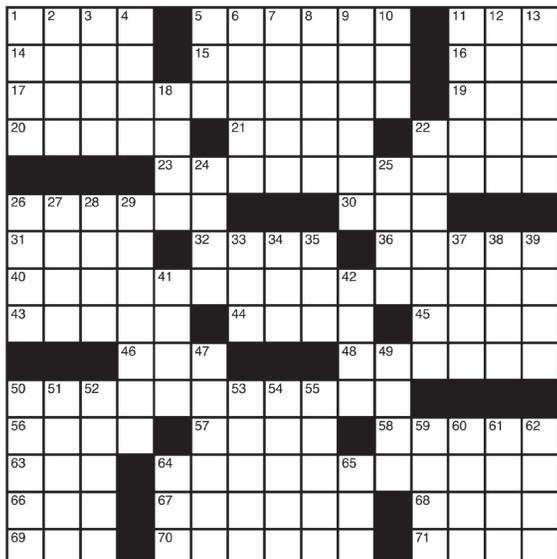
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Redshirt freshman struggles in second career start

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Skyler Mornhinweg was tasked with engineering a game-winning drive for the second straight week. For the second straight time, he failed.

The redshirt freshman made his second career start — and his first at home — in Florida's 26-20 upset loss to Georgia Southern — the Gators' first loss to a Football Championship Subdivision team in program history.

"We're upset," Mornhinweg said. "We should've won the game."

Although the onus of the loss does not completely fall on the quarterback's shoulders — the defense surrendered 429 rushing yards — Mornhinweg felt like he deserved as much of the blame as anyone else.

"We got to go make plays, and a lot of that falls on me," he said. "So, I've got to do a better job."

Mornhinweg began the game poorly. The Gators (4-7, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) drove into the red zone on their first drive on the strength of starting tailback Kelvin Taylor, who

rushed for 54 yards on eight carries during the drive.

When Florida got to the Georgia Southern (7-4, 4-4 Southern Conference) 10-yard line, offensive coordinator Brent Pease dialed up two straight pass plays, but Mornhinweg was nearly intercepted on both of them.

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Skyler Mornhinweg

UF quarterback

The game did not get much better for the redshirt freshman. At the end of the first half, he had completed four passes for only 6 total yards.

"I got to just open up a little bit more with my throws," he said.

The Gators fell behind in the second half and showed little ability to get back in the game. The running attack that gave them an early lead struggled, and the defense allowed the Eagles' triple option to run the ball up and down the field.

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Skyler Mornhinweg (17) attempts a pass during Florida's 26-20 loss to Georgia Southern on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Mornhinweg finished the game 14 of 25 passing for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

GSU dominates run game

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The Gators' injury-depleted defense has been leaking for several weeks.

During Florida's 26-20 loss to Georgia Southern on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, the dam burst completely.

Florida allowed Georgia Southern to rack up 429 rushing yards, which were the fourth most surrendered in program history and the highest total it had allowed since giving up 524 yards on the ground to Nebraska in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

Despite failing to complete a pass in the game, Georgia Southern became the first non-conference opponent other than Miami or Florida State to beat Florida at home since Memphis State accomplished the feat in 1988.

"This is what they do for a living," coach Will Muschamp said. "It's hard to defend them. The way you defend these teams is you change the scoreboard on the other side and you get them out of their rhythm and you create negative plays and you get them behind the down

and distance."

Florida (4-7, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) was rarely able to accomplish any of the tasks Muschamp mentioned.



Riggs

Its offense sputtered much of the game, and its defense failed to consistently diagnose who was doing what when Georgia Southern (7-4, 4-4 Southern Conference) ran its trademark triple-option offense.

The results were damning.

Jerick McKinnon rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown for the Eagles. Kevin Ellison added 118 yards and two more scores. William Banks barely fell short of making it a trio of 100-yard rushers, finishing the game with 94 yards of his own.

"It hurts," safety Cody Riggs said. "We didn't watch what we were supposed to be watching on certain plays, and those six, seven, eight plays are the

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FIRE JOE MORGAN

Muschamp deserves more time

I know you're mad.

You should be.

Florida should never lose to Georgia Southern, let alone any Football Championship Subdivision team.

Ever.

The Gators play in the Southeastern Conference. You know, the league with top-ranked Alabama in it. The one that has won seven consecutive national championships.

I don't think all those fans chant "S-E-C! S-E-C! S-E-C!" just to hear their own voices.

Even with 13 players sidelined due to injury, Florida's loss was inexcusable. Especially considering the Eagles were missing 19 players of their own due to various injuries.

I think it's safe to call Saturday's game the worst loss in Florida football history.

Georgia Southern torched the Gators in the ground game, piling up 429 rushing yards — an outlandish total that marks the fourth most rushing yards Florida has ever surrendered.

The Eagles didn't even need to complete the three passes they attempted.

They simply beat the daylights out of the Gators. Don't let the six-point margin of victory fool you.

But even though Saturday was a living hell for the Gator Nation, don't overreact.

At this point, firing Will Muschamp just

doesn't make much sense.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley has already stated he is "1000 percent" behind Muschamp. Reneging on his word less than a month later would



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not only be a foolish PR move, but it would be damning in the long term.

Firing Muschamp this season would send a harsh message to the brave souls who would potentially vie for the chance to resurrect this program. Win now and win all the time.

People forget that Muschamp had this team one victory away from a spot in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game in Atlanta last season. One tumultuous season full of decimating injuries later, and everyone wants to kick him to the curb.

You think Bobby Petrino would want to risk his next big career move for a two-year window to rebuild the Gators? Not even the always-optimistic James Franklin would abandon Vanderbilt for Gainesville after a swift firing of Muschamp.

Foley should exercise some patience here,

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Runner Cory McGee uses personal loss as strength and motivation at the 2013 world championships. [Read the story on page 15.](#)



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"Where do you start?"

Will Muschamp, UF coach
on Florida's offensive problems

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Georgia Southern's triple option confused Florida defense

FOOTBALL, from page 1

rushing touchdowns by Kevin Ellison and William Banks. The Gators did not have any margin for error on defense with an offense that punted five consecutive drives from 9:06 remaining in the second quarter to the end of the third.

Muschamp publicly admitted that frustration directed towards the offense has manifested itself in a once-vaunted defense.

"It becomes infectious. It's hard when you give up 17 points (and) you hope you score 17," Muschamp said.

"That's hard right now."

The triple option, by design,

eliminated the talent disparity and slowed down a Florida defensive line that had trouble dealing with a Georgia Southern offensive line that cut blocked at the knees.

Defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin said before the game that the team had been preparing for the triple option since the summer, but the Gators did not look the part. Instead, they played like a team that had only four days to prepare. Georgia Southern torched Florida for 7.9 yards per rush.

"They get to the perimeter really fast. It's sometimes hard to use your athletic ability," safety Cody Riggs said.

"You have got to use your eyes and play everything."

Despite a defense that surrendered 429 rushing yards and an offense that could not move the football, Florida had a chance to win after Younghoe Koo shanked his second extra point on Saturday afternoon.

Five completions moved the Gators from their own 36 to the Eagles' 24 with fewer than 30 seconds remaining. Down 26-20, Mornhinweg needed a touchdown. Florida had four plays to get it.

Three plays later, Georgia Southern deflected his fourth-down pass to Patton in double coverage to end the game. The Eagles' sideline rushed the field. The Gators couldn't leave The Swamp fast enough. The Gator Marching

Band, cheerleaders and mascots sang the alma mater alone.

The longest bowl-appearance streak in the nation ended. Florida, now guaranteed its worst season in 35 years, has to get over the shock of arguably the worst loss in program history.

Players such as Riggs, who arrived at Florida while Urban Meyer was still the coach, will have January off for the first time in their careers.

"I'm not going to lie. I never would have seen that coming to Florida," Riggs said. "That's very upsetting."

Dominique Easley witnessed his first game on the sidelines since suffering a season-ending

torn right ACL on Sept. 24. Jeff Driskel watched with a walking boot on his right leg. Driskel and Easley conjured up thoughts of what Florida was, what it failed to become and what it could have been in 2013.

It does not get any easier for the Gators.

Next up is No. 2 Florida State. Muschamp expects Murphy to miss his third straight start. Michael Taylor will not play due to a right MCL injury he sustained in the first half.

"The morale on this team is at an all-time low. We have a lack of leadership," Halapio said.

"We just really need to tighten up as a team."

3 KEY PLAYS

 With 2:01 remaining in the first half, Georgia Southern quarterback Kevin Ellison took the keeper on the triple option and ran 45 yards into the end zone untouched. The score cut Florida's lead to three points and gave Georgia Southern a 10-7 halftime deficit.

 On the first offensive play of the second half, GSU's Jerick McKinnon rushed over the left end on the counter pitch for 66 yards to the Florida 9-yard line, where he was eventually tackled by Gators cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III. Four plays later, the Eagles took a 14-10 lead.

 Skylar Mornhinweg was smothered by a hit from GSU defensive tackle Blake Riley but got the ball off just in time and found Solomon Patton. The Florida receiver caught the 46-yard deep bomb from Mornhinweg and took it to the end zone to tie the game at 20 with 5:41 left in the contest.

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KEY STAT: 0

Georgia Southern upset Florida on Saturday without completing a single pass. Quarterback Kevin Ellison went 0 of 3 on the day, but the Eagles ran for 429 yards — the most the Gators have allowed since 1996 and the fourth most rushing yards Florida has given up in program history.

Standings

Solomon Patton	10
Kelvin Taylor	10
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TURNING POINT

On third and 2 in the fourth quarter, Georgia Southern quarterback Kevin Ellison handed the ball off to fullback William Banks in the triple-option formation. Banks rushed for 53 yards to the UF 14-yard line. Two plays later, GSU scored to take a 26-20 lead, killing the momentum Florida gained after scoring on its previous drive.

SWAMP STUDS

 **Solomon Patton**
RB
(3 points)

at 20 with 5:41 remaining in the game. Patton also returned a kick for 54 yards late in the third quarter, which led to a field goal by Francisco Velez on the ensuing drive.

 **Jabari Gorman**
DB
(2 points)

the GSU 14-yard line, led to a Gators touchdown on their next drive. The score put Florida ahead 10-0 in the second quarter.

 **Kelvin Taylor**
RB
(1 point)

Freshman tailback Kelvin Taylor fueled Florida's rushing attack when its passing game struggled. The son of former Gators running back Fred Taylor had 92 rushing yards on 22 carries for the second most of his young career. Most of Taylor's work came on Florida's first drive, when he had eight carries for 54 yards to start the game.

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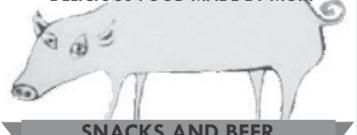
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Receiver lengthens reception streak



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Quinton Dunbar attempts to catch a pass in the end zone during the fourth quarter of Florida's 26-20 loss to Georgia Southern on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Dunbar has a catch in Florida's last 27 games.

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ones that got them all of those yards."

Florida entered the game with the Southeastern Conference's third-best rushing defense, but that ranking no longer properly categorizes a unit that has been consistently shredded during its six-game losing streak.

"We've had a lot of hardships this year," Riggs said. "Not using that as an excuse again, but it's just a rough year for us."

Injuries: Adding injury to insult, UF's defense was lost several more players.

Linebacker Michael Taylor left the game during the first half after suffering a knee injury and did not return. Muschamp said Taylor is doubtful to play against Florida State on Saturday.

Darrin Kitchens suffered a stinger during the game. His departure, along with Taylor's, left Florida's defense playing with multiple seldom-used linebackers, including walk-on David Campbell.

Alex Anzalone, a third UF linebacker, suffered a shoulder dislocation. His status moving forward is uncertain.

The injuries further depleted a defense that came in short-handed.

Florida announced prior to the game that defensive end Jon Bullard (knee) and cornerback Marcus Roberson (ankle) would be out due to injury.

Streak continues: Quinton Dunbar's 3-yard catch in the third quarter extended his program record for consecutive games with at least one reception to 27.

Mornhinweg fell short in game's final drive

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Florida needed a big play to get back into the game, and Mornhinweg delivered.

The redshirt freshman tossed a 46-yard touchdown pass to Solomon Patton on second and 10. The score tied the game at 20 with 5:41 remaining in the fourth quarter, causing a previously quiet crowd to erupt in cheers.

"[Patton] ran a great route, and I just put it out to him," Mornhinweg said. "He made a good play for it."

But Georgia Southern quickly quieted the stadium. The Eagles jumped back into the driver's seat with a five-play, 75-yard drive that gave them a six-point lead.

GSU's drive left enough time for Mornhinweg to have one final shot to be the hero.

He drove Florida 47 yards down the field into Georgia Southern's territory, but Mornhinweg never got the Gators past the 17-yard line.

He made two final heaves toward the end zone. The first was overthrown. Wide receiver Quinton Dunbar got a hand on it, but the ball slipped away.

"I've got to give him a

shot to score there, and that's on me," Mornhinweg said. "I got to give him the shot to make the play."

Mornhinweg's final shot at the game-winning touchdown was intended for Patton but fell incomplete. By the time the ball hit the ground, Georgia Southern's players and fans were celebrating.

After the loss, coach Will Muschamp did not rule out starter Tyler Murphy (shoulder) for Florida's game against No. 2 Florida State on Saturday. But if the redshirt junior misses his third consecutive game, Mornhinweg will be tasked with facing one of the nation's top teams, which is two wins away from playing for the national championship.

Mornhinweg believes he has improved since making his first start in Florida's loss to South Carolina last week.

If he starts again, he will need to accelerate that process.

"I think I'm getting better every week," Mornhinweg said. "We work hard every week, game plan, on the field, everything ... Coach Pease has done a great job moving me along."

Not every coach can be overnight success

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and he is wise to do so. When you're operating with millions of dollars, firing someone so rashly is irresponsible.

Muschamp deserves at least another year. Florida needs to give him more time.

Not every coach can be an overnight success like Steve Spurrier. That's why there's a statue of the Ol' Ball Coach outside the stadium. And because he won a Heisman, but I digress.

Another issue to consider is morale.

If Foley fired Muschamp today, what does that do to this weekend's Florida State game?

Exactly.

I know most Gators fans are going into this weekend's game with a defeatist attitude and it's sound reasoning. The No. 2 Seminoles are almost unstoppable. But if you fire Muschamp, you're looking at an even bigger dud of a game.

Muschamp deserves to come back, but the Gators need to make some staff changes.

From the sound of Muschamp's postgame press conference, offensive coordinator Brent Pease is most likely done in Gainesville. Whether you want to blame the personnel or his love of the Trey Burton Wildcat, Pease is the man who will likely fall on the sword this year.

But Muschamp should not take the fall. At least not yet.

I know that's tough to hear after such an embarrassing loss, but keeping Muschamp is the right thing to do.

With a new offensive coordinator and much healthier team in 2014, Florida could very well return to the heights of 11-2 and a Sugar Bowl appearance.

Maybe they could accomplish even more.



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Will Muschamp walks off the field following Florida's 26-20 loss to Georgia Southern on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The Gators' loss to the Eagles was their first loss to a current FCS team since 1946.

Gators set school records, win Ohio State Buckeye Invitational

Women finished first; men second

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It came down to the final day of competition at the Ohio State Buckeye Invitational for the Gators men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Florida broke six school records, registered 22 NCAA automatic qualifying times and the women's team orchestrated a dramatic win during the three-day meet.

The women used wins in four of the six events on Day 3 to secure a four-point victory in front of second-place Virginia.

Although Florida's men's team got out to an early lead on Day 1 and had an even better performance on Day 2, Ohio State took the lead on Saturday and held the lead through Sunday.

UF Swimming

Of the five individual school records the Gators women set, two belong to senior Hilda Luthersdottir, who dominated the breaststroke events. She made program history with swims in the 100-yard breaststroke (59.55 seconds) and 200-yard breast (2:08.37).

Florida's 25-year record in the women's 1,650-yard freestyle was broken Sunday when senior Alicia Mathieu touched the wall at 15:46.17.

"Every day at practice, I look at the record board. That has been my goal since I've gotten here," Mathieu said. "It was a tough swim for me. I felt forced to go out faster than I usually do, but I held on."

Sophomore Natalie Hinds took down the 100-yard free record that had stood since 2010.

Senior Ellese Zalewski was in on the record-breaking action Saturday with her 51.13 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly.

The women's 400-yard medley relay squad (3:30.27) grabbed the first school re-

cord of the weekend to finish Day 1.

"With our program being in this type of dynamic this early in the season, makes this one of our most successful falls. We weren't really expecting as much as far as school records," coach Gregg Troy said. "We had a lot of good performances. We still have some weak areas that we need to address, but overall, this is what you want to see in the fall."

To compliment the records, UF is getting poised for the postseason with those 22 NCAA 'A' cuts it picked up in a meet that Troy said he used to assess his team.

"From the stand point of finding out who we were, we met a lot of our goals this weekend," Troy said.

McGee overcomes loss, injury to anchor UF cross country team

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Cory McGee thought about one person as she walked up to the starting line at the IAAF World Championships in Moscow on Aug. 11.

His name is Douglas Zembiec.

She had known him her entire life. Zembiec, a U.S. Marine Corps major, died in Baghdad on May 11, 2007. He was 34.

"He would spend all sorts of time as a teenager hanging out with my family, working out, running with us," said Jim McGee, her father. "He always came over for Thanksgiving. Very, very close member of our family."

Cory finished 10th in her heat for the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:12.33, which was 3.06 seconds shy of advancing to the semifinals. The memory of Zembiec kept her going.

"It kind of gives me that extra strength, because I grew up with him as like my brother," she said. "I think that his strength and his legacy in the military and just who he was as a person and the tragedy of him dying so young is just something that has kept me motivated."

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Her love of running started 13 years ago. Seeing her dad and then-11-year-old sister, Shannon, running made her want to join.

"That's when I started running on the beach with her," Cory, now 21, said. "She would always go with my dad, and I would try and jump in and stick out a few miles."

But it was not until her family lived in Athens, Greece, while her father worked security for the 2004 Olympics that she had her first glimpse of professional running.

"Cory had a lot of exposure," Jim said. "She got to see all the athletes, where they trained, where they slept. It kind of planted the seed for what she wanted to do in the future."

The McGee family settled down in Pass Christian, Miss., when they returned to the U.S. in 2005.

The seed was ready to sprout.

Yousri El Mejdoubi, a former runner at Southern Mississippi, wanted to coach McGee after seeing her race at a state meet when she was in the seventh grade.

"He's mentored me through it all," McGee said. "He made the

sport fun for me. He made me love it. But he also made me work really hard."

El Mejdoubi's coaching paid off.

"He made the sport fun for me. He made me love it. But he also made me work really hard."

Cory McGee

UF runner

On March 12, 2006, McGee ran the mile at the National Scholastic Indoor Championship at The Armory in New York. Despite being a 13-year-old eighth-grader on race day, she won the event with a time of 4:49.32 to set the record time for her age group while topping 23 high school athletes and one other middle school racer.

McGee collapsed as she crossed the finish line — an image Jim remembers well.

"She was not going to lose," he said. "She gave everything she had."

McGee's training level was el-

evated during her sophomore year of high school when she and other local high school runners had the opportunity to participate in a two-week camp in Colorado with El Mejdoubi.

Most of the runners gave up afterward. Cory did not.

"It was one of those things where it gave you a taste of what it would take to be a collegiate track athlete or a collegiate cross country athlete," she said, "and a lot of them figured out it wasn't what they wanted."

That taste of being a college athlete became reality for McGee when she ran her first cross country race for Florida on Sept. 18, 2010. She finished sixth of 208 runners at the Mountain Dew Invitational, clocking a time of 17:47.37 in the 5K race on the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

"Cory is competitive. She's a fighter," UF cross country coach Paul Spangler said. "That's one of the things that makes her an elite runner."

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Following her sophomore year

at Florida, McGee raced at the 2012 US Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore. She ran her 1,500-meter heat in 4:17.76 on June 28, 2012, which was 0.11 seconds shy of qualifying for the semifinals.

If only she would have been lucky enough to have another near miss after the race.

The night after competing, McGee went out to a local restaurant in Oregon with her mom and some friends. About seven feet away from her, a group of people was cheering and clinking their glasses. One of those glasses dropped, and a shard of it shot across the wooden deck where McGee was standing on and pierced her ankle.

"It didn't hurt," McGee said, "but it was a really big gash in my ankle."

After running the race of her life, she could not fathom what had just happened.

"I should have been totally demotivated, totally inspired but instead I'm in a wheelchair, foot in a cast, stitches, surgery a week later," McGee said. "It was such a

freak accident. No one could believe it. I was beside myself."

Even though the injury caused her to redshirt the 2012 cross country season and limit her training for three months, McGee believed that night was a blessing in disguise.

"I finally appreciated how lucky I am to be able to do this and how much I love it," McGee said. "That's how I was when I was a kid, and I think that got away from me for a good three or four years. Last year I found it again."

McGee returned to action in 2013. She racked up two All-American accolades and finished as the runner-up at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 1,500 meters.

One year removed from her ankle injury, McGee headed to Belgium to run in the 2013 KBC Night of Athletics in July.

Needing to finish faster than 4:09 to qualify for August's World Championships, McGee ran the 1,500 meters in a personal-best 4:06.67 to claim her ticket to Moscow.

Even though she only ran in the first round at the World Championships, McGee thought that competing in the race improved her confidence.

"I feel like an entirely different athlete," McGee said. "I learned so much over the summer and also realized that sometimes you don't pick the circumstances, sometimes you don't pick the time and you don't really have any control over the other things going on in your life, but if you want to get the mission done, you can."

For Cory, the mission isn't over yet.

"I've always imagined myself on a podium at the Olympics," she said. "I still believe that I can do it, and I think as I get older, it becomes more realistic. Being at the world championships this summer, watching the final, I truly believe that I belong there and truly believe I can compete with the women who were in the front."

And when she gets there, she will think about Zembiec.

"It puts it in perspective what we do," she said. "We're just athletes. Essentially what we do is a game and what he did was to represent the United States in a much more real way."

Staff writer Kelcee Griffis contributed to this report.



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Cory McGee races during the Southeastern Conference Championships on Nov. 1 on the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville. McGee finished in 16th place, as Florida placed fourth.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators troubled by strong opponents

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Correlation does not equal causation. At least the Gators hope not.

Florida has lost its only two games against major-conference opponents so far this season.

It is a troubling early-season trend, but does it mean the Gators are doomed come conference play?

Five games into the season, Florida's (3-2) victories have come against Bethune-Cookman, North Florida and Kennesaw State.

The Gators beat all three teams handily, winning by an average margin of 20 points.

However, those opponents have a combined four victories against the likes of Edward Waters and St. Thomas.

Florida dropped its games against the Atlantic Coast Conference's Virginia Tech and Florida State by an average of 10 points.

Southeastern Conference leader No. 19 South Carolina currently sits at 6-0, including a 70-point victory against Big South member Charleston Southern to open the season.

The SEC currently boasts six ranked teams, with perennial powers Tennessee and Kentucky currently in the top 10.

The unranked Gators have shown the ability to be a strong team in brief instances so far this season.

Redshirt senior Lily Svete sunk her first four three-pointers against North Florida. But against Florida State, she was 1 of 4 from the field.

Freshman Ronni Williams has displayed the talent that made her Florida's highest-rated recruit ever.

That is, when she's not in foul trouble.

Jaterra Bonds, the returning offensive leader, has been putting up solid numbers so far this season, averaging 17.2 points per game. But she has not been consistent, scoring 10 points in one game and then posting a career-high 25 points in her next outing.

"We've just had too many people that we rely on who weren't their reliable selves tonight," coach Amanda Butler said after the loss against FSU. "Whether you're looking at the stat sheet or whether you're just looking at a mental foundation maybe that they laid down for us. It was just way too much up and down, up and down, up and down and you just can't beat a good team like that no matter where you're playing."

If the Gators remain consistent, they will likely improve on their results from last season. So far, Florida's been outscoring its opponents by an average score of 78-70.

The Gators have had the edge on their opponents this season in nearly every major statistical category — except rebounding.

On Tuesday, St. John's comes to Gainesville averaging 43.5 rebounds per game. With Florida averaging 35.2 per game, the Gators will have their work cut out for them against an undefeated Red Storm.

Suspended guard to return against JU

► WILBEKIN HAS MISSED FIRST FIVE GAMES OF SEASON.

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After missing the Gators' first five games due to a suspension dating back to the summer, Scottie Wilbekin will play in No. 16 Florida's road matchup against Jacksonville tonight at 7.

The senior point guard's suspension for a violation of team rules, which was announced June 10, kept him away from team workouts during the summer.

But since the Gators started practice in October, Wilbekin has served as part of the scout team and accomplished all of Billy Donovan's

requirements to fully return.

"He's served his time and his punishment," Donovan said. "And to his credit, he's done everything that's been asked of him. He's shown an incredible commitment to get back on the team and to do the right things and, more so than anything else, to really prove to his teammates that he's committed to the team."

The Gators (4-1) started freshman Kasey Hill at point guard in place of the suspended Wilbekin until Hill suffered a high left ankle sprain against Southern on Nov. 18. Without Hill and Wilbekin, Donovan relied on Michael Frazier III, Dorian Finney-Smith and DeVon Walker to run the offense in Florida's 79-59 win against Middle Tennessee on

Thursday.

Despite the victory, the Gators recorded only 10 assists — their second fewest this season. They also racked up 12 turnovers — their second most this season.

"It was the first time I can remember as a coach ... where we just didn't have a pure point guard the whole entire game," Donovan said. "That's really never happened. There's always been somebody back there that we can utilize, whether it be just one guy or a backup."

Although Donovan said he has not decided if Wilbekin will start tonight's game, he said the senior point guard will play plenty of minutes against the Dolphins (2-3). As Florida's starting point guard last year, Wilbekin averaged 32 minutes per game, which was the most on the team.

In addition to the five assists per game — the second highest average in the Southeastern Conference last season — the Gators gain with Wilbekin back on the floor, the defense receives a boost as well. Wilbekin's team-leading 53 steals helped him earn a spot on the SEC All-Defensive Team last season.

"In my opinion, he's — if not the best — one of the best defenders in the country," Frazier said of Wilbekin. "Just defensively, he's a leader for our team and he's a defensive anchor along with Pat."

Donovan said he talked with Wilbekin about transferring last year, but Wilbekin refused the chance at a fresh start and chose to earn his way back on the team. After not seeing much of a change after his suspension last year, Donovan said he finally saw Wilbekin grow into a mature adult during the summer.

"The biggest thing I've noticed is a total change in his attitude, his behavior," Donovan said. "Scottie was never ever a bad kid. It was of kind of like a warrior mentality, like, 'I'll take anything on. I can deal with it.' And I think he's gotten a lot more humble. I think he has a much, much better understanding of how his actions and things that he does impact not only himself, but other people."



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Scottie Wilbekin (center) poses for a photo with Casey Prather (left) and Patric Young (right) during Florida's basketball media day on Oct. 9.

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