

# KICK OFF

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► Jameis Winston leads the high-powered Florida State offense into Gainesville on Saturday. Read the story on page 3.

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# Rapid Descent

## Gators take step back in Muschamp's third year

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A year ago, Will Muschamp was on top of the world.

Florida had just outplayed No. 13 Florida State on its own field — a stark turnaround from UF's loss the year before.

The Gators were angling for a national-title bid. Florida still had a shot to play in the BCS National Championship game, if Southern California could beat Notre Dame.

It was not to be, but still, Muschamp was happy.

He joked with the media, saying the Gators' win against the Seminoles was "sexy," and he had considered meeting reporters shirtless. His wife and players convinced him otherwise.

What a difference a year makes.

In 2011, FSU dominated UF at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, winning by two touchdowns despite being held to fewer than 100 yards of total offense.

But now it was Florida's turn. The Gators' win had all the hallmarks of a Will Muschamp dream team.

A bruising running game led Florida's offense to 37 points. Senior Mike Gillislee and freshman Matt Jones combined for 221 yards and three touchdowns.

The defense was stout. Freshman Antonio Morrison turned the tide of the game with an earth-shattering hit on quarterback E.J. Manuel.

And, of course, there was a comeback. The Seminoles climbed back from a 13-point deficit only to see the Gators re-emerge and score 24 unanswered points to seal the win.

That was a year ago. What a difference a year

makes.

The 2013 season has been anything but happy for Florida. The calendar year has been a disaster. After Muschamp's high point at Doak Campbell Stadium, things only got worse.

A month later, fewer than 48 hours after the ball dropped in Times Square, the Gators dropped the ball in New Orleans.

Facing an underdog Louisville squad favored by nobody, Florida caved.

Denied a shot at a national title, the Gators had little but bragging rights to fight for, and they didn't even get those. The Cardinals showed up to play, unlike the boys from Gainesville.

"We wasn't supposed to be here in a lot of people's eyes," Sharrif Floyd said after the loss, "and we proved the whole country wrong."

Florida proved the whole country wrong with the loss as well.

There was a mass exodus from the program after the flop in the French Quarter.

Backup quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who competed for the starting quarterback up until the Gators' 2012 season opener, announced he was transferring.

The Gators also lost several players to the NFL Draft. Some, like Jon Bostic, Josh Evans and Gillislee, graduated. But others, such as Floyd, Jelani Jenkins and Jordan Reed, ceded their final seasons to enter the draft.

Having players leave for the draft is normal attrition every program deals with.

But it proved especially costly for Florida. Each player who left college early would have played a crucial role on this year's team.

But despite surely knowing his program would lose many key players soon, Muschamp was hopeful that night at the Superdome.

"We've had a great year, and we're moving this thing forward at a rapid pace," he said after the loss. "And I'm excited where we are. Very disappointed with the outcome today, but very positive as we move forward."

It was not great to be a Florida Gator in the summer of 2013. Between former Gator Aaron Hernandez being arrested on murder charges and current Gator Antonio Morrison being arrested on battery and barking charges, the season could not start fast enough.

The team entered fall camp relatively healthy. Offensive lineman Jon Halapio had a partially torn pectoral muscle, quarterback Jeff Driskel was recovering from an appendectomy, and tailback Matt Jones was out with a viral infection.

Two flu-like sicknesses and one weight lifting injury — otherwise, the team was ready.

But the so-called injury bug struck quickly.

Its first victim: wide receiver Andre Debose. The redshirt senior suffered a torn ACL during fall camp. But Florida had a large group of freshman wideouts. Surely one of them would make up for Debose's minimal production in 2012.

Offensive tackle Chaz Green was next. He suffered a torn labrum on Aug. 20.

No big deal. The Gators had depth at offensive line.

The injuries only got worse from there.

Florida opened the season with a win against Toledo, but after a turnover-driven loss to Miami on Sept. 7, it looked to recover against Tennessee.

One awkward tackle later, the Gators' starting quarterback was out for the season — Driskel suffered a fractured fibula in the first quarter. Redshirt junior Tyler Murphy filled in admirably, but the hits kept coming.



Kristi Camara / Alligator Staff

Hunter Joyer (41) drops a pass in the end zone during Florida's 26-20 loss to Georgia Southern on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The Gators are 4-7 this season.

ably, but the hits kept coming.

Three days after the Gators defeated the Volunteers, they suffered arguably their biggest loss of the season.

Defensive tackle Dominique Easley attempted to defend a screen pass in practice and suffered a torn ACL.

It was the senior's second ACL tear in three years, and the injury ultimately ended his college career. He announced he would not seek a medical redshirt and instead prepared for May's NFL Draft.

Easley was by no means the last Florida player to go down for the season. The injury report kept growing.

In the two months since Easley suffered his injury, starters Jones (torn meniscus), Tyler Moore (fractured elbow), Antonio Morrison (torn meniscus) and Michael Taylor (sprained MCL) have suffered season-ending injuries.

Others, such as Murphy (shoulder sprain), D.J. Humphries (sprained MCL) and Jonathan Bullard (undisclosed) have missed multiple games but have not been ruled out for the rest of the season.

Non-starters who received significant playing time, such as Alex Anzalone (dislocated shoulder), Jeremi Powell (torn ACL) and Nick Washington (shoulder) have seen injuries shorten their seasons as well.

"I'm pretty sure if we had all our guys this season, [this season] would be different," senior Jaylen Watkins said.

Will Muschamp does not make excuses. Throughout the season, his oft-repeated mantra has been, "Man down, man up."

But there are only so many times a team can man up.

"I don't know that it's depth issues," he said. "I think it's different moving parts. The starting lineup week-to-week has been different for us in a lot of situations across the board."

But losing — for any reason — does not sit well in "Gator Nation."

Muschamp and his coaching staff have become easy targets. Fans want heads to roll, and players and coaches alike are hearing the complaints.

"I try to stay away from it, but it's everywhere," wide receiver Solomon Patton said. "It makes me mad."

While some fans want Muschamp gone, he does not appear to be going anywhere.

Florida Athletic Director Jeremy Foley issued a statement through the team website on Nov. 13 saying he supported Muschamp "a thousand percent."

And Muschamp doesn't have just Foley behind him.

Gordon "Stumpy" Harris, one of five Florida legacy directors (a booster who has donated more than \$3 million), says he backs Muschamp as well.

"I've known every head football coach at the University of Florida on a first-name basis since Bob Woodruff," Harris said. "And I liked Muschamp a lot ... He's a little fiery, and I like that."

Harris, who has been a season-ticket holder since 1956, has seen plenty of mediocre Gators teams over the year — including the winless 1979 squad. And he has words for those calling for Muschamp to be fired.

"If I were in his shoes, I'd try to figure out some way to make it clear that I'm going to make the decisions," Harris said. "I'm not going to be influenced by fans. I'm not going to be told by fans."



Rachel Crosby / Alligator Staff

Tyler Murphy rolls back after being sacked during Florida's 36-17 loss to Missouri on Oct. 19 at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. A year after going 11-2 and making it to the Sugar Bowl, the Gators are not bowl eligible for the first time since the 1990 season.

Harris said a lot of the boosters he has talked to agree.

"It's sort of like the closing of the ranks," he said. "Those are the kind of people I associate with ... I don't put up with mean-spirited people."

Two days after Florida suffered a home loss to Georgia Southern — the first time the Gators lost to a current FCS team since 1946 — Muschamp met with the media. Foley sat in the back of the meeting room.

Two days earlier, Muschamp walked into the same room, defeated. He said the game was "an embarrassment."

But this time, Muschamp walked into the room with confidence. Was he worried for his job? "Absolutely not." Would he be back in 2014? "Absolutely."

Despite the injuries, upset losses and never-ending criticism, the third-going-on-fourth-year coach said Florida was close to regaining the level of play from 2012.

"Regardless of the results Saturday afternoon, which is all disappointing for everyone ... I just don't feel like we're that far off," Muschamp said. "I think we've got a really good football team."

What a difference a year can make.

## INJURY REPORT

- OUT**
- OB Jacob Coker (knee)
  - OL Ira Denson (shoulder)
  - WR Jarred Haggins (knee)
  - TE Kevin Haplea (knee)
  - DB Tyler Hunter (neck)
  - LB Matthew Thomas (shoulder)

## INJURY REPORT

- ACTIVE**
- DB Marcus Roberson (ankle)
- PROBABLE**
- DL Jonathan Bullard (undisclosed)
- QUESTIONABLE**
- QB Tyler Murphy (shoulder)
- DOUBTFUL**
- OL D.J. Humphries (knee)
- OUT**
- QB Jeff Driskel (leg)
  - RB Matt Jones (knee)
  - WR Andre Debose (knee)
  - OL Tyler Moore (elbow)
  - OL Chaz Green (shoulder)
  - DL Dominique Easley (knee)
  - LB Antonio Morrison (knee)
  - LB Michael Taylor (knee)
  - LB Alex Anzalone (shoulder)
  - LB Matt Rolin (knee)
  - LB Jeremi Powell (knee)
  - DB Nick Washington (shoulder)

### FLORIDA defense vs. FLORIDA STATE offense

		<b>RB</b> Devonta Freeman OR James Wilder Jr.		
		<b>QB</b> Jameis Winston		<b>WR</b> Rashad Greene
<b>WR</b> Kelvin Benjamin	<b>TE</b> Nick O'Leary	<b>RT</b> Bobby Hart	<b>RG</b> Tre Jackson	<b>C</b> Bryan Stork
		<b>LG</b> Jose Matias	<b>LT</b> Cameron Erving	<b>WR</b> Kenny Shaw
<b>CB</b> Vernon Hargreaves III	<b>SAM</b> Ronald Powell	<b>DE</b> Jonathan Bullard	<b>NT</b> Leon Orr	<b>DT</b> Damien Jacobs
	<b>MIKE</b> Neiron Ball	<b>WILL</b> Jarrad Davis	<b>BUCK</b> Dante Fowler Jr.	<b>CB</b> Marcus Roberson
	<b>SS</b> Jaylen Watkins		<b>FS</b> Cody Riggs	

### FLORIDA offense vs. FLORIDA STATE defense

	<b>FS</b> Terrence Brooks	<b>SS</b> Jalen Ramsey		
<b>WILL</b> Tevin Smith	<b>MIKE</b> Terrance Smith	<b>SAM</b> Christian Jones		
<b>CB</b> Lamarcus Joyner	<b>DE</b> Mario Edwards Jr.	<b>NG</b> Timmy Jernigan	<b>DT</b> Jacobbi McDaniel	<b>LE</b> Eddie Goldman
	<b>WR</b> Solomon Patton	<b>LT</b> Max Garcia	<b>LG</b> Ian Silberman	<b>C</b> Jon Harrison
		<b>RG</b> Jon Halapio	<b>RT</b> Trenton Brown	<b>TE</b> Clay Burton
		<b>QB</b> Skyler Mornhinweg	<b>FB</b> Hunter Joyer	<b>WR</b> Quinton Dunbar
		<b>RB</b> Kelvin Taylor		

Savannah Jordan and the Gators lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday. Read the story on page 14.



STATE

# More officers on the highway for Thanksgiving Break

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Students leaving town should be extra vigilant while driving during Thanksgiving Break. Florida Highway Patrol troopers will be, too.

The patrol is increasing the number of personnel who normally monitor Florida's roads starting

Thanksgiving day and continuing until Sunday, according to an FHP news release.

FHP is participating in a nationwide campaign called Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort, aka CARE. Troopers will pay special attention to aggressive driving and seatbelt use, according to the release.

During last Thanksgiving Break,

*"I wouldn't risk it for the extra five to 10 minutes."*

**Allison Curran**

UF communications, sciences and disorders senior

troopers issued more than 9,300 tickets. About 4,000 were for speeding, 650 for seatbelt violations, and 145 for driving under the influence, according to the release.

They also gave roadside assistance for about 2,300 drivers, which drivers can use by dialing \*347.

Allison Curran, a UF communications, sciences and disorders senior, said she's going to drive extra cautiously on the way home to Tampa and on the drive back to Gainesville.

The 21-year-old said she usually sets her cruise control at 73 miles

per hour but sometimes drives up to 80 miles per hour. However, she said she'll stick below 80 for her Thanksgiving commute.

"If I know there's going to be increased patrols, I wouldn't risk it for the extra five to 10 minutes," she said, adding that she thinks the more troopers, the better. "I don't think there's anything wrong with enforcing the law."



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## Dining Blind

UF materials science and engineering junior Matt Wener, 21, wears earplugs and assists UF English senior Constance Hackler, 20, who wears a blindfold as part of the Dining with Disabilities event in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom on Monday evening. Participants were challenged with an assigned disability to gain a better understanding of others' lifestyles. Read the story on page 3.

## 'Thankgivukkah' presents rare holiday for Jewish families

► THANKSGIVING FALLS ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF HANUKKAH.

**REBECCA TURKEL**

Alligator Contributing Writer

American Jews are preparing for even more celebration this Thanksgiving, as it also falls on the second night of Hanukkah.

For UF students, this means combining traditions and being able to spend Hanukkah at home — which is usually celebrated during finals week.

Rabbi Gail Swedroe of UF Hillel attributes the early start of Hanukkah to the Jewish calendar. Judaism follows a lunar calendar, which means holidays have a certain range of dates, she said.

The last time the two holi-

days shared the same day was in 1888, according to the Associated Press.

It is not estimated to happen again for the next 79,043 years.

But Swedroe said the different dates should not affect Hanukkah traditions.

"I think the only difference is people will be eating turkey on Hanukkah and maybe having some latkes on Thanksgiving," she said.

UF Hillel hosted a Thanksgiving-themed Shabbat dinner on Friday and will host a Hanukkah party on the holiday's last night, Dec. 5, Swedroe said.

"It's interesting because Hanukkah often happens during finals, so students aren't able to go home for the holiday," she said. "So if anything, there

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# Gainesville not pursuing downtown ice skating rink this year

## Finances are the main concern

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Bo Diddley Community Plaza will remain thawed-out for at least the sixth consecutive year.

secutive year.

City officials say Gainesville has not pursued bringing an ice rink back to the plaza after a scrubbed attempt last year.

Finances are one roadblock, said City of Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods. In years past, the city had to subsidize the rink.

"The cost of the rink to the city ranged from \$120,000 to \$150,000 per year," Woods said. "Due to the cost, we decided not to have the ice rink."

Interim Manager of Cultural Affairs Russell Etling, said no other vendor has reached out to the city this year to promote an ice rink, and the city can't afford the financial risk.

"The only way we could have the rink would be with an independent contrac-

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### Circus to perform at UF in January

Tickets range from \$14 to \$58 and go on sale Friday, pg 3.

### Gators March for Babies reaches goal of \$100,000

The previous record was \$80,000, pg 9.



### Heisman favorite to face Gators:

Quarterback Jameis Winston leads No. 2 Florida State into its matchup against Florida on Saturday, pg 3.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## RecSports gift certificates available

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/Power Plate, 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](http://recsports.ufl.edu).

## 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 held after today's meeting. The annual Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange will be part of the Dec. 3 meeting. Bring a wrapped or bagged gift for the exchange. For more information, go to [talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org](http://talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org). Talking Gators is also 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 & ATVs. Entrants must be UF students with valid Gator 1 Cards 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

## FORECAST

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register at the museum, 3215 Hull Road. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Thanksgiving Day, will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, remain closed Christmas Day and reopen Dec. 26.

## Florida Museum seeks public relations intern

The Florida Museum of Natural History is looking for a public relations intern to work 12 to 15 hours a week. The position offers experience and a chance to build a strong portfolio with published clips. You will write press releases, put together media kits, carry out administrative duties, give media tours, write feature stories and work closely with other departments within the museum. Applicants must possess strong communication and editing skills, knowledge of AP style and be detail-oriented. Applicants should also have a working knowledge of Photoshop or InDesign and Microsoft Office or have the ability to learn these programs quickly. To apply, please email a resume, two writing samples and a cover letter to Paul Ramey, APR at [pramey@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:pramey@flmnh.ufl.edu), and please CC Kaitlin Gardiner at [kgardiner@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:kgardiner@flmnh.ufl.edu), or call 352-273-2028 for more information.

## BRIEFS

## Wandering llama caught in Michigan

HOLLY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—A llama spotted wandering for nearly six months in Michigan has been captured and is getting a new home. Mlive.com reports the llama that Kathy Kuzma calls "Dolly" was found Saturday in Oakland County's Holly Township, about 40 miles

northwest of Detroit. Kuzma has been on the lookout for the animal, which had been wandering her neighborhood. On Saturday, Lisa Davenport came to Kuzma's house to get a look at the llama. Davenport has three llamas of her own along with other animals at a Michigan farm. The women walked into a field to give the llama some food, and Dolly stood still instead of being her usual skittish self. They then coaxed the llama into a barn. Davenport plans to take the llama back to her own farm.

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# Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus to perform at UF in January

► TICKETS GO ON SALE FRIDAY AT 10 A.M.

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"The Greatest Show on Earth" will make its way to Gainesville for the first time in January.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will present a "Super Circus Heroes" theme Jan. 10-12 in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

Renee Musson, associate director of the O'Connell Center, wrote in an email that the "Super Circus Heroes" theme is "based on the circus' current focus to stop childhood bullying."

She said the circus will be in town prior to the event at various charities trying to spread the message and "help folks find

their inner super hero to stop the bullying."

"They are excited to be here so that every 'child of any age' can get to experience 'The Greatest Show on Earth,'" Musson said.

The show dates and times are Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 11 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and Jan. 12 at 1 p.m.

The tickets will range in price from \$14 to \$58 and will go on sale Friday at 10 a.m.

There will also be coupons available as the show gets closer, Musson said.

Emily Astrom, a 19-year-old UF mathematics sophomore, said she would go to the circus when she was younger and that she's excited it is coming to Gainesville.

"I would rearrange my schedule just to go," she said.

Laura Hernandez, an 18-year-old UF accounting freshman, said she thinks it's awesome a circus is coming to campus.

Hernandez said the fact that it's coming to the O'Connell

Center is convenient because many freshmen might not have transportation otherwise.

According to the Ringling Bros. website, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey will showcase "superhuman athleticism, power and pageantry that will have Children Of All Ages discovering their own superhuman strength."

"This show will be great for everyone," Musson said.

## Show dates and times:

- Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.
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## CAMPUS

# Dining with Disabilities aimed at increasing inclusivity

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The Reitz Union Rion Ballroom was filled with about 70 students Monday night who were blinded by bandanas, with socks on their hands or gesticulating wildly, all while eating roasted chicken and mashed potatoes.

The event, called Dining with Disabilities, was put on by Student Government's disability affairs cabinet. Chairwoman Jillian Roberts said the mission of the event was to attempt to create a more inclusive community at UF.

"The purpose is to educate students in the UF community about disabilities, and to open

their eyes to different ways of life," she said. "Just because someone can't see as well as you, hear as well as you, speak as well as you or move as well as you doesn't make them any less valuable or important of a person."

The event featured the simulation of four disabilities, said Roberts, a 20-year-old UF communications sciences and disorders junior.

Hearing loss was simulated with ear-plugs, vision loss with blindfolds and speech impairment with a drawing of a heart on the participants' hand to remind them to stay silent.

Hemiplegia, where half of the body is

paralyzed, was represented by covering the dominant hand with a tube sock, rendering it unusable for the night.

*"The purpose is to educate students in the UF community about disabilities, and to open their eyes to different ways of life."*

Jillian Roberts  
chairwoman

The event, funded by SG, featured four speakers. Each speaker talked about their personal journey and individual difficulties with his or her disability. Disabilities the speakers

face included narcolepsy, autism, deafness and legal blindness.

One of the speakers, Haley Moss, is a high-functioning UF psychology sophomore with autism.

The 19-year-old called the event "absolutely great." She said that what students experienced at this dinner is what every disabled person has to learn.

"You have to adapt," Moss said. "Everyone who doesn't have arms eating dinner, everyone who is blind and had to be fed their food. That's an adaptation and you need extra help. You can still eat, you just have to do it a little differently."

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**Cool Down**

UF economics student Ryan Harris, 20, takes a break while running stadiums Monday afternoon. The temperature reached a low of 61.

# Rink contractor had problems last year

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tor," Etling said.

Prior to 2007, the downtown plaza used to feature an ice skating rink every winter, but the city's parks and recreation department could no longer afford the cost of the winter wonderland transformation.

Last winter, students and residents alike were excited an outside contractor was going to bring the ice rink back.

Midwest Displays, a Pensacola-based commercial Christmas display company, attempted to bring the rink last year.

The obstacles that eventually froze the project included several unsuccessful repairs to the chiller lines that freeze the ice and difficulties fitting the ice rink on the plaza.

According to Alligator archives, the city also struggled with the 35-foot tent designed to cover the ice.

Daniel Landesberg, a 21-year-old UF telecommunication senior, said an ice skating rink would be a positive addition to the city and a great place to go on dates or to hang out with friends.

"Hopefully, we will be able to bring back the rink in the future," Landesberg said.

The city still plans to have other events to encourage the holiday spirit.

On Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., the annual tree lighting ceremony will take place at the Thomas Center.

The city will also decorate the downtown area, including Bo Diddley Community Plaza and City Hall, with light displays.

Woods said installations are set to begin the week after Thanksgiving.

# Some families will combine traditions

**HOLIDAY**, from page 1

will be more people home for the holiday."

Pearleen Lederman, a 22-year-old UF finance senior, is going home for Thanksgiving despite the proximity to finals.

"This year my family is going to celebrate Thanksgiving and just add some of the Hanukkah traditions," she said.

Lederman said her family will light the candles and eat some traditional food associated with the holiday.

"These are my two favorite holidays," she said, "So I'm so excited that they're on the same night this

year."

Danielle Lehrer, a 20-year-old UF political science and Russian studies junior, said her family plans to combine decorations from both holidays.

*"We will light the menorah all together the second night of Hanukkah during our meal."*

**Danielle Lehrer**  
UF political science and  
Russian studies junior

"We will light the menorah all together the second night of Hanukkah during our meal," she said. "It will be really special to

have the whole family together for both holidays."

Lehrer said the late Thanksgiving Break will make it hard to balance exams, but she is looking forward to the family and food aspect of going home.

She is also planning on combining the traditional foods by making latkes with a dollop of cranberry sauce on top.

Max Wolfson, a 19-year-old UF marketing sophomore, said his family will celebrate the holidays as two separate days.

"I don't think my family will combine anything," he said, "except maybe the candle lighting for dinner."

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# CRIME Shoplifters injure Kohl's employee, race across Archer Road

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Two shoplifters were arrested Monday afternoon after they attacked an employee and led police officers on a chase through Butler Plaza.

Gainesville Police arrested 19-year-old Brandon Lee Williams, of Gainesville, and a 17-year-old boy from Archer who was not identified because of his age, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias. They face charges of robbery and theft.



Williams

The shoplifters continued running across Southwest

At about 2 p.m., officers arrived at Kohl's, located at 3535 SW Archer Road, after the pair allegedly stole more than \$700 worth of clothing from the store, according to an arrest report.

As they were running away, the teenagers hit a Kohl's loss-prevention employee multiple times, inflicting a large cut on his head, according to the report.

Archer Road and into Butler Plaza, Tobias said. Officers used police dogs to track their scents into woods near Windmeadows Apartments.

A resident then pointed out the teens to a Gainesville Police/Alachua County Sheriff's Office Joint Aviation Unit helicopter, Tobias said. Williams and the minor came out of the woods and were arrested at about 2:20 p.m.

Officers booked Williams into the Alachua County Jail at about 5 p.m., where he remained as of press time with no bond.

## RTS bus service altered over UF's Thanksgiving Break

► **NORMAL WEEKEND SERVICES RESUME SATURDAY.**

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Thanksgiving break will impact most Regional Transit System bus routes from Wednesday until Friday.

On Wednesday, routes 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, 34, 35, 36 and 43 will have reduced service. Routes 21, 27, 28, 38, 39, 41, 46, 62 and 76 will not run.

Routes with reduced services will be noted on the RTS schedule with an "R," according to a city news release.

Campus routes and Later Gator Services will also be canceled on Wednesday.

All other routes that day, including

1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15, 24, 25 and 75, will follow the normal Fall 2013 schedule, according to the release.

All services will be suspended on Thursday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday's bus schedule will operate as a normal Sunday schedule would, with only routes 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 25 and 35 in service.

No campus routes or Later Gator routes will be available on Friday, according to the release.

Normal weekend services will resume on Saturday. Gator Aider football game-day shuttle service for the FSU game will not be affected.

For details on route changes, visit [go.rts.com](http://go.rts.com).



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### Open House

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## Editorial

# Thanksgiving is for loved ones, not doorbusters

Look, it's 2013: We have tiny computers in our pockets, we can order pizzas without picking up a phone and we can stream an entire season of "Xena: Warrior Princess" on Netflix in one sitting. Information is available at our fingertips, and communication is effortless with the help of smartphones.

So why in the world is Black Friday still a thing? It's so primitive. People suit up and wait in the freezing cold — or the sweltering humidity, if you hail from South Florida — to await a feeding frenzy, except instead of a zebra carcass it's a Nintendo 3DS. Something about Black Friday just brings out the worst in people, and it further fuels Americans' bad reputation abroad as capitalism-happy, greedy lunatics stampeding for the latest "it" gadget as if Walmart was an Eagles concert.

What possesses people to sacrifice a warm post-Thanksgiving meal nap or quality time with the couch and a good book for crowds of people hustling for the last Garmin GPS? It's the same kind of people who join polar bear clubs: people who seem to thrive on discomfort to prove a point. Not to mention the poor, underpaid workers who are forced to deal with the madding crowds at the expense of time with their families.

The debate against Black Friday isn't new, but a new trend among big retailers such as Walmart and Best Buy includes opening their doors on the evening of Thanksgiving Day to begin sales. Before people will have fully digested their calorie-filled Thanksgiving dinners, crazed shoppers will be thundering down the aisles of Target and Sears grabbing every discounted object in sight.

What's especially disconcerting is that many college students will undoubtedly be part of the hopping madness on Thanksgiving evening and Black Friday. Even though the hours we spend at home with our families are few and far between, many will sacrifice that precious time in favor of Walmart.

Remember Emily's pivotal monologue from "Our Town," that you read Cliff's Notes for when you were in 10th grade? In one heartbreaking scene, she revisits a moment from her childhood as a ghost and notices how little she and her family interact.

"Let's really look at one another," she says to the family members who can't hear her. "We don't have time to look at one another."

We at the Alligator hope you'll use this short break to take advantage of the short time you have with your parents, siblings, grandparents and close friends. As young 20-somethings, it seems that everything in life is transient — part-time jobs, classes, internships and intimate relationships. Although the holidays are a successful vehicle for big corporations to sell their products, use the time you have at home or in Gainesville to appreciate the important people in your life.

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Are you going shopping on Black Friday?

**Monday's question:** Do you think Thanksgiving Break starts early enough? **25% YES**  
**75% NO**  
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## Column

# History repeats itself: Senate goes nuclear

In a week that was dominated by the antics of the crack-smoking mayor of Toronto and the remembrance of JFK, the United States Senate did something unprecedented.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) pulled the trigger on the nuclear option, which allows presidential nominations — with the exception of Supreme Court appointees — to be confirmed by the Senate with a simple majority vote. Nominations for federal judges and bureaucrats will no longer have to pass the 60-vote threshold. This nuclear option would stop many filibuster attempts during the confirmation process.

Filibusters are a known problem in the Senate. An extremely large amount of filibusters have taken place during the Obama administration. Maybe Reid felt compelled to champion the nuclear option he always wanted in place.

If only that were reality. In 2005, when the Democrats were the minority party in the Senate, Reid said the proposed nuclear option the Republican majority wanted to put in place was a "raw abuse of power and will destroy the very checks and balances our founding fathers put in place to prevent absolute power by any one branch of government." Republicans threatened but did not implement the nuclear option in 2005 because Democrats were filibustering then-President Bush's appointments. It's amazing how history repeats itself.

Then-Senators Obama and Biden riled against this nuclear option and said that "if the majority chooses to end the filibuster ... (it will) put an end to democratic debate" and "you cannot change the Senate rules by a pure majority vote," respectively.

Consistency is not a strong suit of Washington politicians.

We can parse through this partisan noise and agree that the Senate majority party always wants a simple majority vote in order to get their agenda through Congress. Filibusters were a problem in the Senate for both the Bush and Obama administrations.

Ramming this rule change is reminiscent of another



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Harry Reid stunt. Back in 2009, Reid ran the Affordable Care Act through the Senate much like he is doing with the nuclear option, and we all know how that is faring.

Reid justified the rule change by claiming that Congress is not working. This is, in fact, true. Countless pieces of House legislation have been denied debate in the Senate and pocket vetoed by the current Majority Leader Reid. But why let facts get in the way of your politics?

The timing of this change is a little unusual. On one hand, the new Senate procedure successfully silenced the talk of the botched rollout of the Affordable Care Act and the internal uneasiness of many in the administration of its second go. This move would also quickly get the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — considered to be the second most powerful court in the country — nominees confirmed and ready to rest on the bench.

On the other hand, this move is close to the 2014 mid-term elections. Many pundits and commentators predict that red-state Democrats will face uphill fights this election season. Why would Reid implement this change if his majority is at risk? If he becomes the minority leader, at least he can fall back on his previous anti-nuclear option position.

Politicians on both sides try to bend the rules to get what they want. Historically, when politicians respected each other, no nuclear option was needed. Instead of gridlock and inaction, politicians collaborated and accomplished great things.

Instead, we have politicians who try to game the system to push their own agendas. The nuclear option might come and go, but it is a symptom of a larger problem in Washington.

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

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Column

## Parting thoughts: Here, try these on

Last year, I finally gave in and scheduled the eye exam I'd put off since high school. My lens prescription needed updating, and I was tired of the bright red frames my 15-year-old self thought were cool. I was ready for some new glasses. Afterward, I engaged in the usual dance of pulling frames on and off my face a ridiculous number of times to choose a complementary pair.



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When my glasses were ready and fitted with the new lenses, I put them on and suddenly everything looked six inches farther away than before. The experience sparked an existential crisis.

We try on our friends' glasses and watch reality shift back and forth, but these glasses were mine to keep. When I put them on, I wondered where all of the objects in my field of vision truly existed.

Opinions aren't so different. Writing this column taught me a thing or two about how to present an opinion to an audience who may or may not agree, in varying levels of intensity. Each of us wears our perspective like glasses — not a novel analogy — and they color the way we see.

The beauty of glasses and opinions is we can try them on easily and, if they blur things beyond recognition, remove them and accuse the original wearer of blindness. However, we must never defend our views so ferociously that we would be ashamed to admit a change in perspective later. I've done that this semester, and people have a way of making sure you remember when it happens.

As the enigmatic author Dodinsky writes, "Do not make it a habit to dissect someone's opinion to the point where you see the presence of malice where none exists."

Even when it's straining, I urge you to try on the glasses of the person opposite you on the issue. Assume their beliefs and experiences and perhaps some clarity will come.

My biggest hope is that at least once this semester you tried my glasses and on — if only temporarily — considered the shift in perspective as more than a fleeting trial.

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



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A new seafood fast-food franchise, Original Wharf Express, recently opened in Gainesville. The restaurant is located at 3333 SW 34th St.

**LOCAL**

# Fast seafood reels in customers

**BRETT RABINOVICH**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A new fast-food seafood restaurant has been reeling in business partially thanks to social media and a tie to UF.

The Original Wharf Express, 3333 SW 34th St., in University Town Center by Peach Valley, offers a mix of seafood and usually serves its meals within 10 minutes.

Leslie Guy, the owner of the franchise, is a UF alumna who was active in Greek life during college, performed as a UF cheerleader and competed on the gymnastics team.

"Gainesville has become a part of me," she said, "And I wanted to bring something back to Gainesville."

Part of her goal is to break the negative views many people have about fast-food seafood, she said.

The restaurant has primarily reached the

student community through word of mouth, but kitchen manager RJ Wright said social media seems to help.

"As I keep updating my status and share the restaurant's page on Facebook, I see more people coming in to try the food," he said.

The restaurant also plans on expanding to other locations in the Gainesville area, Guy said.

Emily Dhondt, a 21-year-old UF advertising senior who works in the restaurant, said students visit because they know other restaurants in the shopping center are good, and they're looking for something new to try.

"I've seen a customer who has come in almost every single day this week because the food ... has a Southern charm to it," she said.

# Black Friday to include discounted cat adoptions in Butler Plaza

## Certain cats are \$25 from noon to 5 p.m.

**DAVONA WILLIAMS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Forget Black Friday — it's Black Furdry if you ask Puppy Hill Farm Animal Rescue.

The agency is offering reduced adoption prices for 25 cats on Black Friday at PetSmart in Butler Plaza, said Kristen Seymour, board member at Puppy Hill Farm Animal Rescue.

Cats usually cost \$75, but on Friday, they will cost \$25 from noon until 5 p.m.

Adopters can choose an all-black or black-and-white cats from 11 weeks to 3 years old.

"All of our cats have been vet checked, but depending on its age, it may need further vaccinations," Seymour said.

A veterinarian will also be on site to help potential owners.

"The doctor will just ask general questions to make sure the animal is the best fit (for) the person. We want to make sure our kittens will have the right home for the holidays," she said.

Shay Hill, a 20-year-old UF family, youth and community science junior said she thinks the event is a cool idea.

"The deal is great; it's just that my apartment won't let me have animals," Hill said.

Seymour said potential adopters must bring in a statement from their landlord saying he or she will allow animals.

*"If you are a family who has time off during the holidays and have time to help the pet acclimate, then it can be great."*

**Laurie Trenholm**

executive director and founder of Puppy Hill Farm

The decision to take home a new pet should depend on the adopter's lifestyle, said Laurie Trenholm, executive director and founder of Puppy Hill Farm.

"If you are a family who has time off during the holidays and have time to help the pet acclimate, then it can be great," Trenholm said.

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**CAMPUS**

# Gators March for Babies reaches goal of \$100,000

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Gators March for Babies met a record-high fundraising goal of \$100,000 Sunday at the 10th annual Gators March for Babies 5K on campus.

"This was the highest we've ever raised by a lot," said Kyle Croft, community director for Alachua County March of Dimes.

The previous record high for fundraising was about \$80,000.

Croft said about 600 people participated in the walk.

Earlier this month, the March of Dimes released its annual Premature Birth Report Card and gave Florida a "D" grade. Croft said the low grade made this year's fundraising even more important than in previ-



Croft

ous years. "It just really highlights the importance of what we're doing and why we need to keep working for the babies," Croft said.

Stephan Perets, director of Interfraternity Council recruitment for Gators March for Babies, said he was proud of how the event turned out.

"I feel like we couldn't have done a better job," said the 21-year-old building construction management junior. "Everything went well and we've reached our goal, which is already \$20,000 more than our best year. Being able to raise money for a cause like that just makes me feel really good."

# City fifth best small metro

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The annual College Destination Index by the American Institute for Economic Research ranked Gainesville the fifth small metro area in the country for 2013-2014.

Seventy-five cities were organized into four categories: small metros, mid-sized metros, major metros and college towns.

The ranking, which is based on 12 criteria, focuses on the academic aspects of the area and the "quality of life," said Steven Cunningham, chief economist for the company. It also accounts for student diversity, entrepreneurial activity, and arts and lei-

sure.

"It's a terrible thing to go to a town where you don't want to step off the campus," Cunningham said. "The idea is that students should and do pick a college based on academics and, certainly that puts Gainesville as a good place to go."

Gainesville has been on the index since the ranking's inception more than five years ago. Last year, it was ranked fourth in its category, but this year the student diversity has increased significantly, Cunningham, said.

Rubab Islam, an 18-year-old UF microbiology freshman and Gainesville native, said the city is well-deserving of its rank.

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## Return of point guard sparks Florida victory

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JACKSONVILLE — With point guard Scottie Wilbekin inserted into the starting lineup for the first time since serving a five-game suspension for violating team rules, UF's offense clicked from start to finish Monday night.

Behind Casey Prather's 27 points, No. 15 Florida (5-1) turned an organized and efficient offensive performance into an 86-60 victory against Jacksonville in the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

*"I thought Scottie did a very good job shifting us in and out of offense, based on what he was seeing. I thought that really helped our flow."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

Wilbekin was a big part of why Florida succeeded offensively.

In his season debut, the senior accounted for 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting, five rebounds, three steals and seven assists against only two turnovers in 34 minutes of action.

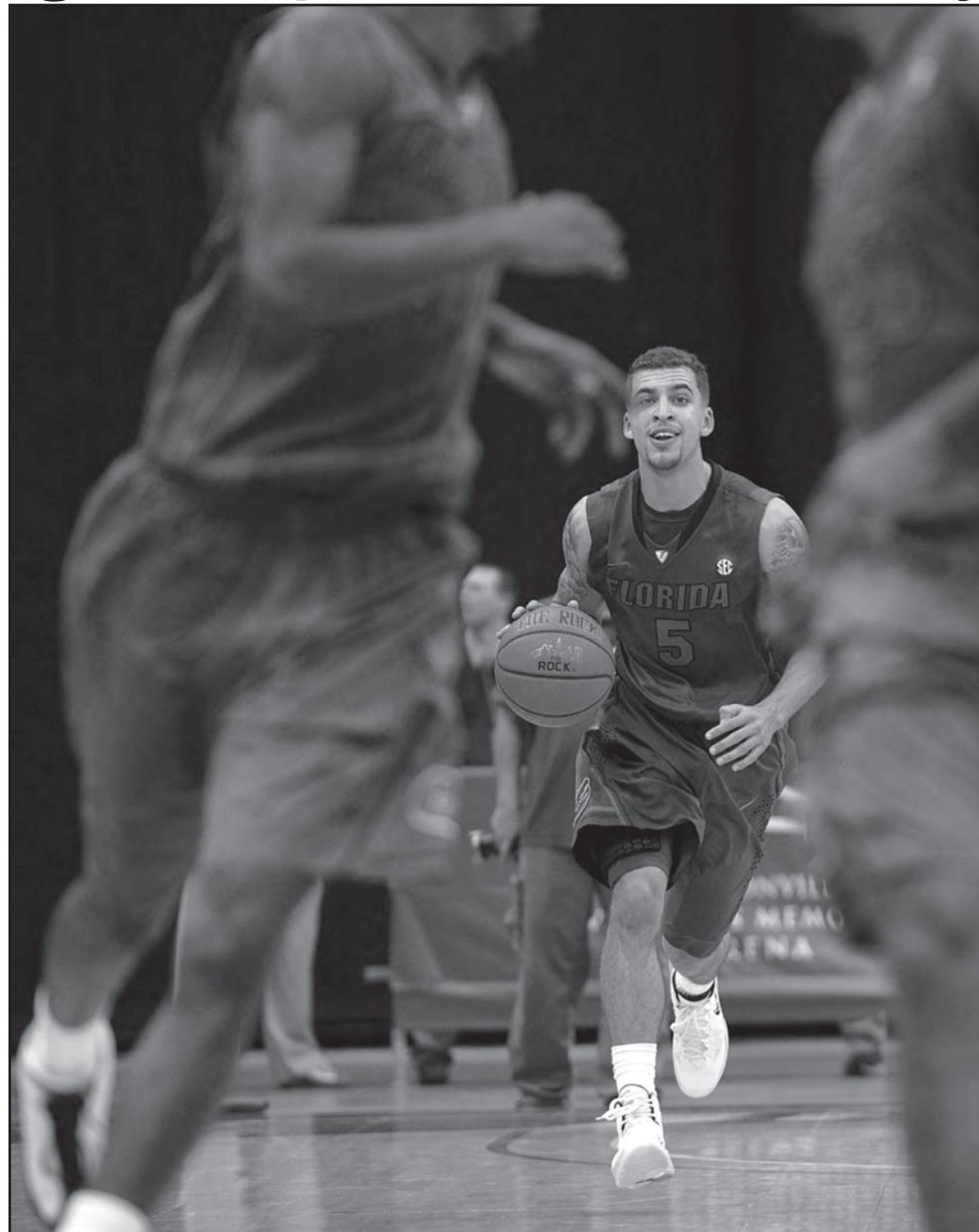
"I was a little nervous before the game, just because it's been so long," Wilbekin said. "But once the ball got tipped up and started moving up and down, I was back into it."

The Gators shot 59.6 percent from the field and hit 8 of 13 shots from behind the arc. Michael Frazier II (17 points) sunk 5 of his 6 three-point attempts. Dorian Finney-Smith recorded 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Patric Young added 13 points.

A big issue for the Gators last week was not having a true point guard in the rotation, as freshman Kasey Hill (high ankle sprain) was unavailable.

But with Wilbekin finally in the fold

**SEE HOOPS, PAGE 15**



AP Photo

Scottie Wilbekin (5) brings the ball up the court for Florida against Jacksonville during the second half of the Gators' 86-60 victory against the Dolphins on Monday in Jacksonville.

## Wilbekin apologizes for second suspension

### Senior missed five games

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JACKSONVILLE — Billy Donovan stepped into the media room with Scottie Wilbekin not far behind.

The other Gators available to speak — Michael Frazier II, Casey Prather and Patric Young — had already finished their interviews in the hallway. They made their way to the bus.

Not Wilbekin, though.

The senior point guard dragged his feet as he took the seat next to Donovan in front of the cameras.

He inhaled through his nose and exhaled through his mouth as if he was back on the court, waiting for the whistle to shoot a free throw.

But the game was over. He scored 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting and recorded a team-high seven assists and three steals in 34 minutes of work, another



Donovan

team-high.

Now came the hard part: an apology for his actions.

"I just wanted to start out by saying, I apologize for

my actions over the summer and I apologize to the fans," Wilbekin announced.

"I already apologized to my teammates when it happened and I'm just glad to put that stuff behind me."

For the second time in a cal-

endar year, Wilbekin was forced to start his season after the rest of his teammates because of off-the-court issues.

As a junior, he missed Florida's first three games of the year by being suspended for violating team rules.

A second similar incident occurred prior to this season, which cost Wilbekin the first five games of the season.

This time is different, Wilbekin said. He is not a kid anymore.

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## Picks Column



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In honor of this miserable season coming to a close, we at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column would like to honor Florida's bowl-less offseason. Well, no, that's not entirely true. There will be plenty of bowls of chips to go around when the Gators are watching any one of 35 bowl games that they couldn't get invited to. Make sure to remember the French onion dip!

If any Gator needs practice slumming it on the couch, look no further than Thanksgiving dinner. Stay light on the stuffing and save room for seconds!

So grab a turkey leg and begin exercising your thumb on that remote, Gators! Watch some football, and get prepared for what's going to be a long offseason.

This week, Joe Morgan and Phillip Heilman debate the Iron Bowl — a game that will likely keep fans from changing the channel.

**Auburn (+11) will triumph and Alabama will be sitting on the couch at home next weekend during the SEC Championship Game crying, "PAAWWWL" so hard because...**

The Tigers have the best rushing offense in the SEC. Nick Saban is no match for — I'm really dumb for picking against Alabama, aren't I?

- Joe Morgan

**Alabama (-11) will mash Auburn up like potatoes en route to another SEC Championship Game appearance because...**

Mmmm mashed potatoes are so good. Whip 'em up with some butter and maybe a little bit of salt and pepper, and you, my friend, have found heaven. Wait, we're not talking about actual potatoes? Well, then.

- Phillip Heilman

*Now onto the picks!*

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Savannah Jordan and the Florida soccer team were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament. Read the story on page 16.



### Quotable

"I love you guys."

**Will Muschamp**

UF coach on relationship with the media

### Poll Question

Does Will Muschamp deserve to return for the 2014 season? *Vote online at alligatorSports.org.*

# Gators upset in NCAA Tournament

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Losing is a tough pill to swallow.

After dropping only four games combined during the regular season and Southeastern Conference Tournament play, the Gators expected to play deep into the NCAA Tournament.

But Florida fell 1-0 in a second-round battle against Duke in Durham, N.C., on Friday night, making it the 10th straight season the Gators failed to advance past the Sweet Sixteen.

"It's frustrating because we play games like that where they can go either way, and you just want them to go your way," coach Becky Burleigh said. "I think that when you look at teams that are either still in the tournament and are advancing, and you know that you're as good as those teams, that's hard.

"At the same time, it all comes down to what you do on that particular day. Duke did a terrific job of hanging on defensively and they executed a really great chance to score a goal — we didn't do that."

As difficult as it is for UF to accept the end of the season, this year was a strong one for the 19-year-old program.

"When you look at just purely on the result, it's hard to see that there was a breakthrough this year," Burleigh said. "But what happened through the course of the year, there was."

*"It's frustrating because we play games like that where they can go either way, and you just want them to go your way."*

**Becky Burleigh**

UF coach

The breakthrough came in the form of Savannah Jordan. The freshman forward made an immediate impact, scoring 22 goals this season — the second most by a freshman in program history. Jordan finished one goal shy of Andi Sellers' 23-goal season in 1997.

Jordan is tied for third in the nation in scoring this season and is currently training with the U-20 Women's National Team in Carson, Calif.

"Certainly, she progressed as the year went on, too," Burleigh said. "That's not easy to do when you become a marked woman. Midway through, everyone knew that's who [teams] were going to focus on."

Then there is the anchor of the backline, sophomore Christen Westphal.

Unlike in her freshman season, Westphal helped the attack, scoring her first collegiate goal off a 40-yard free kick en route to a 5-1 victory over Georgia on Oct. 31.

"If you look at the role that Christen Westphal played, even in this last game, we put her up top in [junior midfielder Havana Solaun's] absence through a lot of that game," Burleigh said. "That was something we had never done before."

The Gators expect to return all 11 starters from this season, and Burleigh said the team will continue to push the envelope.

"I think that's a good foundation for us going forward," Burleigh said. "It's a bright future, it's just really hard to focus on that right now."

**Junior undergoes surgery:** Solaun had knee surgery Monday to repair a torn right ACL she suffered in the SEC Championship against Texas A&M.

Burleigh said Solaun should recover and be ready to participate in about six months.

"Havana is a really disciplined worker," Burleigh said. "When it comes to her rehab, I have no doubt it will be the same way. We've never had a player that hasn't come back stronger in some way or another."



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Savannah Jordan dribbles the ball during Florida's 2-0 win against Jacksonville on Nov. 16 in Gainesville.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Florida looks to rebound tonight

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St. John's may be coming to the O'Connell Center tonight, but Florida will be looking for St. Anthony to find its defensive game that has been missing this year.

Poor defensive play has plagued the Gators so far this season. Florida allowed an average of 70.2 points per game through its first five games. It surrendered an average of 64 points through its first five games last year.

"We're continuing to work really hard on our defense," coach Amanda Butler said.

"That's the area that we feel is our biggest weakness. We're trying to figure out what works best with which five. We're trying to get individuals better at performing their jobs consistently at a high level. That's our biggest challenge."

After losing 76-68 to Florida State on Thursday, Butler is determined to get her team over the hump and start playing consistent basketball.

"You can't cry too long over it at this point," she said. "You've got to be ready to get your shoes tied up tight again and get back out for the next one."

Florida has been outrebounded in the majority of its games. St. John's is currently averaging 43.5 rebounds per game compared to Florida's 35.2.

In the O'Connell Center, Florida has outrebounded only Bethune-Cookman.

Now, the Gators are again aiming to defend their floor and outmuscle the Red Storm.

"We've been very inconsistent (in grabbing rebounds), so it has to be our focus and have our attention," Butler said. "It just has to be a focus for us. It has to be something we're paying attention to."

Tonight, the Gators are presented with the tall task of trying to contain one of the game's most prolific guards — sophomore Aliyyah Handford. This season, she is averaging 25.8 points and 10 rebounds per game.

"We've got to be ready for a very high-powered offense, some individual scorers who are really, really impressive," Butler said.

"They have a lot of quickness, a lot of athleticism and they are a team that hasn't been beat yet, so we have some great challenges ahead of us."

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# UF set to begin tough non-conference stretch

**HOOPS**, from page 13

Monday, UF moved the ball well early — unlike in its win against Middle Tennessee on Thursday.

Wilbekin's coach and his teammates noticed the difference.

"I thought Scottie did a very good job shifting us in and out of offense, based on what he was seeing," coach Billy Donovan said. "I thought that really helped our flow."

Added Prather: "Just cutting and slashing to the rim, having a point guard with great vision like that, he always finds me. He's just got a feeling, I guess. I don't know what it is."

Florida made 9 of its first 14 field-goal attempts against Jacksonville to jump out to a 28-10 advantage with 10:47 remaining in the first half. During that opening stretch, JU (2-4) shot 30.8 percent from the field.

"We can't really control if the ball goes in or out of the rim," Young said. "Our defense has always been the strength of our team. If we can play great defense and then get the ball to go in, the (opposing) team has a whole lot to handle."

Although Florida committed nine turnovers, none came in the game's first 12:30.

The Gators made 9 of their first 12 free throws but then

went 7 of 16 from the charity stripe to finish the game.

The Gators trailed only once during the contest — about a minute into the game — and led by as many as 32 points in the second half.

*"Just cutting and slashing to the rim, having a point guard with great vision like that, he always finds me. He's just got a feeling, I guess. I don't know what it is."*

**Casey Prather**  
UF forward

After the game, Donovan announced that sophomore swingman DeVon Walker sprained a ligament in his right foot and will undergo X-rays today. Walker exited the game due to the injury with 15:29 remaining in the first half.

"It does not look like a high ankle sprain," Donovan said. "I'm not even so sure if it's an ankle sprain. It could be a sprained ligament in his foot. So, I don't really know what happened to him. Other than that, he was pretty hobbled there."

Now, No. 15 Florida heads into a grueling four-game non-conference stretch against Florida State, No. 13 Connecticut, No. 2 Kansas and No. 21 Memphis.

"It's going to be a grind," Frazier said. "That's all I can tell you."

# Offense thrived with Wilbekin back

**SIDEBAR**, from page 13

"I just learned the value of things and, in particular, just what an opportunity it is to play here at Florida," Wilbekin said. "I think I've just matured and just grown up a little bit."

Donovan, who said this would be Wilbekin's last chance with the team, added he does not think there will be another rule-breaking incident.

To Donovan, Wilbekin is a changed man with changed priorities but still the same skills on the court.

The offense recorded its best assist-turnover ratio of the sea-

son Monday night against Jacksonville, recording 19 assists and only nine turnovers.

Not only did Wilbekin record the most assists by a Gator in a single game so far this season, but he also turned the ball over just twice.

Frazier said he could see Wilbekin's newfound maturity in the locker room and on the court during the game.

"He was hyped up to play tonight, but I think he did a great job of controlling his emotions and settling down and playing the game," Frazier said. "He played great tonight."

Polar opposite of the young, quiet Kasey Hill, who started in

place of the suspended senior point guard until suffering a high left ankle sprain, Wilbekin did not shy away from being vocal with his teammates.

He barked out plays, called for the ball and ran the Gators most efficient offense of the year.

"I felt very comfortable knowing that our experienced point guard is out there," Young said. "No knock on Kasey Hill, but he's only played about 3-4 college games. Scottie's played over a 100 in his career."

Donovan would not say if he would cut Wilbekin from the team if he messed up again, but he added it would be his last chance.



Landon Watnick / Alligator Staff

Scottie Wilbekin speaks at a press conference following Florida's 86-60 win against Jacksonville on Monday evening. Wilbekin apologized for actions leading to his five-game suspension to begin the season.

## PICKS

, from page 13

Leading the pack at 64-35-5 is alligatorSports Assistant Editor Adam "Raised in a barn" Lichtenstein, who thinks rocking the shirt-tucked-into-his-jeans looks is proper formal attire. There's no hope for you unless you accidentally stumble into a Men's Wearhouse. Maybe then somebody will actually like the way you look, but we can't guarantee it.

In second at 60-39-5 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Joe "I cheer for drug abusers!" Morgan, who wore a Justin Blackmon jersey on Sunday to celebrate the Jaguars' second victory. Sources say Joe and Justin shared a celebratory bowl. Who knows what was in it. Also, the whole Jaguars fan thing is just downright pathetic.

Back in third at 58-41-5 is alligatorSports Editor Phillip "I put the box office on my back" Heilman, who purchased four — FOUR! — tickets to see "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" this weekend. We wish we could just blame this on some weird celebrity crush on Jennifer Lawrence or something, but you came home talking about Woody Harrelson both nights. No-

body is that good of an actor, man!

First in the non-alligatorSports division and fourth overall at 55-44-5 is the Orlando Sentinel's Edgar "OMG! Im so sry u guys 4 real!" Thompson, who sent a mass email to fellow beat writers following a relatively minor shared transcription snafu. Good Lord, Edgar. Why were you so apologetic? You act like we're your only friends or something. Oh...

Down in fifth at 53-46-5 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Adam "Hunger Games noob" Pincus, who tried to insert himself into a conversation about "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" by referencing dragons. This isn't freaking Harry Potter, you incompetent dunce. There aren't any freaking dragons in "The Hunger Games" trilogy, you obtuse ignoramus.

Tied for sixth at 52-47-5 is FightinGators.com's Cody "MIA" Jones, who we don't even remember seeing at last Saturday's game. Sad things is, we just now realized he wasn't there. Or maybe he was. Oh, well. He didn't miss much.

Also in sixth is InsidetheGators.com's Bryan "Online journalism isn't real journal-

ism" Holt, who is relegated to the auxiliary press seats to cover basketball games while Pincus actually gets to sit on press row. A short guy like you is probably better off in the crowd's nest anyway. Making fun of your height is a low blow... because you're short.

And in dead-ass last with a piss-poor record of 51-48-5 is 247Sports.com's Thomas "Loser" Goldkamp, who is in dead-ass last with a piss-poor record of 51-48-5. Like Florida's coaches, it looks like film study isn't helping you too much either.

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**FOOTBALL**

# Mornhinweg expected to make third straight start for Gators

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Skyler Mornhinweg has the task of a lifetime.

Florida's third-string quarterback will likely be asked to start against undefeated No. 2 Florida State at home on Saturday with Tyler Murphy doubtful to play due to injury.

"I'm preparing all week like I'm going to be the guy," Mornhinweg said. "We're excited to play this game."

That excitement could soon turn



Mornhinweg

to misery for the Gators, who continue to stumble through one of the worst seasons in program history.

Florida State, which is a win away from going

12-0 for the first time since its 1999 national championship season, is pummeling opponents. The Seminoles have scored at least 40 points in every game this season. Juxtapose

that against a Florida offense that is averaging fewer than 20 points per game, and there is ample cause for concern in Gainesville.

Mornhinweg is not to blame. The redshirt freshman was unexpectedly thrust into action when Murphy could not tolerate the pain stemming from a sprained AC joint he suffered against LSU on Oct. 12.

However, Mornhinweg has not brought much to the table. In two games since replacing Murphy, he has completed 63.2 percent of his passes but is averaging just 114.5

passing yards per game in losses to South Carolina and Georgia Southern.

"I've got to execute better," Mornhinweg said. "We've got to make some plays."

**Injuries:** Florida continues to be eviscerated by injuries.

UF will be without linebackers Michael Taylor (MCL sprain) and Alex Anzalone (shoulder dislocation) against FSU. Each suffered his respective injury during a loss to Georgia Southern. Taylor's injury will not require surgery, but An-

zalone's will.

Also expected to be sidelined Saturday is left tackle D.J. Humphries, who continues to deal with the effects of a sprained MCL.

"There's some key components for our football team that aren't playing for us right now," coach Will Muschamp said. "We're very thin in some areas. I'm not making excuses. That's just the facts."

UF is expected to have Marcus Roberson (ankle) and defensive end Jon Bullard (hamstring/knee) available.

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# Heisman Trophy candidate leads high-powered offense

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Florida State University is famous for its "Flying High Circus." But another act in Tallahassee has become even wilder. Little talk in the college football world these days does not concern Seminoles redshirt freshman quarterback Jameis Winston.

The national spotlight is fixated on Winston, who is leading No. 2 Florida State through a dream season on the field, while facing allegations of sexual assault off the gridiron. But all the Gators see is another quarterback eager to tear apart their reeling defense.

*"[Jameis Winston]'s a great leader. That's the first thing I noticed from watching their games. That's probably his biggest attribute."*

**Jaylen Watkins**  
UF defensive back

"He's a total package," coach Will Muschamp said of Winston. "I don't know where you start: his arm strength, he's got a big arm; he can make all the throws. He has a tough throw. He can zip the ball in there."

No quarterback in college football zips the ball in there better than Winston, who leads the nation with a 194.51 passer rating and ranks fifth with a 69.6 completion percentage.

Winston's efficiency is generating record results.

His 32 touchdown passes — already an Atlantic Coast Conference freshman record — rank third nationally, and his 3,163 passing yards are only 145 yards behind former FSU signal-caller Drew Weatherford's ACC freshman record of 3,208 yards through the air.

He also gets the job done with his legs.

Excluding sacks, Winston has rushed for 310 yards and three touchdowns on 51 carries. But Winston is not a guy who just takes off and runs at the first sign of trouble.

"He understands where he is taking the football," Muschamp said. "He's got really good pocket presence. He can hurt you with his legs. He's a good athlete as well, but he's a quarterback first and that's what you see with him."

Defensive back Jaylen Watkins added: "He's kind of like [Buffalo Bills quarterback EJ Manuel]. (Winston) can run a little bit, but definitely his strength is passing."

But the comparisons of Winston to Manuel go beyond athleticism and playing style. Several Gators praised Winston's ability to step in and assume a leadership role for FSU.

In his first season of college football, the Bessemer, Ala., native has led the Seminoles to their first undefeated road record in the ACC since 2000.

Winston's first victory away from Tallahassee was a 41-13 win against Pittsburgh on Sept. 2 in his collegiate debut. Winston completed 25 of 27 passes for 356 yards and four touchdowns in a romp at Heinz Field.

He also shined in a 51-14 win against formerly third-ranked Clemson on Oct. 19. Winston silenced the hostile Death Valley crowd of 83,428 with 444 passing yards and four total touchdowns. If Winston leads Florida State to another road victory on Saturday, he will help the Seminoles accomplish their fourth 12-0 season in program history.

"He's a great leader," Watkins said. "That's the first thing I noticed from watching their games. That's probably his biggest attribute — as a leader to his team."

While Winston and Florida State have been almost unstoppable this

season, Florida has been quite the opposite.

The Seminoles have scored 41 points or more in every game this season, including an 80-point showing against Idaho last weekend at Doak Campbell Stadium. Meanwhile, the Gators have scored only 94 points during their current six-game losing streak.

Florida State ranks second nationally in scoring offense with 55.2 points per game, while Florida

ranks 112th with 19.9. At its current scoring rate, the Gators would need to play 31 games to exceed FSU's point total through 11 contests this season.

UF also trails far behind in total offense, coming in at 111th in the nation with 327.9 yards per game. Winston alone averages 299 total yards per contest.

"We've got to do a better job," third-string quarterback Skyler Mornhinweg said. "It's on us.

We've got to make some plays, so we're working hard this week trying to get back out there and produce some points."

But whether Saturday's game is a shootout like last season's 63-point affair or a low-scoring showdown like Florida's 21-7 loss to Florida State in 2011, the Gators are confident they can keep up with Winston and the second-ranked Seminoles.

"We definitely know we can compete with them," Watkins said.



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Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston (5) escapes a sack attempt by Syracuse linebacker Marquis Spruill (11) during the Seminoles' 59-3 victory against the Orange on Nov. 16 in Tallahassee.

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Wells start FREE  
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LIVE DJ

**SATURDAY**  
**FREE WELLS**  
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\$3<sup>99</sup> Lunch Specials

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25¢ Wells  
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DJ ROB FOLDY  
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TOP 40, Hip hop & House  
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