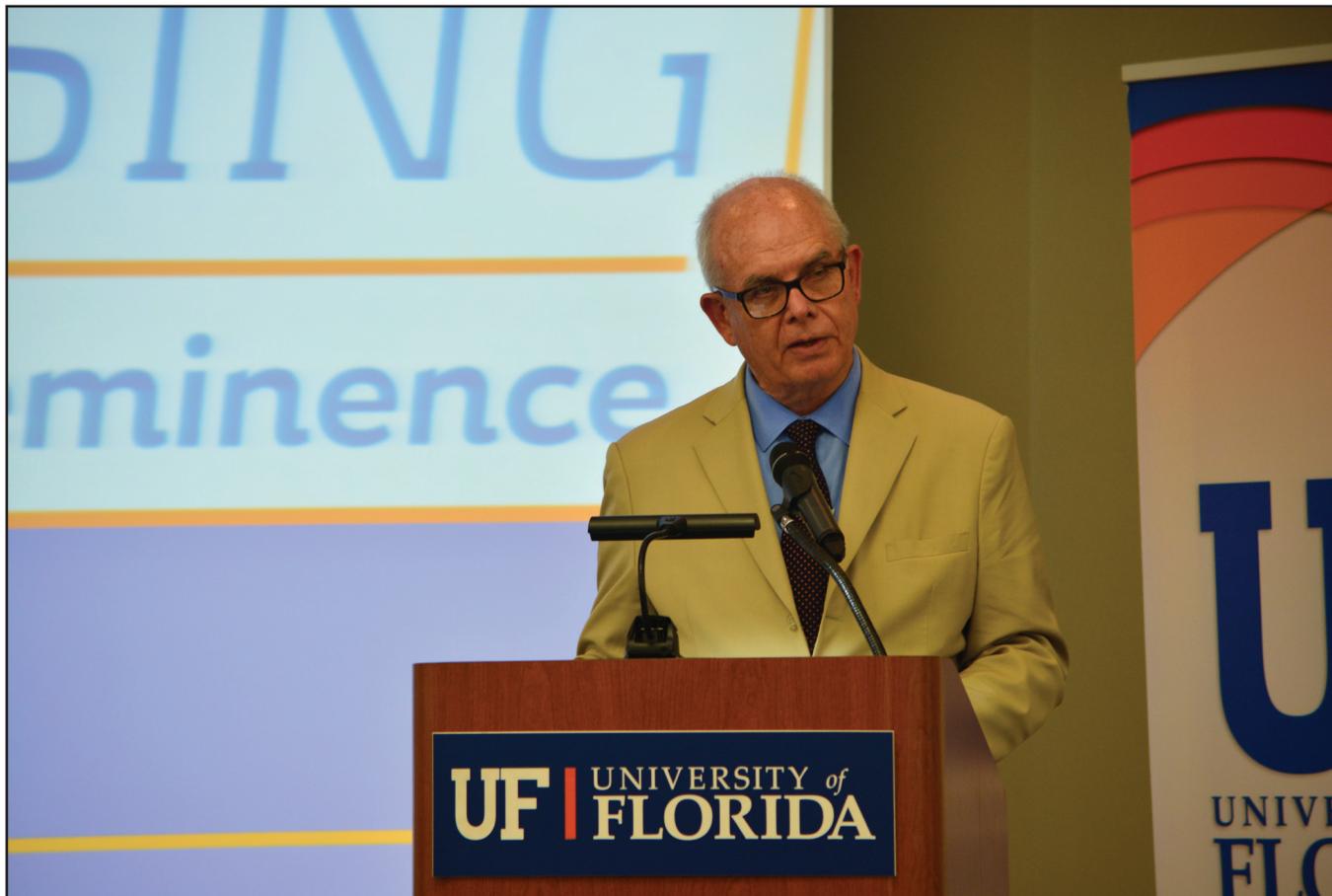


Machen delivers last State of the University address



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► HE FOCUSED ON UF PREEMINENCE GOALS.

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For the final time in his decade-long tenure at UF, President Bernie Machen took to the lectern for his State of the University address Thursday.

The speech focused on the UF Rising to National Preeminence initiative and introduced new leaders, like the CEO of UF Health Shands Hospital.

UF's ambitious plan to become a top 10 university has recently gained substantial financial backing. Machen said research contracts and grants increased from \$641 million to \$702 million within the last year. Annual donations reached \$215.3 million, topping \$2 million for the second year.

"Donors are inspired by preeminence," Machen said to the crowd in Emerson Alumni Hall.

In addition to discussing expanding research facilities by more than 3 million square feet, Machen emphasized undergraduate education. Core classes on climate change and data have been added to degrees to lead students to the future.

His initiatives were well received.

"Undergraduates absolutely need to understand the world to function and compete in the global economy," said Leonardo Villalon, the new dean of the International Center.

The 12th president will take over a healthy university, Machen said.

"We need to keep raising the bar on education," Machen said. "The state of the university is strong."

UF President Bernie Machen addresses a crowd about UF's preeminence initiative at his annual State of the University address. This was his last address after a decade-long tenure as president before the university finds a replacement.

First gameday of the season

► TIPS FOR TAILGATING, PARKING AND STAYING SAFE.

DANIELA PRIZONT-CADO

Alligator Contributing Writer

New school year, new football season.

A melting pot of Gator fans all teeming with spirit will swamp the UF campus Saturday as the Gators take on the University of Idaho Vandals.

For Florida fans, game days are about more than just the football.

University Police recommends taking several precautions for fans tailgating and attending the game.

About 150 police officers will work from within the stadium, UPD Lt. Alton McDilda said.

"Game days are very, very festive and hectic, but overall it's an enjoyable experience," McDilda said.

In the first half, the heat could be accompanied by some showers.

For those attending the event, "get ready for rain, especially the first half," with a 50 percent chance of showers, said Matt Zibura, a National Weather Service forecaster.

With temperatures expected to be in the low 80s and mid 70s Saturday, staying hydrated for Gator fans is key.

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Alton McDilda
 UPD lieutenant

When consuming alcohol, hydration often becomes an issue.

"People forget that they need to hydrate with water," McDilda said. He suggested people have 16 ounces of water for every 12 ounces of beer or each shot of alcohol they consume.

UF prohibits open containers of alcohol except in tailgating areas, and alcohol is not

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LOCAL

Uber finally arrives; five rides free until Labor Day

PATRICK PINAK

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students can climb down the stairs of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and into an Uber car this weekend for free.

The global app-powered ride service is now available in Gainesville, and it is offering users free transportation for their first five rides through Labor Day.

"Anywhere you are, you press a button, and within a matter of minutes, a vehicle shows up for you," said Uber spokesman Taylor Bennett.

UF Student Body President Cory Yeffet said in an email that students have wanted an alternative and safe transportation option like Uber for some time.

"I am most excited that students now have a reliable, easy-to-use and convenient method of transportation whenever they need one," Yeffet said.

This weekend, the service will also donate \$5 to Dance Marathon each time a user enters the promotional code UFSG.

Dominique Falconeiri, a 21-year-old UF advertising senior, said it will be useful to students who walk home late at night and those who need safe rides home from Midtown or downtown.

Falconeiri used Uber during the summer in New York and thinks it will take about a semester to catch on.

"You can be really drunk and still use Uber," she said. "It's so easy once you have it."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Gay Movie Night

Join us for Gay Movie night Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. in Gainesville. This month's movie is "Out in the Dark," a drama centered on the love affair between two men on opposite sites of the Middle East conflict: Palestinian student Nimer and Roy, an Israeli lawyer. Gay Movie Night is a free service of the Pride Community Center. A \$2 donation is requested to cover cost of snacks.

All-Female A Cappella Auditions

UF's only all-female a cappella group, The Sedoctaves, is looking for new girls! After an amazing year transforming their image, re-entering the competition world and launching a new logo, it has never been a better time to be a Sedoctave. Auditions are being held in the Weil and Rinker halls today and Saturday, with callbacks on Sunday. To sign up, visit thesedoctaves.youcanbook.me!

GatorNights Kick-Off

Kick off the Fall Football Season at GatorNights' Kick-Off event today from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. After watching the lady Gators dominate in volleyball, come on over to the Reitz Union for Stuff-a-Gator, tailgate food, a Gator Chomp competition and more! Watch "The Amazing Spider Man 2" in the Reitz Union Auditorium, unlimited free popcorn and soda included! Special collaborations for this night include sports trivia from our favorite Rowdy Reptiles, ice cream from Student Government and Reunion at the Union with Student Activities and Involvement! Get to know the Career Resource Center with a friendly bingo competition. We'll end the night with a live concert in the Grand Ballroom from Nappy Roots! It's going to be a good day at the Reitz, and you don't want to miss it! It's always Friday, and it's always free with your Gator 1 Card at GatorNights!

eSWAMP Day 2014

Join the Society of Women Engineers for eSWAMP Day at Lake Wauburg on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. to learn more about the UF College of Engineering, make new friends and soak up some sun. All freshmen and transfer engineering girls are invited. Register online at sweufonline.weebly.com and click on events and eSWAMP 2014.

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Special One-Night Showing of "To Be Takei"

The Hippodrome Cinema will be showing a one-night-only special presentation of "To Be Takei" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. "To Be Takei" tells the heartwarming life story of actor and activist George Takei. Admission is \$7.50, and seating is limited. The Hippodrome Cinema is located inside the Hippodrome State Theatre at 25 SE Second Place. For a complete listing of films and additional showtimes, please visit thehipp.org.

Elephant Appreciation Day

Two Tails Ranch in Williston presents its third annual Elephant Appreciation Day on Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The day will feature live elephant demonstrations, exotic animal exhibits, live music, food and more. Admission is \$10 per person, and kids under 3 are admitted free. For more information, visit allaboutelephants.com. Thanks for your consideration, and Go Gators!

No Schedule Change in Curbside Waste Collection for Labor Day Holiday Week

Residential curbside collection for solid waste, recycling and yard trash will not be affected for the Labor Day Holiday week. Collection will be according to the regular schedule because Labor Day is not considered a holiday for the contracted hauler, Waste Corporation of America. To see a list of holidays that will affect residential curbside collection, go to www.gainesvillerecycles.com, click on Residential Curbside Program and then the link to the holiday schedule.

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Lower gas prices for Labor Day weekend

► THEY ARE AT A FOUR-YEAR LOW.

BRADLEY NORMAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville is expected to surge with travelers Saturday for the opening football game, but Gators fans are not the only people planning trips.

Labor Day travel is expected to be at its highest since 2008, according to an American Automobile Association report. About 34.7 million Americans will journey this weekend.

Though airfare and mid-range hotel prices are rising, gasoline prices are at a four-year low. About 85 percent of people are expected to travel by car, the report stated.

Florida's average gas price is \$3.37 — six cents cheaper than the national average, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Last year's national average was \$3.59. In Gainesville, prices average about \$3.41.

Gas station manager Kyle Crawford, 24, said prices at his University Avenue BP station have dropped recently.

"We don't set the gas prices; we have a corporate office that calls us twice a day and tells us what to set the gas prices at," Crawford said.

Amanda Aguero, a 20-year-old UF English junior, said she's noticed gas is cheaper.

"On my way up to Gainesville last week I actually saw gas for as low as \$3.20, which was really surprising to me," Aguero said.



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Challenge Accepted

UF students accept the the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge made by UF Student Body President Corey Yeffet and Vice President of Student Affairs Dave Kratzer on Thursday evening on the University Village South Field.

Note: no parking on Plaza of the Americas, beware roam towing

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to be taken inside the stadium. Tailgating areas can be found all over campus, unless indicated otherwise by flagging tape.

Although individual water bottles are not permitted inside the stadium, on days when the heat is unbearable, McDilda said,

heat initiatives like water bottle sales will be put in place.

Competitive UF cheerleader Kristen Morga, a 19-year-old UF nursing sophomore, will usher the Swamp stands Saturday.

Morga said fans should go all out on Gator gear to show their spirit for the game and estimate time to find parking.

"Make the best out of the game."

Kristen Morga

UF nursing sophomore

"Make the best out of the game," she said.

This year, there will be no gameday parking on the Plaza of the Americas, UF spokesman Steve Orlando wrote in an

email.

Orlando said although tailgating is still permitted in that area, the school wants to prevent any further damage to grass, tree roots and sidewalks.

The Gainesville City Commission recently raised towing rates from \$76 to \$100 for those parking illegally, so fans should plan to find parking before the event.

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OBITUARY

University Club grieves legendary drag queen lost to cancer

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Gainesville suffered the loss of an iconic performer Wednesday to colon and liver cancer.

Ocala-born William Moorehead, better known as Lady Pearl, was a staple at University Club nightclub. With her big hair, glamorous gowns and sassy personality, the city of Gainesville is now missing a captivating character. She was 54.

The nightclub, located at 18 E. University Ave., was her second

home. Behind the horseshoe-shaped bar, a neon sign now reads, "She may be gone, but she will never, ever be forgotten."

Moorehead, who identified as a woman, said Pearl was a reflection of her mind. In a video interview, she said was deeply connected to her character.

India Brooks, a fellow drag queen and close friend of Pearl's, said Pearl was vulgar onstage but motherly and kind behind the scenes. She recalled a show they hosted together on Pearl's birthday in the early '90s.

After Pearl's performance, Brooks took the microphone to perform her set, but Pearl wasn't done.

"Give me that microphone," Pearl said sassily to Brooks.

"Your fat a** can't catch me," Brooks said before running away as Pearl playfully chased her.

After running around and up and down stairs, Pearl finally caught up, snatching Brooks' wig off. Brooks then smashed Pearl's own birthday cake in her face.

"It was a wig-sliding cake fight," Brooks said.

When Pearl moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, near the end of her career, she committed to 16-hour road trips to Gainesville for performances. Backstage at UC, she took one hour to apply thick eyelashes, sculpt her eyebrows and carefully paint her lips before each show.

Under the club's lights, Pearl found comfort. Her drag queen show lasted more than 20 years. She left William Moorehead behind as she sang, danced and flailed her manicured hands, making fun of fans in her rich Southern accent.

Even as patrons put dollar bills in her hands and down her shirt during shows, Pearl never slipped out of character.

UC bartender Kenny Scott lived with Pearl in the early '90s. For 20 years, Scott said Pearl packed the club with about 300 fans each Thursday.

"University Club will be missing something big," Scott said.

He said the club is planning a memorial service that will be open to fans.

"It'll never be the same," he said.

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Editorial

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Darts & Laurels

The Emmys were on Monday, and AMC smash hit "Breaking Bad" cleaned up for the fifth year in a row. Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul and Anna Gunn each won in their respective categories, as did Moira Walley-Beckett for writing "Ozymandias," the show's heart-stopping third-to-last episode. The show also won in the Outstanding Drama Series category, beating out other excellent series, including "Game of Thrones," "True Detective" and "House of Cards." "Breaking Bad" is undoubtedly one of the most innovative, complex and entertaining shows in modern TV history. It's only fitting that Walter White goes out on top. We award a **Crystal-Blue-Persuasion LAUREL** to the Emmy voters.

"Breaking Bad's" strong performance at the Emmys wasn't the only award-show-related news from the week. Miley Cyrus took a break from swinging naked on construction equipment, twerking and whatever else she does on the weekend to attend the MTV Video Music Awards. Cyrus opted to have Jesse Helt, a 22-year-old homeless man, accept her Best Video of 2014 award. Helt spoke about the chronic issue of homelessness in Los Angeles. Cyrus' decision to use the young man as the face for her cause was quickly clouded by controversy. News surfaced that Helt faces arrest in Oregon for failing to meet the standards of his probation stemming from a criminal trespassing charge. Despite her chosen spokesman's questionable past, it does seem that Miley's heart was mostly in the right place. This week, a **remarkably socially aware LAUREL** goes to **The Artist Formerly Known as Hannah Montana**.

Florida went to the polls this week and nominated Charlie Crist and Rick Scott for the respective gubernatorial nominations of the Democratic and Republican parties. In the weeks leading up to the primary elections, Floridians were bombarded with an endless barrage of emails, phone calls and mailings promoting the various candidates. The desire for political candidates to get their message out is understandable, but it seems likely that this information overload is frustrating voters more than it is educating them. Unfortunately, Florida residents can expect a major escalation of the political advertising wars in the two remaining months before the general election in November. A **leave-us-alone DART** to **pesky political ads**.

One of the biggest stories of the NFL offseason was the drafting of Michael Sam, former Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year, by the St. Louis Rams. Sam became the first openly gay player to be selected in the NFL Draft. Despite endless media coverage about potentially difficult adjustments in the Rams locker room, the most prominent Sam-related headlines came when he sacked noted partier and bird-flipper Johnny Manziel in a preseason game. Naturally, ESPN decided to go off the deep end this week by airing a report about which St. Louis players have shared the shower room with Sam. Although ESPN quickly apologized for this ridiculous and offensive non-story, the report is proof that the sensationalizing of Michael Sam's sexuality is not done just yet. We're giving a **how-tone-deaf-can-you-be? DART** to the **Worldwide Leader in Ill-Advised Sports Stories**.

Reader response

Today's question: Will you be tailgating this weekend?

Thursday's question: Have you been to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center recently?

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Column

Corporate tax inversions hurt America

Few people — other than maybe a few masochists — enjoy paying their taxes each year. Generally, we feel the government is taking a big bite out of our paychecks and leaving us poor souls with scraps. Despite our moaning and groaning, most of us pay what we owe, and our threats to evade taxes or flee the country never come to fruition.

That last sentence is true for most average citizens, but when we start talking about the corporations of our great nation, some would rather abandon the U.S. entirely than pay their fair share to the federal government. Most recently, Miami-based fast-food giant Burger King made national headlines after it acquired Tim Horton's, a Canadian burger joint, and told investors Burger King's corporate headquarters was heading across the border.

By moving its headquarters, Burger King can avoid paying federal taxes through a process called inversion. Essentially, American-based companies buy foreign companies and then move their headquarters overseas. It's a giant loophole in the corporate tax structure, and it's costing our country dearly.

If Burger King were an individual and not a corporation, moving overseas would not remove the King from his tax liability. He would still owe the American government for the income he made in the U.S.—and for Burger King, it's a sizable share of its business. If the King refused to pay his income taxes, he could be charged with tax evasion, facing a hefty fine and possible jail time.

If it sounds ludicrous that a corporation can get away with this but an individual can't, that's because it is. There is no reason why any corporation based in the U.S. should be able to exploit this loophole, leaving the federal government and the American people to pick up the tab.

You might be a government-hating Tea-Party conservative, but if the corporate tax base continues to leave the U.S. in droves, it's going to affect all of us. None of us wants higher taxes, but we the people will pay the price



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for the actions of companies like Burger King.

Sure, we can continue to cut the federal budget down to the bone to make up for lost revenue, but eventually we're going to need to pay for our infrastructure, care for our veterans and support other essential government programs and departments. This is not about a liberal or conservative argument about how high or low tax rates are or should be, nor is this about the size and scope of government. This is about how, for all intents and purposes, American corporations reject their citizenships in order to avoid complying with the law.

For what it's worth, Burger King denies its purchase of Tim Horton's has anything to do with American taxes, but the purchase and move to Canada highlights the continued disconnect between American citizens and American corporations.

What needs to happen now is a closing of the tax loophole that allows for inversions, which would keep American companies in the U.S. and force them to pay their fair share of taxes. Do that, and it's likely that the corporate tax rate—a prime reason so many companies are leaving—will likely go down.

It seems simple enough, and politically, you would think both Republicans and Democrats would agree. Just a few weeks ago, President Barack Obama called on Congress to end tax inversions, which means only one thing: partisan gridlock. Which means no solution.

For now, companies are free to leave the U.S. if they wish, and all of us, regardless of our ideology and partisanship, will have one thing in common—we'll continue getting screwed as a result.

Joel Mendelson is a UF graduate student studying political campaigning. His columns run on Fridays.

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

Letters to the Editor

With the first week of school in the books and the weekend approaching, it is important to be aware of the different transportation options available to Gators. Student Government understands the need for students to travel safely and conveniently, especially at nighttime.

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In addition, the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP) provides point-to-point transportation service on campus

from 6:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. To request a SNAP ride on campus, download the SNAP application on your mobile device.

Student Government encourages students who are in need of a safe ride to utilize these resources because drinking and driving is never an option. Stay safe this weekend, and GO GATORS!

Joseph Michaels
Senate President Pro-Tempore

Column

Drunk sex: all about safety, prior conversation and consent

Sexual assault is the hot topic in the news lately, with more than 70 colleges under investigation for the handling of sexual assaults and a proposal for nail polish that detects date-rape drugs.

While it's great that such an important topic is being brought to light, we're focusing on the wrong thing.

Instead of making victims responsible for preventing assault or instead of handling assaults after the fact, let's focus on the standard for responsible and consensual sex.

Legal sex requires consent, according to chapter 794.011 of the Florida State Statute. UF's policy on sexual assault is in concurrence with state law: It's sexual assault if you're engaging in sexual activity without consent.

Consent can be a verbal "yes." It can be nonverbal too, like en-

thusiastic reciprocation of sexual touching.

The absence of a "no" does not equal consent. And, according to the UF Police Department, consent is not the "inability to make decisions due to intoxication by any substance."

Here's the thing: You can't legally consent to sex if you are intoxicated above the legal limit. This makes sense—when you're drunk, your faculties are lowered, and you're more vulnerable.

Alcohol is actually the most common drug used in sexual assaults. According to GatorWell, more than 50 percent of sexual assaults involve alcohol use.

But we're in college. We go to the No. 10 party school as ranked by The Princeton Review, so we're constantly surrounded by alcohol.

Honestly, on any given night of the week—and sometimes



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days, too—there's a solid chance that I'm not sober.

So how do you balance legal consent, which is absolutely necessary for any sexual conduct, with your Midtown barhopping?

It would be hypocritical of me to tell you not to have sex when drunk. I've done it. I've enjoyed it, and I've been extremely aware of what I was doing and whom I was doing it with.

It would be naive for anyone to expect college students not to have drunk sex.

So instead, let's have a crash course on safe, responsible,

drunk sex.

This should go without saying, but make sure the person is conscious.

He or she should be alert and should still be able to hold a conversation.

Don't have sex if your partner is blacked out drunk and will not remember it later.

Make sure that your intended partner knows and recognizes you and is aware of his or her surroundings.

Avoid any sexual activity if they are slurring their words, if they can't walk on their own, or if they don't know where they are or what they are doing.

Don't engage in any sexual acts that your partner has previously said "no" to.

While prior consent does not mean the person consents to sexual activity later, you might want to soberly discuss what is on- and

off-limits when you're engaging in drunk sex, especially with a new partner.

If you're ever unsure of whether to initiate sexual activity, don't. If you think your partner might regret having sex when they sober up, then don't have sex.

Drunk sex can be fun, but only if all parties are still conscious in their decision to be having sex. If the presence of consent is ever questionable, it's better to be safe than sorry and to put off sex for now.

And if you do decide that you're too drunk to have safe and responsible sex, you can always wait until the next morning for some action, anyway. Morning sex is great, and getting enthusiastic, sober consent from your partner is even better.

Robyn Smith is a UF journalism junior. Her columns appear on Fridays.

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ARIANA FIGUEROA
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF received a grant that could help medical professionals save soldiers' lives on the front lines.

UF and U.S. Army Research Laboratory Simulation and Training Technology Center researchers received a \$1.75 million grant to develop portable medical simulators.

Instead of military medical personnel having reduced access to training when they are overseas, the training could follow them, said Dr. Samsun Lamptang, a professor of anesthesiology in the UF College of Medicine and the director of the UF Center for Safety, Simulation and Advanced Learning Technologies.

Lamptang's team is working on five medical simulators to treat specific parts of

the body. The simulators will be able to fit in a padded case that can easily be transported.

One simulator will allow medical professionals to practice helping soldiers with head injuries, while another will let medics give regional anesthesia to wounded soldiers.

The team used 3-D printing and human medical scans to make some of the models realistic, said Dave Lizdas, the simulation engineer.

Lizdas said making the simulators robust and sturdy was challenging.

"They get pretty beat up," he said.

Military medics will begin training for the simulators in the next two years, Lamptang said.

"Eventually, if we show this is useful and really makes a difference in patient outcome, then it would probably be commercialized," he said.

CAMPUS

Krishna to deliver to Shands

ALYSSA FISHER

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Select time-crunched, vegetarian-food-loving students and staff at UF Health Shands Hospital no longer have to travel far for their favorite meals.

Inspired by 30 loyal Krishna lunch fans, Krishna Lunch 2 Go will box and deliver their lunches to the Health Professions/Nursing/Pharmacy complex beginning Tuesday.

"It's been something that so many people in the Shands area wanted," said Caitanya Long, vice president of the Krishna House. "With a short period of time for lunch, they were still willing to trek here. They love the lunch so much."

Lunches will be packed in biodegradable carry-out containers and delivered by one of the Krishna workers to the pic-

nic area between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Krishnas will not charge a delivery fee, but they are asking for a \$5 donation.

With the idea of going green in mind, Gainesville Compost made a trailer for the Krishnas that attaches to a bicycle.

Cayman Talcott, who has been living at the Krishna House for two weeks, will deliver the food.

He said he looks forward to working outside.

"I'm really excited about it and hope other people are as excited as me," Talcott said.

Krishna Lunch 2 Go is not meant as an expansion, Long said, but to take care of its dedicated customers.

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by Linda Thistle

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The Alligator will not be publishing on Monday, September 1st due to the Labor Day holiday. The Business Office will be working, but will not be answering phones or accepting advertisements.

Labor Day Early Deadlines:

Run Date: Tue, Sept. 2nd Wed, Sept. 3rd	Deadline: Thur, Aug. 28 Fri, Aug. 29
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14 Help Wanted

Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologists, OT's, PT's needed in Gainesville, Ocala and/or Tampa Bay Area. P/T or F/T with full benefits. Contact CGuise@iliflorida.com 9-25-14-30-14

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Homework Coach for bright 13 year old.
 Monday to Thursday for 2-3 hours a day. Hours flexible. \$10/hour. Email qualifications to shelandjim@bellsouth.net. 8-29-14-5-14

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Friday Service: 1:30pm
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college@lstpc.org

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Gainesville, FL 32653
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16 Health Services

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16 Health Services

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18 Personals

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18 Personals

When cash is low and the bills seem out of reach, Best Jewelry and Loan is the surfer's "Pawn Beach". Best Jewelry and Loan Pawn 371-4367 9-30-26-18

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19 Connections

Want to make a connection?
Place your ad here to look for someone to share a common interest with or for your true love

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS	DOWN	39 "Zip it!"	54 Idyllic places
1 Herding dog name	1 Italy's La ___	42 Met the challenge	55 Sign on an on-ramp
5 Pledge of Allegiance ender	2 Bamboozled	43 Agitate	56 Brief moments
8 Red Cross red cross, e.g.	3 Invitation on a fictional cake	45 One of the noble gases	57 "___ plaisir!"
14 Ember, perhaps	4 More roly-poly	46 Nursery arrival	58 Composer of the opera "Le Roi d'Ys"
15 Cattle call	5 "You're so right!"	48 Girls	60 Adjust to fit, perhaps
16 Diatribe	6 Extended	51 Schedule	61 One in an office exchange
17 Valedictorian, typically	7 "___ luck!"	53 Gumbel's "Today" successor	
19 Duplicates	8 "Blah, blah, blah," briefly		
20 Muskrat relatives	9 Great number of		
21 Company with a bull in its logo	10 Element #35		
22 Highly skilled	11 Path in a pool		
23 When Juliet asks "wherefore art thou Romeo?"	12 River of central Germany		
25 Ici ___: French "here and there"	13 Boot camp meal		
28 First female Supreme Court justice	18 Word of agreement		
32 "Consider it done!"	24 Awaken		
36 "___ say more?"	26 Great Society monogram		
37 Yeats' land: Abbr.	27 Self-titled 1991 debut album		
38 Green gemstones	29 Classic beverage brand		
40 Get a move on	30 Cartoon canine		
41 Walking aid	31 Cambodian cash		
44 Currier of Currier & Ives	32 Not yet final, legally		
47 Netanyahu, for one	33 Scraps		
49 River to the Elbe	34 High-fiber fruit		
50 Boorish	35 Educator LeShan		
52 Clay being of Jewish lore			
56 King's "___ Lot"			
59 Picnic serving, and when divided properly, a hint to a hidden feature of six pairs of puzzle answers			
62 Dodges			
63 West Germany's first chancellor			
64 Musical Dion			
65 Quarterback Tebow			
66 100 C-notes			
67 Big name in lawn care			
68 1940s mil. zone			
69 Language that gave us "clan"			

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21 Entertainment

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23 Rides

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24 Pets

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25 Lost & Found

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Previewing the field: Florida's 2014 schedule

► UF OPENS WITH THREE HOME GAMES.

MORGAN MORIARTY

Alligator Staff Writer @Morgan_Moriarty

Following a 4-8 season, head coach Will Muschamp seemingly made all the right changes. He hired a new offensive coordinator in Kurt Roper, as well as offen-

sive line coach Mike Summers to give the 2013 offense an up-tempo makeover.

Now that the Gators have a new offense and are finally healthy, several fans as well as media members are pegging Florida to rebound and even contend for an SEC East title. There's even a small faction that have them winning more than nine games

and being a surprise candidate for a College Football Playoff bid, similar to Auburn's unexpected 12-2 season last year.

But there's one thing standing in Florida's way that could hinder them accomplishing all that with ease, and it's something that simply is the nature of the beast of being the Florida Gators football program: the schedule. It's a

true gauntlet, so let's go through and see what the Gators will have to navigate week to week for the 2014 season.

The first three games for Florida should be a cakewalk. They open with Idaho, Eastern Michigan and Kentucky all at home — three teams with a combined 5-31 record in 2013.

SEE PREVIEW, PAGE 16

Picks Column



SITE: The Swamp (cap. 88,548)

KICKOFF: 7 p.m., Saturday

TV/RADIO: ESPNU / 850 AM

Well, Gator fans, it's finally here. Gameday.

The Idaho Vandals come to the Swamp for the 2014 season opener with the intent to sabotage the Gators' quest to move on from a 4-8 season that you all more than likely want to forget.

And with the start of a new football season comes another round of the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column, where picking against the spread is anything but a sure thing.

Debating the game of the week — No. 14 Wisconsin versus No. 13 LSU in Houston — are alligatorSports Editor Jordan McPherson and staff writer Jonathan Czupryn.

Wisconsin (-5) will play spoiler to LSU on Saturday because...

Wisconsin returns its top playmaker on offense in running back Melvin Gordon as well as four of its starters on the offensive line. The Badgers will have no problem running the ball down the throat of a Tigers defense that lost half its starters from 2013. Plus, if LSU was actually serious about winning football games, they'd pick a mascot that wasn't already used by real teams like Clemson, Missouri and Savannah State.

-Jordan McPherson

LSU (+5) will rob Wisconsin of an opening day win because...

We all know the adage, "If you have two quarterbacks, you have none." And, well, LSU has none. But who cares? Les "The Mad Hatter" Miles has brought on college football's next godsend, it's next savior and it's next Adrian Peterson. Although he's not even starting at running back (watch out Terrence Magee), freshman phenom Leonard Fournette will get some snaps against the Badgers and he will show the world that this hype is no joke. When your own coach compares you to Michael Jordan before

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Alligator File Photo

UF coach Will Muschamp looks down the field during Florida's 23-20 loss to Georgia on Nov. 2 at Everbank Field in Jacksonville. Florida opens its season on Saturday against Idaho and starts the 2014 season with three straight home games.

VOLLEYBALL

Florida prepares for Active Ankle Challenge

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If you were to walk in on a Florida volleyball practice at the Gale Lemerand Gym, it wouldn't look like one.

Florida's current roster consisting of 17 players, which includes five freshmen, is the deepest it has been in years. As a result, practices are more akin to competitions, starters are becoming increasingly replaceable and the freshmen aren't just reserved as benchwarmers.

The No. 10 Gators' depth of talent will be on full display when they host Georgia Southern,

Idaho and Oklahoma this weekend in the Active Ankle Challenge tournament.

"Within positions, the competition is so intense because of the depth."

Madison Monserez
defensive specialist

"The good thing about how Mary (Wise) has this whole system set up is, yes, you do have a starter, but you always have an opportunity to fight for a position," junior Mackenzie Dagostino said. "Even though technically I am a starter right now, I will always be competing

in the gym."

As will defensive specialist Madison Monserez.

"Within positions, the competition is so intense because of the depth," the senior said. "But it's also great because every position is helping each other grow, helping each other out."

Lately, Wise and associate head coach Dave Boos have utilized a hands-off approach in practices by grouping players by positions and allowing them to coach each other.

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Jonathan Czupryn, Richard Johnson and Morgan Moriarty join host Josh Jumovoy to preview the 2014 college football season, talk burger toppings and more. Listen at alligatorSports.org or download it from iTunes.

Football Team Captains

Will Muschamp announced via Twitter that Chaz Green, Max Garcia, Jabari Gorman and Mike Taylor will be Florida's team captains against Idaho on Saturday.



Coach Paul Spangler's cross country teams will race in North Carolina today. Read the story at alligatorSports.org

SOCCER

Florida to begin six-game road trip with weekend in Oklahoma

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After playing in the comfort of home to open the season, the No. 6 Gators will take on a challenge they haven't faced since 2012.

When Florida (2-0) matches up against Oklahoma (1-0-1) tonight at 8 for the first of two games over the weekend, it will commence a six-game road trip.

The last time the Gators had an extensive road stretch in the beginning of their schedule



Solaun

was in 2011 when the team started the season with four matches away from UF.

After opening the season with two home wins, Florida won't play in Gainesville until Sept. 26 when it faces Georgia.

"It is a challenge not to play at home," midfielder Havana Solaun said. "At the same time it brings a little bit of excitement that makes us still play just as hard."

Florida defeated Oklahoma at home with ease having a trio of players finding the back of the net for a 3-0 victory. The Sooners were 2-2 heading into that match, but this time around they come in with only a victory and a draw against two unranked opponents.

Oklahoma may come in to the match having played lower ranked opponents to begin their season, but they now have to face a top-10 opponent in Florida that is looking to correct some of the defensive problems that appeared in the opening weekend.

"Every game gives us an opportunity to

grow," coach Becky Burleigh said. "We have to do some things a little bit better organizationally defensively and in terms of offensively, being a little more efficient because we are getting in good positions but we need scoring opportunities to come out of those. The game is a great teacher."

Florida enters the weekend with two shut-out victories, while Oklahoma had an easy victory over Oklahoma State, but struggled with a double overtime draw against Utah.

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the first game of the year, you know you're going to be special.

-Jonathan Czupryn

Now onto the picks!

Fresh on the Picks Column is alligatorSports editor Jordan "Wait, I can drive now?" McPherson, who STILL hasn't passed his driving test to earn his license. Hey Jordan? You know the alligatorSports crew is going on five road trips this fall right? Nice try, but license or not, you're getting behind the wheel so the rest of us can get some sleep. Ten and two man, ten and two.

Also making a Picks Column debut is Morgan "Is she qualified to do this?" Moriarty, who was questioned on Twitter about her knowledge — or lack thereof — of college football. I know you're doubting it now, Morgan, but everyone needs to come to terms with their downfalls at some point.

Replacing Bryan Holt as a guest picker from Insidethegators.com is Landon "Do you even lift bro" Wat-

nick, who was specifically called out by the Gators' Dante Fowler, Jr. The 6-foot-3, 260-pound Buck linebacker said any one of the UF beat reporters would be killed going up against Florida's offensive line, and then Fowler promptly turned and pointed to Landon saying, "Especially you." C'mon dude, Southwest Rec isn't that far away. It's time to bulk up.

Another fresh face on the Picks Column is alligatorSports staff writer Jonathan "Johnathan Cyprien" Czupryn, whose name so closely resembles that of the second-year Jacksonville Jaguars safety that AP writer Mark Long confuses the two on a daily basis. "Zoop" has run its course — we've got a new nickname for you this year, bud.

Beginning his second year on the beat but first on the Picks column is alligatorSports.org editor Richard "We strong then" Johnson, who casually sauntered into the office with a Tupperware container chalk full of crab legs over the summer. Your boy Jameis Winston won a national title before earning the right to take his crab legs wherever he wanted. Sorry Richard, you haven't quite

made it to the point where you can crack shells and make a mess wherever you damn well please. Try a sandwich next time.

Heading into his third year with the Picks Column is the Orlando Sentinel's Edgar "Don't go into details" Thompson, who told Ahmad Fulwood that he probably wouldn't understand it if the wide receiver explained some of the offense's variations. It's alright, Edgar. At least you've got your golf swing.

Returning once again to the Picks Column is Thomas "Why am I doing this again?" Goldkamp of 247Sports.com, who constantly steps up in the clutch by dividing, assigning and sending out the transcriptions during media availability. No insult here, just keep up the good work. We all know how lazy sports reporters can be so thanks for making our jobs a little easier.

And finally, we have first-time

picks columnist Nick "Never bet against the 'OR'" de la Torre, who confidently bet Richard Johnson a 4 Rivers dinner platter that the word "or" would appear fewer than 5.5 times on Florida's depth chart. Nick, we hope Gator Country gave you a bonus this year because Richard isn't going to go light on the barbecued meats. Who would have thought a position battle at kicker, punter and punt returner would have cost you so dearly? Eat up Richard!

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MM	'Bama	LSU	UF	UGA	Auburn	Tenn.	Miss. St	Miami
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UF plays Alabama, FSU on the road

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But then the gut-check portion of the schedule begins in Week 4 with a road trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take on the Crimson Tide. Alabama enters 2014 as the SEC Title favorite, as well as a playoff favorite. Sure, they don't have their quarterback situation nailed down at this point, but with Derrick Henry, Kenyan Drake and T.J. Yeldon in the backfield who needs a quarterback? Defensively they return only three starters from last year, but as long as Saban is at the helm with defensive coordinator Kirby Smart, the unit is in good hands. PS: The last time Alabama lost at home was two years ago against Texas A&M.

The Gators get a bye week before a pretty tough three-game stretch. It gets started with a road trip to Knoxville, Tenn., to take on Tennessee. Florida hasn't lost to the Vols since 2004, but don't sleep on the Volunteers in Neyland Stadium. Last season they upset South Carolina at home and forced Georgia into overtime. If Florida heads into this matchup overconfident, Tennessee has the potential to flip the script on the recently lopsided rivalry.

Next, Florida gets a home date with LSU. This game has the potential to be one of the most exciting of Florida's games, simply because of the significance of the rivalry. The Tigers enter with a new quarterback, but four returning starting offensive linemen and a talented tailback duo in Terrence Magee and Leonard Fournette. They have some new faces on the defensive

line, but return defensive backs Jalen Mills and Tre'Davious White. A signature win against the Tigers just might be a victory that keeps Muschamp in Gainesville after this season.

The following week they get Missouri at home. This game being in the Swamp might just be the difference maker. The Tigers have to replace explosive defensive linemen in Michael Sam and Kony Ealy, and on offense they replace longtime quarterback James Franklin with sophomore Maty Mauk. Gator fans know that name well, as Mauk led the Tigers to a 36-17 victory over Florida in Columbia, Mo., last season. Mauk is without lethal wideout Dorial Green-Beckham in 2014 however. Depending on how the rest of the SEC East stands, this game could be pivotal on who makes it to Atlanta.

Florida gets a bye week before arguably the biggest game of the season, both for the Gators and for head coach Will Muschamp.

Florida-Georgia. The game that Muschamp hasn't been able to win as either a head coach or a player when he was at Georgia.

It's no easy task even without quarterback Aaron Murray with the 'Dawgs, as explosive tailbacks Todd Gurley and Keith Marshall remain in Georgia's backfield. This game is another matchup that could make or break a fifth year for Muschamp in Gainesville.

Florida travels to Vanderbilt this year, but I don't see the Commodores pulling off an upset like last season's. With no James Franklin in Nashville, Florida has the upper hand.

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Florida opens with Georgia Southern

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By observing and critiquing their teammates, many players agree that the team's overall volleyball IQ has skyrocketed.

"I think in the past the effort has always been there, but the IQ is the thing we've really raised to the next level," Monserez said. "When you're teaching people and you're helping others, you're actually helping yourself by saying 'oh that's kind of how I do that.' The coaches have embraced it and we're doing a really great job applying it."

With five incoming freshmen, a lack of volleyball knowledge and playing experience was an early concern with this year's group.

Additionally, Florida was dealt a significant blow after losing senior Chloe Mann, the NCAA's all-time

leader in hitting percentage.

But the middle blocker position will hardly suffer.

Blocker Simone Antwi, as well as 6-foot-4 freshman Rhamat Alhasan and sophomore Shainah Joseph will look to fill the position.

"We really like where Simone's game is now... Shainah had as good a spring in terms of development as any player I can remember. And then with Rhamat, coming off her terrific summer performance with the USA junior national team," Wise said. "It would be unfair to ask them to pick up exactly where Chloe left off offensively, but there are signs that what they are doing now is further ahead of what Chloe was doing at this time."

This is especially true of Alhasan, who recorded a 36-foot-8 vertical and can be frequently seen leaping chest-high above the net in

practice.

"She's still figuring it out," Wise said of Rhamat. "But its only a matter of time. My guess is there will be a lot of students who will be able to say with great enthusiasm that they were in school when Rhamat was here."

Florida will play its first match against Georgia Southern at 12 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. match against Idaho. The Gators wrap up their season opening tournament on Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. matchup against Oklahoma.

"I think were just really excited to use everything that we've learned in pre season and kind of apply it," Monserez said.

"We've been playing against ourselves a lot in scrimmages and I think were all really excited to put all that we've learned to use in front of a real live team."



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

The Florida volleyball team huddles prior to its 3-2 loss to Florida State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Florida opens its season today against Georgia Southern in the Active Ankle Challenge.

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BACK ON HIS FEET

Ready for Redemption

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Jeff Driskel started Florida's second drive against Tennessee on a hot streak.

After passing for a career-high 291 yards in UF's 21-16 loss to Miami two weeks earlier, the junior quarterback picked up right where he left off against the Hurricanes.

Driskel completed three of his four passes for 33 yards, marching the Gators down the field.

Then, on third-and-3 from the Tennessee 41-yard line with 9:39 remaining in the first quarter, Driskel dropped back to pass.

Tennessee defensive lineman Marlon Walls wrapped up Driskel and launched him to the ground after he attempted the pass, which was intercepted by Volunteers defensive back Devaun Swafford and returned 62 yards for the first touchdown of the game.

As Swafford and the rest of the Tennessee team were in the endzone celebrating the touchdown, Florida fans had their eyes focused near midfield — where their up-and-coming quarterback was on his knees in pain.

His right fibula was fractured, his season over before the calendar hit October.

The hit caused Driskel to join linebacker Matt Rolin, wide receiver Andre Debose and offensive lineman Chaz Green on the list of players who would not play football for the rest of the season — a list that climbed to 12 players by the end of 2013.

"I hurt for him, and I hurt for us right now," coach Will Muschamp said after the 31-17 victory, one of the rare winning sights the Gators saw as they limped to a 4-8 record.

"It's going to hurt us. He's a guy that's won a lot of ballgames here, and it's disap-

pointing for him right now."

It's been a little more than 11 months since that day.

And with Florida's 2014 season opener against Idaho on Saturday at 7 p.m., Driskel is ready to take the helm of the Gators' offense at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium once again.

"That's in the past. I'm good to go now," Driskel said. "Not thinking about it, just getting back out there with the guys is what I'm looking forward to most."

"But there's nothing really like Game 1. It's a really good feeling coming out of the tunnel."

Driskel's third season ended with a pick-six and a broken leg.

But since training camp began this summer, his leg has healed and his only completions have been to the offense.

"He's making better decisions with the ball and is more smart with it," senior defensive back Jabari Gorman said. "He's seeing guys who are already open and making good decisions."

Better ball protection will be key for Driskel if Florida hopes to have a successful 2014 campaign.

The Gators finished last season with a -2 turnover ratio, a 17-point downturn from their +15 margin in 2012 that tied for seventh in the nation.

"We haven't been explosive enough offensively to overcome turnovers, and I think we will be this year," Muschamp said at UF's media day on Aug. 3. "Certainly not saying it's OK to turn the ball over. We've got to take care of the ball. That's the number one thing as far as our team goals are concerned."

2013 was supposed to be Driskel's break-



Alligator File Photo

Two trainers tend to quarterback Jeff Driskel after he suffered a fractured right fibula during Florida's 31-17 victory against Tennessee on Sept. 21 in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The injury sidelined Driskel for the final nine games of the 2013 season — a season in which the quarterback was poised to see an increase in production.

out season.

He may have registered 10 wins in his first year as the team's signal caller in 2012 — he sat out Florida's 23-0 rout of Jacksonville State with a sprained right ankle — but his pure numbers were paltry.

His 1,646 passing yards ranked 11th in the Southeastern Conference and 99th in the nation.

His 6.7 yards per pass attempt were tied for 11th and 80th in those categories.

His 12 touchdown passes tied for 10th and 90th, respectively.

Through his lone two complete games of the 2013 season, Driskel showed promise, averaging 222 passing yards per game — the most from a UF quarterback since Tim Tebow averaged 252.8 yards during the air per contest during the 2007 season.

But because of his injury, everyone is left to ponder what could have happened if Driskel lasted the entirety of the season.

Would his numbers have remained steady?

Would he crash and burn as the SEC slate intensified?

Would he grind through the adversity and turn doubters into believers?

Those questions are still lingering, and they'll continue to linger until Driskel either puts up or shuts up.

"I think that we never really, as a fan base, got to enjoy the progress that was made from year two to year three, last year," Muschamp said, "but I see much more command, comfort level."

Florida's aerial attack has been stagnant since Muschamp took the helm in 2011.

In Muschamp's first three seasons, the Gators never finished better than 104th in total offense.

Two offensive coordinators in Charlie Weis and Brent Pease have come and gone.

Maybe the third will be the charm with Kurt Roper.

Roper, Duke's offensive coordinator from 2008-2013, knows how to bring the tempo to an offense.

In Roper's final five years with the Blue Devils, Duke finished no worse than 50th in passing offense.

UF players notice the difference. "He's going hard every play. He's like a player out there," said wide receiver Valdez Showers.

"He loves the game. He's always got energy. There's not one day where he comes out there down. You feed off his energy. He's always up-tempo, so you want to be up-tempo. That's the way the offense goes."

And after eight months to learn Roper's spread offense — a shotgun-heavy, quick-paced system — Driskel is looking not just like a new quarterback, but also a new player.

"I understand what we're doing really well," Driskel said.

"Schematically, where we want to go with the ball in certain situations. When we want to do run checks. When you start to do that you can focus on the defense as well. ... All the time I've put in is really starting to pay off. The game has really slowed down a lot."

Added Showers: "I feel like this offense fits him more. ... He's definitely made some strides in getting more of a feel for the game and not being as robotic in going through his reads."

And although Roper wants to unleash Driskel and let him run free, the first-year UF coordinator doesn't want a repeat of last season.

"It's always the debate," Roper said.

"It's an interesting discussion that we're

having all the time as the staff. The number one thing is winning a football game and trying to find the way to win a football game. Jeff does give us the ability with his feet to add to the run game and cause defenses more issues. You definitely want to use that, but at the same time you want to be smart.

"He doesn't need to take any unnecessary hits."

Although Driskel has to step up and move away from a game-manager role, he won't have to carry the offense on his own.

The Gators have a three-headed monster in the backfield composed of running backs Matt Jones, Kelvin Taylor and Mack Brown.

The wide receiver corps is talented enough that Roper believes he can rotate up to eight players and see similar production totals from each.

Redshirt senior Jake McGee — a transfer from Virginia — gives UF a viable pass-catching tight end for the first time since Jordan Reed left for the NFL Draft following the 2012 season.

The offensive line, which saw seven different alignments throughout the 2013 season due to injury, is fully healthy.

"Players are a reflection of their coach," Muschamp said. "Kurt is a very upbeat, positive guy. He's got a little edge about him. ... But again, it starts with talent, and I think we're more talented than we've been. But Kurt's got an edge about him that I really like."

Saturday can't come soon enough for Florida.

It's the opportunity to start anew, and until the Gators snap the seven-game losing streak they carry over from 2013, the memories of that season will still arise.

"Nobody wants to be 4-8," Dunbar said. "We think about it. We bring it up at times because we still got that sour taste in our mouths from last year. We feel like we're going to get revenge."

But no opponent can be taken for granted.

Not even an Idaho team that went 1-11 last season and saw opponents average 46.8 points per game against them.

"We had four wins last year," redshirt senior middle linebacker Mike Taylor said, "so you know that's just the difference between the years. ... They want to turn their season around just like we do as well. We can't take any opponent likely, especially coming in here."

The Gators are ready to leave the past in the past, and Muschamp has just one thing to say:

"Just shut up and go play."



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Jeff Driskel scrambles during Florida's 24-6 win against Toledo on Aug. 31 in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. After receiving a medical redshirt following his injury against Tennessee, Driskel is ready to return to the helm of Florida's offense, which is now under the direction of former Duke offensive coordinator Kurt Roper. UF opens its season on Saturday against Idaho at 7 p.m.

FLORIDA defense vs. IDAHO offense

		RB Elijah Penny, Jr.		
		FB Kevin Shelton		
		QB Matt Linehan		
WR Deon Watson	TE Justin Podrabsky	T Von Rotz	G Steven Matlock	C Mike Marboe
		G Kato Fawkes	T Jesse Davis	WR Joshua McCain
CB Vernon Hargreaves, III	SAM Neiron Ball	DE Jonathan Bullard	NT Darius Cummings	DT Leon Orr
		MIKE Michael Taylor	WILL Antonio Morrison	BUCK Dante Fowler, Jr.
		S Keanu Neal		S Jabari Gorman

FLORIDA offense vs. IDAHO defense

	FS Bradley Njoku	SS Chris Edwards		
	MIKE Juan Martinez	SAM Marc Millan	WILL Irving Steele	
CB Desmond Banks	DE Maxx Forde	NT Quayshawne Buckley	DT Alfonso Hampton	DE Quinton Bradley
Z Ahmad Fulwood	T D.J. Humphries	LG Trip Thurman	C Max Garcia	RG Trenton Brown or Tyler Moore
		QB Jeff Driskel	T Chaz Green	TE Clay Burton
		RB Matt Jones or Kelvin Taylor or Mack Brown	Y Latroy Pittman, Jr.	X Quinton Dunbar

JOHNSON'S JOURNAL

Fan experience at college football games isn't what it used to be

My ignorance is my fault, but I don't think the point was really driven home about how disconnected the Florida football program had gotten from its fans until Wednesday.

Yes I see the bleachers get emptier and emptier in the Swamp every year — I chalk that up personally to there just being more apathy among college football fans in general.

I have always kind of shrugged off the notion of "disconnected from the fanbase" as not a core issue, or not an issue that impacted too many people.

I'm from Gainesville, where everyone has some connection to the University of Florida, and my family wouldn't be here if my mother hadn't been hired by Shands.

Wednesday, I tweeted out a picture of what I thought was a pretty simple move by the Florida marketing department, putting center Max Garcia and linebacker Mike Taylor in the ticket booth to hand out tickets to students.

It got some retweets and some favorites, nothing out of the norm, but I was surprised by how poignant the gesture connected with one of my followers.

About the gesture, @nawtadigm tweeted "I love the connection. It sucks to feel disconnected from the program."

To unpack the idea of the disconnect, let me first examine what I think connects folks to their respective programs.

When someone says "your (insert college team) sucks" they aren't just saying the 11 men on the field suck.

They're coming at your way of life. Assuming you're an alum of UF, the best four years of your life were spent in Gainesville. Sometimes your father, or your father's father spent his here too.

Perhaps you met your spouse on campus or maybe friends that last a lifetime.

If you aren't an alum, you still have a connection. You wear orange and blue on Saturdays and get upset when people say Tim Tebow can't play quarterback in the NFL. You



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follow recruiting incessantly, and bring your kids to the spring game.

For fans of every school, that passion runs deep, and it's important — like, tell your friends not

to schedule a damn wedding between August and January important. But let's be honest, anyone that would have a fall wedding isn't a friend of yours to begin with.

So how does that ingrained loyalty erode over time? It starts with the fact that from the jump, college athletics isn't as mom and pop as it used to be. College athletics is big business and we all know it.

Revenue-producing coaches make millions, athletic directors make millions and

television contracts line everyone's pockets — except the players of course.

It's just not the way things used to be, and that's fine. Everything changes over time.

Florida stood significantly behind the curve with many schools on improving the fan experience in the stadium. Things like getting wifi and game look-ins from across the country and more stats on video boards — that stuff matters and UF is finally getting those things done.

There's also the fact the team didn't do so hot, but I think that's an ancillary reason, after being just six years removed from a national championship and two years removed from a BCS bowl and the doorstep of another title game berth.

Couple that with the alarming connection that isn't being built with current students. As of Sunday evening, Florida was 1,500 tickets

short of their student season ticket allotment number, at risk of not selling out for the first time since 1979.

The fact of the matter is students just feel they have better things to do than go to games, especially when a team is losing noon games and the games aren't that good.

Then those students graduate and become boosters with disposable income that have better uses for that money than to just endlessly pump it back to Gainesville.

So how do you fix the disconnect? The simple answers are "just win" and "improve the quality of opponents" which are both things that will happen.

Just like Florida State, a team in this part of the country with the resources and cache that Florida has will not stay down for decades on end. But there is more to it than that, and Florida's doing it.

The fan advisory council, open practices to fans and things like football players handing out tickets are just a few things the school is doing right now.

The more I think about it, fan apathy and disconnect is here to stay.

Stadiums should be done expanding. The movement should be made to downsize, more luxury suites and less cheap seats that aren't being filled everywhere.

As of Wednesday, Nebraska had tickets available for five home games, and it has sold out Memorial Stadium over 330 straight times.

Maybe those things I wrote about above aren't just things the schools have done wrong, maybe they're also excuses.

I have a feeling fans say those things partially because it prevents them from looking in the mirror and coming to grips with the fact that their personal fandom of old just isn't there anymore.

You gripe about change until you get used to it. Maybe disconnect isn't the right word anymore — maybe it's just a sign of the times.



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Students and fans watch Florida's Orange and Blue Debut in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. UF has been implementing new methods to bring fans back to the Swamp for gameday.

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