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FLORIDA FIELD SWAMPED, OPENER SUSPENDED

Status of rematch uncertain

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It took all of 10 seconds for officials to decide that Florida Field was not capable of hosting a football game Saturday night.

But the decision on whether the Idaho Vandals will return to Gainesville and collect their \$975,000 is one that Florida athletics director Jeremy Foley won't announce until all the "moving parts" have finally settled.

"Obviously there's a lot of questions out there as it relates to Saturday night's game, what's going on moving forward," Foley said Monday before coach Will Muschamp's weekly press conference. "We don't have those answers yet . . . We'll know something here (Tuesday) or Wednesday at the latest."

After Florida's season opener was officially suspended following a 2-hour, 48-minute weather delay on Saturday night, the two schools were presented with four options.

The Gators and Vandals could resume the game with the "same time remain-

ing and under the identical conditions of down, distance, field position and player eligibility" at a later date — such as Oct. 25 when each team has a bye week.

They could also terminate the game with a determined final score, forfeit the matchup or declare a "no contest."

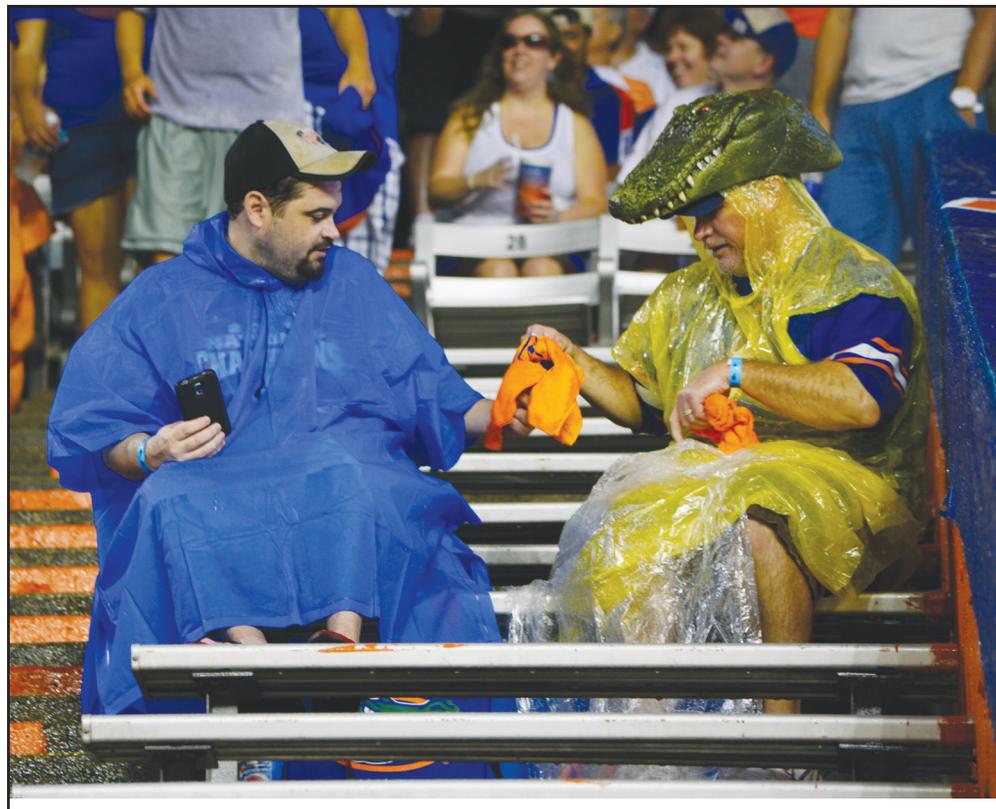
Both Foley and Idaho athletics director Rob Spear are expected to continue talks throughout the week and determine which one of the four viable options is best for both schools.

Until that agreement has been made, Foley will not reveal any specific details about what will become of the \$975,000 owed to Idaho, or whether Florida will sacrifice its bye week before the Georgia contest in order to fulfill a 12-game regular season.

"Obviously we need to reach out to the University of Idaho," said Foley, who is the second-longest tenured athletics director among FBS schools.

"My staff and I met this morning and talked about possible scenarios. . . . We're not trying to be secretive, there's just a

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Nathalie Dortonne / Alligator Staff

Two Florida fans sit through the weather delay during Florida's suspended season opener against Idaho on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Separate sexual assaults followed canceled game

► NO SUSPECTS WERE FOUND.

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Local police are working together to find a suspect they believe was involved in two separate sexual assault cases that occurred this weekend during and after the delayed Gators football game.

At about 9:20 p.m. Saturday, Gainesville Police responded to a woman screaming near an area north of the stadium, located at 1824 NW Second Ave. Officers arrived to find a 21-year-old female victim who had been punched in the face.

The man had fled the scene and is still at large. He ripped off the victim's clothes as he attempted to sexually assault her, according to GDP Lt. Dan Stout.

After the victim fought off the 6-foot-5-inch, heavy-set white man, he fled the scene wearing a blue Gators shirt, blending in with hordes of fans huddling from the rain and leaving the stadium. Stout said he had closely cut, brown hair and a beard.

A little after 1 a.m. Sunday, a similarly described man with an orange Gators shirt was involved in an assault near the north side of Norman Hall.

The victim was walking home from

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CRIME

Two dozen removed from game

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There was only one play at the Gators' season opener Saturday, but there was still plenty of action at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The game's early termination didn't stop three people from getting arrested and 22 people from being ejected, according to University Police.

"Every game, we're going to have someone who drinks too much and makes poor choices, but we traditionally have really great fans at UF."

Bart Knowles
UPD Captain

None of the gameday arrests involved UF students. Two were for battery charges, and one arrest involved resisting without violence.

Of the 22 people who were ejected, 16

were UF students.

The ejections included five people in possession of alcohol, one person without a ticket, four people who ran onto the field, four people accused of disorderly conduct, four for intoxication, two for ticket switching, one for sitting in the wrong section and one for pushing a fan, according to the press release.

UPD Captain Bart Knowles said, overall, Gators fans are pretty well-behaved.

"Every game, we're going to have someone who drinks too much and makes poor choices, but we traditionally have really great fans at UF," Knowles said. "They're very animated, loud, noisy and excited."

Knowles said running onto the field during a game is a rare occasion. The four people who did were contained and automatically ejected.

Due to rain and lightning, a voluntary shelter was set up at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Knowles said at its peak, about 2,000 people sought shelter there.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Special One-Night Showing of "To Be Takei"

The Hippodrome State Theatre will be showing a one-night only special presentation of "To Be Takei" today 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 at 25 SE Second Place. For a complete listing of films and additional showtimes, please visit thehipp.org.

Hippodrome Hosts Live Skype with "Life After Beth" Jeff Baena

Take part in a Skype Q-and-A session with Jeff Baena, the director of "Life After Beth" and the screenwriter for "I Heart Huckabees," at the Hippodrome State Theatre on Thursday. The session will take place immediately after the 7:45 p.m. film screening, where audience members will be able to watch Baena's latest film, "Life After Beth," and discuss the film face to face. Admission is \$5.50 for students and seniors and \$7.50 for regular admission. "Life After Beth" will be playing until Sept. 11.

Third Annual Elephant Appreciation Day

Two Tails Ranch in Williston, about 20 miles from Gainesville, presents the third annual Elephant Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., featuring live elephant demos, exotic animal exhibits, music, food and more. Admission is \$10 per person, and kids under 3-years-old are admitted free. More information is available at allaboutelephants.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Slice of Princess Diana's wedding cake auctioned

LOS ANGELES — A 33-year-old slice of cake from Prince Charles and Princess Diana's 1981 wedding has sold at auction for \$1,375.

The cake, still in its original white and silver presentation box, was sold online Thursday.

With the box was a card stating, "With best wishes from Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince & Princess of Wales." Auction house spokesman Sam Heller said the buyer is a private collector.

Although the cake came wrapped in its original wax paper, Heller said it wouldn't be a good idea to try to eat it.

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Center for Global Islamic Studies scheduled to open Sept. 18

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UF has approved the establishment of a Center for Global Islamic Studies for graduate students.

UF's Center for Global Islamic Studies is set to launch Sept. 18 with a Global Islam and the Quest for Public Space conference.

The event will be the center's first program for Islamic studies in Florida, said Terje Ostebo, an assistant professor with UF's Center for African Studies and the Department of Religion.

"You take the Southeast of the U.S., and there are virtually no similar centers," he said. "In Florida, we are the first one. I think it will have a huge impact in the way it puts UF on the map."

Ostebo and several other colleagues have been coordinating efforts to create new classes for the program, along with adding current classes as well.

"We base on what we have and hope that we can grow and become something larger with time," Ostebo said.

"Our religion department

doesn't have a particular track or focus on Islam when it comes to grad studies."

The center is working on adding a minor, master's and Ph.D. program down the road, but for now, graduate students can obtain a graduate certificate in Islamic studies, Ostebo said.

The certificate will require 12 to 15 credits from students.

Jamie Wenzell, a 23-year-old UF religion senior, said she would consider the graduate certificate. Wenzell is taking one of the new courses created for the center

called Global Islam.

"It goes above and beyond religion and more about Islam's interaction in the world," Wenzell said.

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Jamie Wenzell
UF religion senior

Ostebo said he wants the center to focus on a contemporary study of Islam.

"We want to emphasize Islam

is much more than Saudi Arabia or the Middle East," Ostebo said.

Brittney Abraham, a 22-year-old UF religion senior, said she has taken Ostebo's Global Islam course.

"He's already given me a new perspective of Islam," Abraham said.

The two-day conference will be open to the public and will feature Georgetown University professor John Esposito.

The event will start at 5:30 p.m. in Pugh Hall's Ocora Room.

One man in blue shirt, another in orange

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the then-canceled football game when a man jumped her from behind, according to University Police Capt. Bart

Knowles.

Stout said the man dragged the second victim along the sidewalk and into the woods along the edge of campus, where he attempted to sexually assault

her.

"When he pulled her down, there were luckily some witnesses not far behind her who heard her screams," Knowles said. "At that time, the suspect took off."

The man fled on foot on to campus after being chased off by witnesses, at which time responding officers requested assistance from the GPD K-9 Unit.

Officers continued to patrol the area well into the morning. At about 2:40 a.m., UPD received a call from a witness who said a man matching the reported description was near the Williamsburg Village apartments, just east of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

The witness told police the suspect asked for a ride to the ABV Motel at 1900 SW 13th St., where officers and the GPD K-9 Unit responded. They knocked on each hotel door and were again unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

"As of right now, UPD detectives are working with GPD detectives to either verify or rule out the possibility that both incidents involved the same suspect," Knowles said.

Police ask that any information or suspicious activity be directly reported to UPD at 352-392-1111 or GPD at 352-955-1818.



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Gainesville Police forensic unit investigator Wendy Shirah carries bags of evidence back to her van early Sunday morning after investigating an assault.

Shelter set up at O-Dome

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Most people waited in the sheltered concourse by the food and beverage vendors, according to Knowles.

"They hung out, drank Cokes and waited to see what was going to happen," he said.

Sarah Hoover, a 21-year-old UF marketing senior who grew up a Gators fan, said she stayed the entire game, rain and all. She had front row seats and gave her cowboy boots and phone to her friend who left before her, leaving her barefoot.

"I knew it would be one of the greatest experiences if we all waited through 'all kinds of weather' to support our team after last year and help them start the season off right," she said.

Throughout the game, the storm's radar was displayed on the Jumbotron. Announcer Mick Hubert repeatedly updated fans with weather information and surrounding lightning strikes.

The game was officially canceled shortly after 10 p.m.

"We have some of the greatest fans in the world," Knowles said. "They are the loudest but also some of the best behaved."

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Who Let The Dogs Out?

From left, UF animal sciences seniors Marien Armenteros, 23, and Sarah Flanders, 21, feed doggy ice cream to Toby, which was purchased from Paige Anderson, 50, at the Earth Pets Doggie Treat Truck at the Earth Pets Woofstock 2014 event on Saturday.

Uber's first weekend leaves students in rain

► RAIN CAUSED DELAYS.

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Corrado Minardi opened up the Uber app this weekend expecting a free ride, but there were no cars available.

Minardi, a 22-year-old UF political science senior, was one of the students who took to Twitter this weekend to denounce the service's Labor Day promotion. It had promised five free rides through Monday, but few people were picked up.

"I thought, 'Oh, you know, that's cool, I can get five rides during the weekend,'" Minardi said. "But if there are no cars available, then I can't take the rides, so it's like a useless promotion."

He said he had to either walk or get rides from friends through-

out the weekend.

"I just don't see why they would offer that if they can't deliver," he said.

Uber spokesman Taylor Bennett said once Uber grows throughout the city, more drivers will be available.

"In testing phases like this, in the first couple days as we continue to ramp up and bring on more partners, wait times might be a little longer," he said.

Bennett said the rain may have increased the demand for rides.

Matt Collins, manager of Gainesville Cab Co., said the rain may have hurt business because people wanted to get home instead of standing in the rain waiting. He also said business was normal despite Uber's presence.

"It's hard to say," Collins said. "They haven't been here very long."

CAMPUS Racy photo of sorority sisters goes viral on social media

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An inappropriate picture of UF's chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority (AOPi) sisters is circulating on social media.

In the photo, five sisters flash the camera while smiling and posing at a party.

One post on Facebook read, "And with this, the seniors say goodbye to Recruitment forever." The photo has also appeared on Twitter and mentioned on the smartphone app, Yik Yak.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said the photo has come to the attention of UF administration.

"Steps are being taken to address the issue, and we talked to the chapter president and asked her to advise headquarters,"

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Janine Sikes
UF spokeswoman

Sikes said.

As of now, UF has not taken disciplinary action against the sorority, she said.

"It doesn't appear to be a conduct violation, but this is something these women will have to live with for the rest of their lives," Sikes said.

This isn't the first time a picture has landed a Greek organization in hot water. In 2012, a picture of two brothers in Beta

Theta Pi in blackface went viral.

Rachel Boison, the assistant director of public relations for the sorority's international headquarters, said the Alpha Omicron Pi International Headquarters is dealing with the issue.

"We are aware of the photo, and we are in communication with the sorority and will stay in communication to monitor the situation," Boison said.

The local chapter of AOPi declined to comment.

Sharing these images on Twitter is a form of cyberbullying, said Lyrissa Lidsky, associate dean for International Programs at the Levin College of Law.

"Cyberbullying is any kind of meanness perpetrated online," Lidsky said. "It can be emotionally devastating to be humiliated (online)."

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Editorial

Corporations and Obama's student loan decision

In the 2010 case of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations, for all intents and purposes, are human beings with the same rights as any American citizen. *Citizens United* and the recent *Hobby Lobby* case established that corporations are protected by the First Amendment, with both freedom of speech and religion.

If corporations are going to have the same rights as American citizens, it seems only logical that they be held to the same standard and must obey the laws of the U.S.

Unfortunately, because corporations are legal constructs and not actually people, it is difficult to hold them accountable when they break the law. After all, you can't send a corporation to prison.

Ideally, the senior executives of these corporations would be held liable for criminal activity committed under their supervision.

But rather than prosecuting these leaders for the misconduct of their corporations, the U.S. government often seeks negotiated monetary settlements. In the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, investment bank Goldman Sachs Group Inc. paid \$550 million to the government for its role in engineering the catastrophe.

To put that number into perspective, Goldman Sachs earned \$3.5 billion in profits during the first three months of 2010 alone. For large corporations like Goldman, these fines are minor nuisances at worst.

This leniency toward delinquent corporations has been a hallmark of the Obama administration, most recently in the area of student loan policy.

In May, student loan specialist Navient agreed to pay the government \$139 million after it was accused of intentionally cheating U.S. military personnel on their federal student loans. Navient "swindled up to 60,000 service members out of tens of millions of dollars" by charging unfair fees and illegally raising interest rates on the loans.

Navient executives faced no legal action, and the Department of Education recently announced that it will require more students to deal with the company for their loans.

Essentially, this means that Navient will be receiving more taxpayer dollars as compensation for the loan work it does for the government. The company already manages 5.8 million student loan accounts, so it seems likely that it will quickly recoup its losses from the settlement.

The fines that the Obama administration levies on corporation lawbreaking are not an effective deterrent. Instead, they send the message that corporations are free to break any law they please — for the right price.

At a time when the U.S. has the world's highest incarceration rate, the disparity in law enforcement between corporations and ordinary citizens could not be more apparent. It's time to hold corporations, particularly corporate executives, truly accountable for their illegal actions.

Reader response

Today's question: Did you use Uber this weekend?

Friday's question: Will you be tailgating this weekend? **58% YES**
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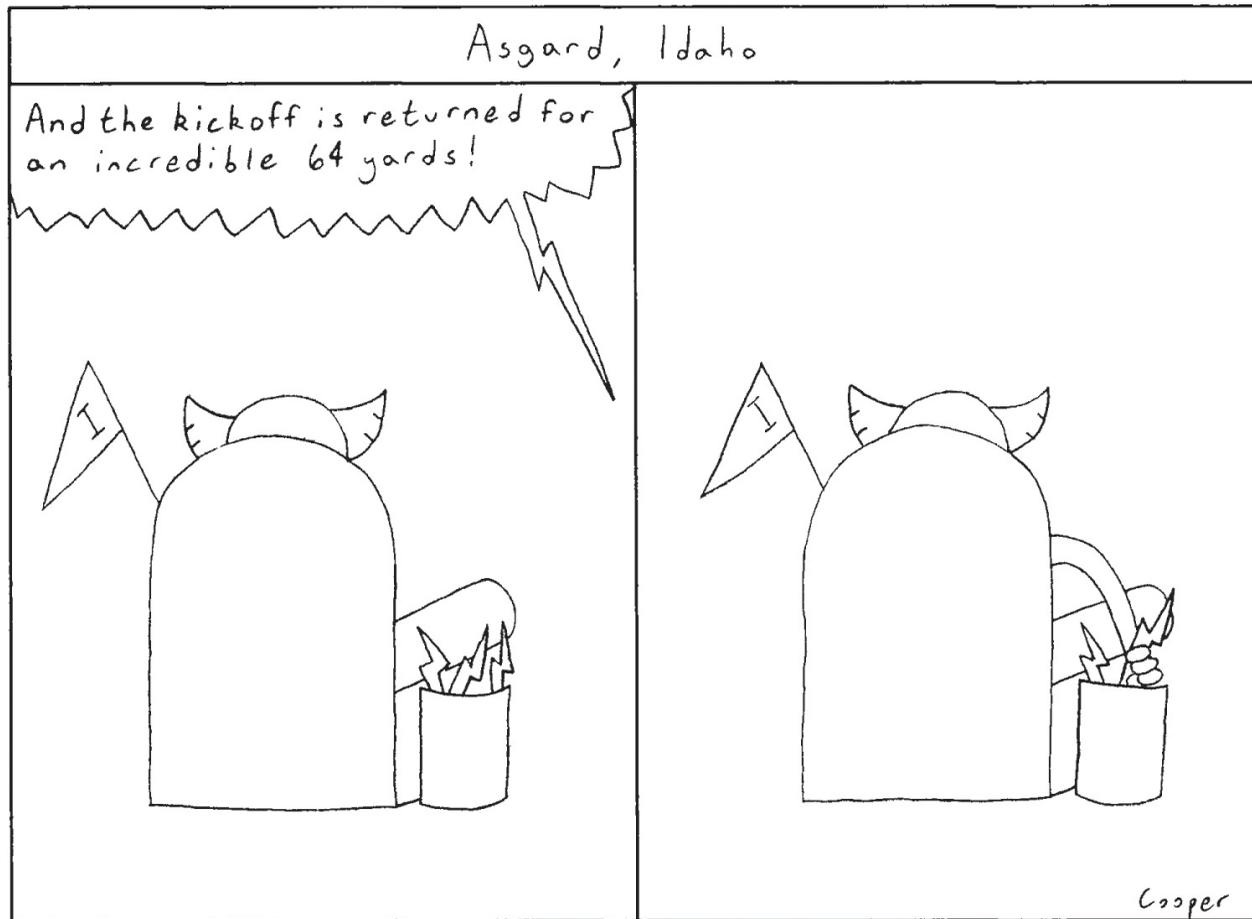
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Column

Zara's WWII gaffes show insensitivity

Fashion retailer Zara made headlines last week when it pulled a children's shirt from its stores.

Customers complained that the shirt, which was marketed toward 3-year-olds, displayed shocking similarities to the uniforms Jews were forced to wear in the concentration camps of Nazi Europe. With its long sleeves, blue and white stripes and six-pointed yellow star on the breast, the pajama shirt does strikingly resemble a concentration camp uniform.

Shortly after the shirt appeared online for sale, Zara unsurprisingly received a firestorm of comments on social media. The comments accused the retail giant of marketing an extremely insensitive product.

Within hours, the shirt was removed, and Zara issued a hasty apology in several languages via Twitter: "We honestly apologize, it was inspired by the sheriff's stars from the Classic Western films and is no longer in our stores."

I can forgive Zara for making a mistake; after all, what fashion retailer hasn't tried to sell something that someone, at one point in time, found offensive?

But in order for Zara to earn the respect and forgiveness of its customer base, it needs to prove that this appalling display of ignorance will not happen again. So far, I'm not convinced.

Anyone with even the most basic knowledge of World War II should understand how the design of the shirt can easily evoke images of pain and suffering from a terrible time in world history.

It's shocking that not one person — not one designer, product developer or marketer — recognized the cultural and historic significance of such a design and anticipated the outrage it would inspire.

When you consider how social media users from all around the world immediately reacted in outrage and disgust after viewing the product, it's difficult to fathom how this could have happened in the first place.

What's even more difficult to understand is Zara's apparent inability to issue an apology less offensive than the product itself.

As reported by +972 Magazine, a representative for

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Zara's Israeli office (the shirt was available in Zara's Israeli, French, Albanian and Swedish stores) promised that the product would be quickly removed from shelves and "exterminated."

It's fairly obvious that particular term may not have been the wisest choice of words in this situation.

I might be more willing to forgive these slip-ups if the company didn't face a similar issue in 2007, when Zara was forced to pull a \$78 handbag from stores after a customer noticed that the bag was embroidered with green swastikas. To be fair, the bag was produced in India, where the swastika is a symbol of good fortune for Hindus and Buddhists.

However, the 21st century world largely associates the swastika with the Nazi party, and it is internationally recognized as a powerful symbol of hate. Inditex, the multinational clothing company that owns Zara, has more than 6,000 stores in 88 markets.

How could this international powerhouse not have the cultural awareness to predict the kind of reaction that swastikas on a handbag would produce? Why did no one in the company foresee this incredibly predictable outcome?

I'm not saying that Zara engages in discrimination or that it purposefully tried to offend people with these designs. In fact, giant fashion retailers usually have to produce new designs very quickly, so it's reasonable that certain flaws may slip through the cracks.

This isn't about malice; it's about ignorance, though both are inexcusable.

I hope Zara can learn from its mistakes and make an effort to be culturally sensitive, which should be especially important for a company with such a broad international reach.

But if Zara fails to apologize in a way that actually acknowledges the offensiveness of its actions and makes no genuine effort to express remorse to the people who were rightfully pained by the design, then I doubt it has learned anything at all.

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

Column

Media fall short with Ferguson, police brutality coverage

As the school year begins, UF students are preparing for the upcoming football season, the Greek fraternities and sororities are gearing up for Recruitment Week, and eager freshmen are stumbling through campus adorned with their Preview lanyards.

In the midst of all this hectic activity, it's easy to forget the continuing state of unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, where an 18-year-old unarmed teenager named Michael Brown was shot and killed by a police officer.

According to several eyewitnesses, Officer Darren Wilson shot Brown, who had his hands up in surrender before falling to the ground into a pool of his own blood. In response to Brown's death, angry Ferguson residents took to the streets in protest.

After leaving Michael Brown's body on the street for four hours, officers carried him out in a police SUV, equating his body to that of road kill. A lengthy police report was soon released claiming that Brown was

a suspect in a convenience store robbery even though Wilson did not know whether Brown was a suspect.

Through its investigation, the St. Louis County Police Department has since been closed off and silent about its ongoing investigation amid calls for an arrest or an autopsy report.

In the aftermath of Brown's death, the news media and the Ferguson Police Department have been actively trying to derail discussion about the true injustice at hand: A black unarmed teenager was shot and killed by a white police officer for no justifiable reason. Instead, the focus has largely been on Brown's alleged act of robbery before his death and reports that Brown may have used marijuana in the past.

Even if either of these accusations are true, they in no way justify the action Wilson took in shooting Brown.

Another issue underreported by the

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mainstream media is the growing problem of police brutality in America. Police responded to the Ferguson protesters with a series of gross overreactions, using rubber bullets and tear gas on peaceful protesters after riding in on armored tanks armed with semi-automatic rifles. Police clearly used these threats as an intimidation tactic to cause unnecessary escalation.

The reaction of the police was so severe and brutal that even citizens of Gaza extended their sympathies and support to Ferguson residents.

The news media have failed in their coverage of Ferguson in other ways. They rarely reported about people passing out free food to protesters, people passing out milk to relieve tear gas victims, the voter registration drives that popped up, the protesters stopping looters and rioters in their tracks, or Michael Brown's memorial, where 1,000 roses were laid on the very street he was killed on.

The memorial has since been trampled on by a police car and urinated on by police dogs.

It is important to note that this flare-up in racial tension is a part of a larger nationwide crisis in which black lives are devalued and ignored. The rage and anger felt by residents of Ferguson is completely understandable because the murders of unarmed black people are stories that are all too common.

As a black person, society sees your skin color as a weapon regardless of your socioeconomic status, education or national origin.

Brown was a man with a future. He was days away from attending trade school to become an A/C and heater technician. Regardless of any previous misconduct, he did not deserve to have his life taken away. His memory must be honored, and the wider social problems his death represents must be acknowledged.

Harold Joseph is a political science junior. His columns usually appear on Fridays.

UWire

Electronics are responsibility of students, not teachers

My laptop comes everywhere with me. It comes with me to both work, where it gets scratched, and on vacation, where it gets a frightening dent.

Logan Falletti
UWire

The added stress of students hiding what they're doing or worrying about the teacher seeing them doesn't facilitate a relaxed learning environment, which further distances students from the material.

However, this freedom means an increase in responsibility for grades. Taking charge of the information absorbed also increases the duty of sifting through and making sense of it. It's not just a laptop, either.

Checking Twitter over someone's shoulder and taking notes at the same time can be just as distracting as reading your own feed.

Former teaching assistant and education columnist Rebecca Schuman wrote in Slate that she feels banning laptops creates a "13th-grade classroom."

"Policing the (otherwise non-disruptive) behavior of students further infantilizes these 18- to 22-year-olds," Schuman said. "Already these students are hand-held through so many steps in the academic process: I check homework; I give quizzes about the syllabus to make sure they've actually read it... These practices also serve as giant, scholastic water wings for people who should really be swimming by now."

If you need a 3.5 GPA, and you haven't looked up from your screen all semester, you won't find help from the instructor very easily. Your professor has the right to bump you to the bottom of the list during packed office hours or mark you harshly on essays that cover topics from the lecture.

Instructors are justified in their annoyance when they present information and their students don't listen and then ask them to explain it later.

As adults, we should be able to judge what needs our full attention and what can just stay open in the next window while we check SportsCenter.

When teachers don't receive respect, students won't get it back. Balance your time wisely to make the most of your electronics and your learning.

Logan Falletti writes for the Kansas State Collegian. This article originally appeared on UWire.

Guest column

Neurodiversity is diversity, too

In my three years at UF, diversity has been at the center of my experience. I participated in the Gatorship retreat my freshman year and learned how to make campus more inclusive.

Haley Moss
Speaking Out

perform the same functions but in somewhat different ways. I hit some of life's major milestones at different times than the average person. For example,

At UF, we have an incredible range of diversity: religious, racial/ethnic, sex and gender identity, and nationality, just to name a few. These types of diversity stem from typically observable, easily recognizable characteristics.

Ask any student organization that promotes diversity to define what "diversity" is, and you'll likely hear the term's social definition: "different kinds of people." They'll typically give you the examples I've given: religion, race, ethnicity, gender, etc.

However, there is one category of diversity that is frequently not part of the conversation, a category into which I and many others fall: neurodiversity.

When I say the word "neurodiversity," people chuckle. It's a somewhat unusual word that almost sounds made up. People often give me a confused look because they have never heard the term. Neurodiversity often isn't as observable as other forms of diversity, but it exists on the UF campus nonetheless.

Neurodiversity occurs in the mind and falls under the spectrum of "invisible disabilities," which includes learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, developmental disorders, etc. We don't often think about these conditions as part of the diversity conversation because we often think of disabilities as being visible.

I open this conversation of neurodiversity because I am a neurodiverse individual. I hope to use this opportunity to educate the UF community about the issues and struggles that I — and others like me — face on a regular basis.

I am a woman on the autism spectrum. My mind works differently than those of most other people.

Autism is a neurological disability, which means that it affects brain function.

I sometimes compare the differences between my brain and "normal" ones to those between a Mac and a PC. They essentially

I never lived away from home until my freshman year of college. Many others may have spent time away from home at a sleep-away camp when they were just 8 or 9 years old. Being on the autism spectrum means I sometimes miss social cues that might seem instinctual to most people. This does not make me — or any of my autistic or neurodiverse counterparts — a lesser person. We are members of a minority — one that often goes unnoticed and is invisible unless explicitly disclosed.

Neurodiversity is not a supported form of diversity on campus, nor are we often recognized as a distinct group of individuals. The Disability Resource Center provides us the academic support we may need to succeed, but it is not a center of culture like La Casita or the Institute of Black Culture.

There are also no student organizations comprised of neurodiverse individuals, people with disabilities or their allies. We go unnoticed until one of us speaks out about our status or supports a nonprofit that specializes in engaging with the neurodiverse.

I ask you not to discriminate or judge. I know I speak for others like myself when I say I have been treated differently or discriminated against because I am autistic and a neurodiverse individual. I am not a lesser person because of my challenges, no matter if they appear invisible to the uninformed or untrained eye.

The neurodiverse constitute a real minority. Unfortunately, the disabled community faces enough prejudice, pity and negative stigma as is. The failure to recognize and support neurodiversity only makes matter worse.

I ask for respect. And most importantly, I ask you treat me or any other individual with neurodiversity like anybody else — with kindness, respect and dignity. Your inclusion can make all the difference in my life or in somebody else's.

Haley Moss is a senior psychology and criminology major at UF.

Female engineers gather

▶ ABOUT 150 ATTENDED.

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About 150 incoming female engineering students made a trip to Lake Wauburg for UF's Society of Women Engineers eSwamp Day.

The 11th annual event was held to encourage women to stay in the engineering field.

A series of speeches on succeeding in engineering took place on campus before the students headed to Lake Wauburg. Students took part in canoe races, discussions with corporate sponsors, an engineering fair and SWE's Big Gator Little Gator Mentoring Program.

Tania Jarquin, the eSwamp Day director and SWE recording secretary, said she wanted to encourage female attendees to not "let tough and male dominated classes" stop them from pursuing the field.

"SWE is just like a support system to make sure that you accomplish your

goals or find your dreams," the 22-year-old UF chemical engineering senior, said.

More than 230 students registered for the UF organization this year.

Erin Winick, SWE president and a 20-year-old UF mechanical engineering junior, was the only female during her summer internship working on turbine engines at Solar Turbines in California. She said the SWE mentoring program helped her find her niche in the engineering field.

"When I came into SWE as an exploratory engineer, it really helped me solidify my path and be more confident in what I was going into," she said.

Corporate sponsors like Harris Co., the international communications and information technology company, spoke to engineering students at the event.

Christine Chern, an 18-year-old UF chemical engineering sophomore, said the event was a great way to make connections and meet engineering majors.

"It really gives women a chance to feel like they can make a difference in the

RESEARCH

UF breaks record for grants

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Millions of dollars in research awards were granted to UF last year, surpassing past records.

Colleges on campus were on the receiving end of \$702 million, \$24 million more than the previous amount of \$678 million in 2010.

"Our faculty have an incredible amount of talent and commitment to their projects."

David Norton

UF vice president for research

Among the recipients, UF's College of Medicine in Gainesville and Jacksonville received \$366 million.

The amount will go toward funding existing projects, as well as a few new ones, said Stephen Sugrue, senior associate dean of research affairs at UF.

"The College of Medicine chose not to open new areas of research in order to focus more on strengthening the ones they have, for the most part," he said. "The awards we received were largely attributed to our enhancement and team science."

Sugrue said recent hires and previous

grant recipients are working together on current projects.

The colleges sent out research proposals for funding consideration.

David Norton, UF vice president for research, said the money received was a positive reflection on the faculty.

"Our faculty have an incredible amount of talent and commitment to their projects," he said.

About 6,000 individual projects were handed in to agencies by UF colleges, Norton said. Some of the agencies contributing to UF's research funding include the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Among them, the College of Engineering brought in \$63 million, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences brought in \$102 million and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences brought in \$35 million, according to a press release.

Students such as Dianmarie De Jesus, a 21-year-old biology senior, said she came to UF because of its status as a research school.

"A large budget for the school means a large budget for the faculty doing the research," she said. "It raises the esteem of the school and helps students who are interested in assisting with research, too."

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Lazy Day

Renee Acuna, 23, hands a Gatorade to Mark Ceruto, 31, during their lunch break at Ginnie Springs on Monday. The group drove from Miami to celebrate Labor Day and their friend Michael Gonzalez's 24th birthday.

Man charged with criminal mischief

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A Gainesville man was arrested and charged with DUI and criminal mischief after sideswiping a parked car late Sunday night.

At about 11:40 p.m., 20-year-old Richard Joseph Holder was traveling westbound on the 800 block of Northwest Ninth Avenue.

Holder then hit a car that was parked on the street, according to the arrest report.

The crash caused about \$700 worth of damage.

Gainesville Police officer Aaron



Holder

Stemen responded to the scene a little after midnight on Monday. Officers said they smelled alcohol on Holder's breath.

Holder worked at the Office Depot on West Newberry Road, according to the report.

Three witnesses said they came outside after the sound of the crash. They said Holder was in the driver's seat, revving the engine.

Stemen read Holder his Miranda rights and informed him that he was conducting a criminal DUI investigation.

Holder then performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Stemen arrested him at the scene for driving under the influence.

Holder's blood alcohol content samples clocked in at .154 and .159. The legal limit is .08.

During the 20-minute breath test, officers said Holder fell asleep.

Holder was booked into Alachua County Jail at 1:50 a.m. Monday, where he remained as of press time.

Judge removes Bondi from same-sex cases

► THREE PEOPLE WILL MAKE THE DECISION.

JULIA MCBEE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Same-sex marriage could be legalized in Florida by the end of this month.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle ruled on Aug. 21 that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.

In doing so, Hinkle dismissed Attorney General Pam Bondi from reviewing and appealing future same-sex marriage cases, leaving the fate of the ruling in the hands of three people, two of whom were appointed by Gov. Rick Scott.

If Washington County Clerk of Court Harold Bazzel or Scott's appointees, Craig J. Nichols, secretary of the Florida Department of Management Services, and State Surgeon General John H. Armstrong, do not appeal Hinkle's ruling, same-sex marriage will be legalized on Sept. 22.

Bondi's dismissal came after she continued to appeal county cases that ruled against the state's same-sex marriage ban, including those in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Broward counties this summer.

Her actions adhered to federal law regarding same-

sex marriage, but they were viewed as a political delay tactic because her appeals also prevented the state's Supreme Court from hearing the cases.

"They can dismiss an individual from a case if they feel the person is not a correct representative of the issue," said Aimee Cernicharo, staff attorney at the St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute in Miami. "It is possible but highly unusual to dismiss the attorney general, who is technically the top legal professional."

In 2008, voters approved of Florida's ban of same-sex marriage. Yet in recent months, state court cases have ruled for its legalization.

Terry Fleming, spokesman for the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, said the organization is waiting to see what happens in the next couple of months.

"(We) plan to monitor the appellate court decisions," he said. "It could take a number of months or years."

Valerie Rinaman, a 19-year-old UF exploratory engineering sophomore, said she would prefer if Florida voters made the decision.

"It's better for people to vote on it, rather than waiting for the Supreme Court to enforce it," Rinaman said.

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 - 35 Gets hot under the collar
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Showers jolts kickoff before final weather delay, game suspension

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At the start of Florida's practice on Monday, the first since its season opener against Idaho was suspended, coach Will Muschamp said the team focused first on going through film from the game — all 10 seconds of it.

"We started as a team and watched all the plays from Saturday night," Muschamp said. "(It) took a long time."

After a two hour, 48 minute lightning delay, the Gators and the Vandals completed the opening kickoff before more lightning and rain suspended play at Ben Hill Griffin for good on Saturday.

"I didn't think they were going to call it," said redshirt junior Valdez Showers, who returned the opening kickoff for 64 yards, "but once I saw them hold the offense I knew it probably was going to get cancelled."

Muschamp said that with the return of Andre Debose — who is tied for the Southeastern Conference record with four career kickoff return touchdowns — opposing kickoff teams are going to shy away from kicking the ball to the redshirt senior.

"You've got to ready for all alternative kicks - squibs, skies," Muschamp said. "I tell (special teams coordinator) Coleman (Hutzler) all the time, 'I wouldn't kick to (Debose).' I would kick away from the guy. Make someone else beat you."

Added Showers: "If the field was better, I was definitely looking to cut back. But I knew there was a chance I would slip so I was just trying to get as much yardage as I could."

Showers, a Detroit native, is used to playing in less-than-perfect weather conditions.

"I mean it was pretty slippery, but I'm from up North so I've played in all types of weather — a lot of snow," Showers said. "So I was ready to play the game regardless."

Suspensions lifted: Nose tackles Darius Cummings and Jaynard Bostwick (violation of team rules) and wide receiver Demarcus Robinson (university sanction) will be eligible to play against Eastern Michigan on Sunday, Muschamp announced Monday.

The three players were originally suspended for the Idaho game.

"(Cummings and Bostwick) will be back this week with us," Muschamp said. "Not just as far as the suspension of a game, but they've handled a lot of other things for me, as well as Demarcus Robinson, who had a university sanction that's been resolved."

Offense progressing: The Gators did not have the opportunity to showcase Kurt Roper's up-tempo offense, but

Muschamp feels the group is ready for Saturday's game against Eastern Michigan.

"There's not as many question marks that I thought there would be going into the season positionally," Muschamp said. "Schematically, I think we have answers for a lot of different things. I feel very comfortable with where we are. Again, we haven't done it against an opponent yet. We'll have to see how that goes."

The Eagles finished 120th in total defense in 2013, giving up 510.6 yards per game.

In its 31-28 season-opening win against Morgan State, Eastern Michigan surrendered 479 yards.

Christy to start at punter: Kyle Christy had a rough sea-

son in 2013.

One year removed from being a finalist for the Ray Guy award given to the best punter, Christy found himself warming the bench after Florida's 17-6 loss to LSU on Oct. 12 after averaging a meager 39.6 yards per punt for the season.

Muschamp announced Monday that Christy will be the team's starting punter over Johnny Townsend, giving Christy the opportunity to return to his sophomore-year form.

"I asked our team, I said, 'look at Kyle and Johnny. You make that decision,' because they're both really good players and there's only one punter," Muschamp said. "It's not like another position where you can contribute on a coverage unit or a return unit."



Muschamp



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Redshirt junior Valdez Showers returns the opening kickoff — the only play of the game — during Florida's season opener against Idaho on Saturday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Showers returned the kickoff 64 yards to Idaho's 14-yard line. Play was suspended shortly afterward.

Dagostino receiving extensive playing time in early season action

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Last year, Florida relied on senior setter Taylor Brauneis.

This year, the weight of the setter position rests heavily on Mackenzie Dagostino's shoulders.

In Florida's season opener Friday, the Gators faced off against Georgia Southern (0-3) and Idaho (1-2).

From the first serve of the Georgia Southern game, it was smooth sailing for Dagostino and her teammates — the Gators swept both the Eagles and the Van-

dals — but it was on Saturday that fans began to see Dagostino's fatigue from playing back-to-back games against fast and gritty teams.

UF Volleyball

After playing just 47 sets in her first year at UF, Dagostino spent almost all of her time on the court in the two days of competition, a decision coach Mary Wise credits to trying to build Dagostino and her teammates confidence in the setter.

"She really made great strides, just from last night to today in finding the rhythm

with her hitters," Wise said after Florida's 3-2 win against Oklahoma University (2-1) on Saturday.

"You can't demonstrate this atmosphere in practice. To be there in this situation in set five, to be able to make the sets. You change your quarterback, that's a huge change for any team. We have a lot of work to do, both defensively and offensively, but we also like what the future looks like."

Those strides that Wise is referring to are Dagostino's staggering escalation in her assists (Georgia Southern, 23, Idaho, 38, and Oklahoma, 51) and the junior's

ability to move all over the court.

Throughout the sets, the Tampa native consistently improved her game. In Florida's sweep of Idaho she had nine assists in the first set, 14 assists in the second and 15 in the third.

In her third and final match of the weekend, Dagostino recorded 51 assists in the five-set match — breaking her single-game record of 43 assists set against Florida State on Oct. 14, 2012.

With her progression in the starting setter position and Wise's choice to keep

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Percy Harvin is ready to compete for the Seattle Seahawks after injuries limited him in 2013. Read the story on Page 15.



Quotable

"Not again."

Valdez Showers

UF wide receiver on the weather delay following his kickoff return

Volleyball drops in polls

Despite going 3-0 in the Active Ankle Challenge, the UF volleyball team dropped one spot to No. 11 in the AVCA coaches poll, released on Monday.

Both Gators and Vandals have a bye week on Oct. 25

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lot of different things we have to consider. And we are working through those things as we speak.”

If UF does pay Idaho the nearly million-dollar payout that the two schools agreed upon in 2009, the money won't be transferred until Feb. 1 — which is part of Florida's "standard language" in football contracts.

The last time Florida dealt with rescheduling during the season was when Hurricane Frances forced the Gators to push back their 2004 season opener against Middle Tennessee — originally scheduled on Sept. 4 — to the middle of their Southeastern Conference schedule on Oct. 16.

“I'm going to control the controllables, and right now I have zero control of that situation. And once I'm told whatever we're going to do, we're going to go after it full speed.”

Will Muschamp
UF coach

If the Florida-Idaho game were to be rescheduled for Oct. 25 in Gainesville, the Gators would then be forced to end their regular season playing nine games in as many weeks.

“I haven't even really thought about it,” Muschamp said.

“I'm going to control the controllables, and right now I have zero control of that situation. And once I'm told whatever we're going to do, we're going to go after it full speed.”

Valdez Showers, who returned Saturday's opening kickoff 64 yards in the game's only play, spoke with the media Monday and stressed the importance of having a bye week in the midst of a treacherous SEC slate.

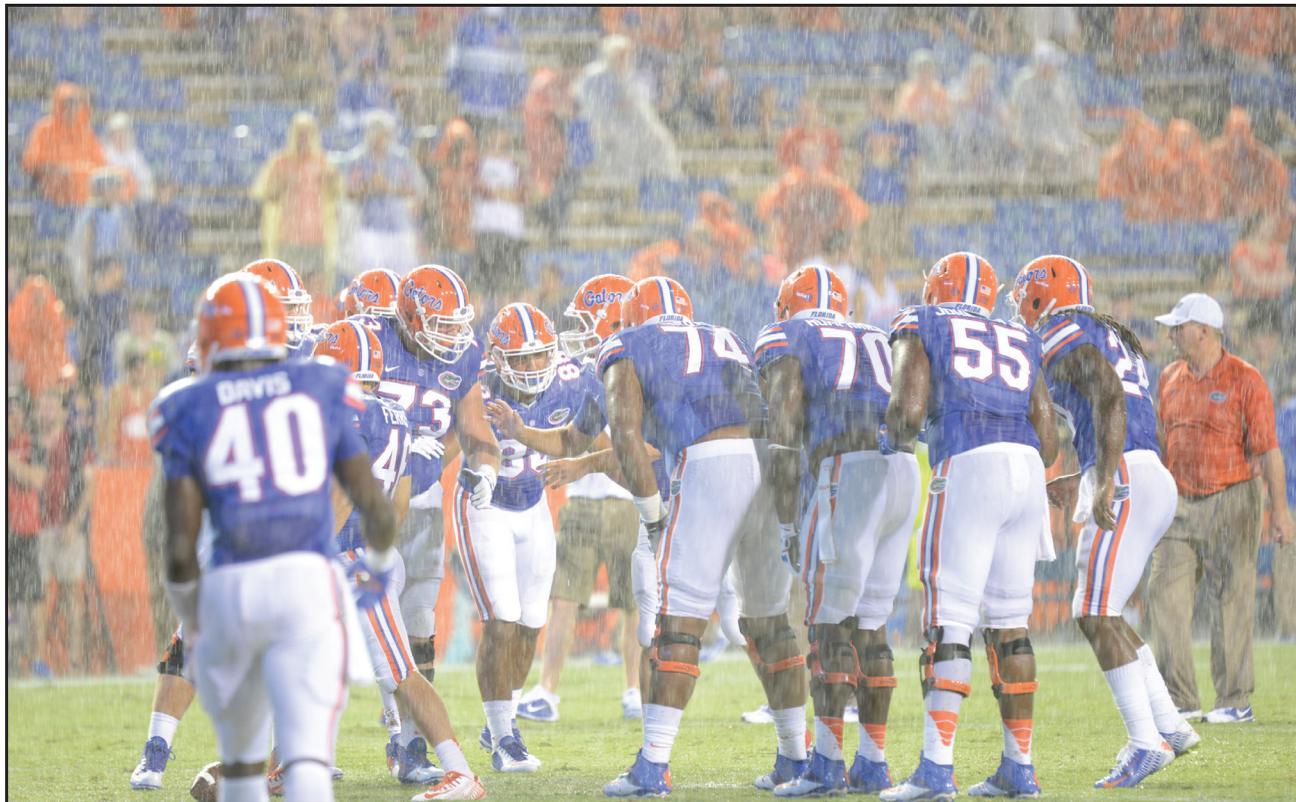
“It's a long season and, to be honest with you, a lot of players take advantage of those bye weeks, trying to really get in the treatment room and get treated up during

the off week,” said the redshirt junior receiver. “But we definitely look forward to those bye weeks.”

If Florida decides to preserve its off-week, Foley would then be tasked with the challenge of possibly reimbursing Idaho for making the 2,738-mile trek — not to mention the hassle of handling the ticket situation for Gator fans.

“We're trying to figure out all those things right now,” Foley said.

“Again, when we come forward with whatever decision we come forward with, we're going to have answers to everything financially, dates, tickets, reasons, all that sort of things. We're just not there yet.”



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Florida huddles on the field prior to kickoff in its season opener against Idaho on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The game, which was initially delayed two hours and 48 minutes due to lightning, was suspended after field conditions were deemed unsafe to play. Details regarding possible game rescheduling have not been finalized.

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College football roundup: 'Bama has shaky Week 1

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Week 1 of the college football season has come and gone, and the slate of games gave us a lot to digest. Let's look at some of the major takeaways from the weekend of games, and look ahead at the best games for week two.

College Football's Goliaths Have Shaky Debuts

Two teams that entered 2014 already penciled into the College Football Playoff — Alabama and Florida State — showed Saturday even they have weaknesses, ones that need to be fixed if they want to win a national title.

Alabama entered its matchup as a 26.5-point favorite, facing a West Virginia team that finished 4-8 last year.

But head coach Dana Holgorsen hit Nick Saban's defense with the bane of his defensive philosophy's existence — an up-tempo scheme. Mountaineers quarterback Clint Trickett exploited the inexperienced Tide secondary all night and threw for 365 yards and a touchdown.

The good news for Saban and offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin is the Tide offense is in capable hands with fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Sims.

He completed 72.7-percent of his passes, and orchestrated two scoring drives in the third quarter to respond to the Mountaineers' scores to keep it close.

If there's any bright spot in a Tide defense that Saban called "soft" at halftime Saturday, it's the front seven. The unit gave up just 28 yards total on the ground.

Alabama would walk away with a ten point victory, and some major adjustments to be made.

Defending national champion Florida State showed vulnerabilities as well. The 'Noles en-

tered as 19-point favorites, but came out with a shaky, six point victory.

Reigning Heisman trophy winner Jameis Winston threw two interceptions in the second quarter, but he redeemed himself in the second half with a 25 yard touchdown run and a 50 yard touchdown pass to Rashad Greene to put the 'Noles up 13 in the fourth. That would be his only passing touchdown of the night.

Oklahoma State would score a late touchdown in the fourth to pull within six, but was unable to get its offense back on the field. The 'Noles defense also gave up 31 points and 364 yards Saturday.

A win is a win, but the 'Noles showed some vulnerability Saturday against an unranked, rebuilding Oklahoma State team.

Two SEC Surprises

Texas A&M and Georgia are now on everyone's radar after an impressive opening week.

The Aggies went into a hostile Williams-Brice Stadium to face South Carolina, who was 7-0 in Thursday night season openers since Spurrier took over in 2005.

Sophomore quarterback Kenny Hill knocked the Gamecock defense's lights out.

He completed 73 percent of his passes, and surpassed Manziel's single-game passing record with 511 yards in a 52-28 rout of the Gamecocks.

The bottom line here is that A&M coach Kevin Sumlin can flat out coach, regardless of who the personnel is out on the field. If they keep it up, the Aggies could now be a sleeper to win the SEC West.

Those who picked South Carolina to win the SEC East are kicking themselves this week because of one man: Todd Gurley.

The Georgia tailback looked so impressive against the Clemson Tigers that it was almost scary. He racked up a Georgia-record 293 all-



AP Photo

Alabama's T.J. Yeldon dives into the endzone for a touchdown as West Virginia's Travis Bell (26) and Karl Joseph defend during the Crimson Tide's 33-23 win on Saturday in Atlanta.

purpose yards, including a 100-yard kickoff return.

The 'Dawg's defense also looked much improved under new defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt, allowing just 291 total yards and held Clemson to three negative yardage drives in the fourth.

Get Better in Week 2

Two teams that need to greatly improve this week are UCLA and Ohio State.

Both teams did win, but Ohio State needed the fourth quarter to pull away from Navy at a "neutral-site" in Maryland, and UCLA leaned almost entirely on its defense to score. If the Bruins plan to contend in the high-scoring PAC-12, they'll need to score a lot more points offensively.

Ohio State plays a much more quality opponent in Virginia Tech this week — could the Hokies make the Buckeyes sweat for the second week in a row?

Mad Hatter Does it Again

LSU head coach Les Miles continues to be successful year in and year out in opening week games.

LSU was down 17 points at the start of the third quarter, and the Tigers responded with 21 unanswered points to sneak past Wisconsin in Houston. Tailback Kenny Hilliard capped it off with a 28-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

Perhaps even more impressive, LSU now has 22 wins under Miles when trailing in the fourth.

Week 2 Matchups to Watch

- Michigan State @ Oregon
- Michigan @ Notre Dame
- USC @ Stanford
- Ole Miss @ Vanderbilt
- Virginia Tech @ Ohio State

GATORS IN THE NFL

Harvin ready to compete for Seattle following injury-plagued 2013

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The reigning Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks will kick off regular season play against the Green Bay Packers at 8:30 p.m. on

Thursday. Former Gator Percy Harvin, who returned the second half opening kick for 87 yards to help secure Seattle's first Super Bowl win, will be looking to compete this year after only playing one regular season game in 2013.

Harvin was on the disabled list for most of 2013 after undergoing hip surgery.

The wide receiver made strides in camp and exceeded coaches expectations so far. He's been able to practice on back-to-back days in-

stead of every other day—as originally planned.

"I think the biggest thing with me was my hip it was controlling a lot of the hamstrings, knee problems and things like that," Harvin told media after practice on Aug. 20. "My legs are just feeling how they are supposed to feel, it's very fluent, very smooth, it's all good."

Rookies set for season opener: NFL play will pick back up with 13 scheduled games on Sunday.

Dominique Easley, the 29th overall pick from the 2014 Draft, reportedly secured a 4-year, \$7.3 million contract and a \$3.63 million signing bonus with the New England Patriots.

The defensive tackle is still nursing a torn ACL he suffered during a non-contact drill on Sept. 24. According to the Boston Herald, the Patriots hope Easley will make his NFL debut during New England's season opener Sunday in Miami.

Fourth-round draft pick Jaylen Watkins and undrafted tight end Trey Burton join fellow Gator Riley Cooper on Philadelphia's 53-man roster. In his four years at UF, Burton played 50 games, recorded 720 rushing yards, 976 receiving yards and made 20 touchdowns at wide

receiver, tight end, fullback and quarterback.

Ronald Powell, a fifth-round draft pick for the New Orleans, managed to make the Saints 53-man, post-training camp roster. Powell finished 2013 with 26 tackles and led the Gators with four sacks last season.

The New England Patriots released Florida's fourth and final drafted player from the class of 2014. Jon Halapio was cut on Saturday as part of the team's final roster moves.

McDonald arrested: San Francisco 49ers' Ray McDonald landed himself in a Santa Clara County Jail early Sunday morning. McDonald was arrested on felony domestic violence charges. McDonald posted bail and was released later Sunday. According to the Sacramento Bee, police arrived at McDonald's house around 2 a.m. During a birthday celebration he was hosting, he appeared to have an altercation with his fiancée.

This is the first domestic violence issue to take place within the NFL since commissioner Roger Goodell announced a mandatory six-game suspension for first domestic violence offense.



AP Photo

Percy Harvin runs during the Seattle Seahawks' 34-6 win against the Chicago Bears on Aug. 22 at CenturyLink Field in Seattle. Harvin played in just one regular season game for the Seahawks in 2013.

Dagostino played in all 11 sets

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Gabriella Nicholas / Alligator

Junior Mackenzie Dagostino sets the ball during Florida's 3-2 win against Oklahoma on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

her in for every set, Dagostino played a total of 11 sets by Saturday night and was only subbed once with freshman setter Abby Detering, who managed only three assists before the end of the match against Georgia Southern.

While Detering came to Florida in spring, Dagostino's experience under Brauneis gives her the leg up for the starting position.

So while Wise is focused on keeping Dagostino in sets as long as possible, Dagostino said there is no guarantee to her starting.

"The good thing about how Mary has this whole system set up is, yes you do have a starter, but you always have an opportunity to fight for a position," Dagostino said on Wednesday. "So even though technically I am a starter right now, Abby and I will always be competing in the gym."

While Detering — a lefty with a list of accolades that dates as far back as 2011 — waits for her chance to start or even to relieve Dagostino for a few rotations, for now she'll be on the sidelines scouting the team — essentially taking on the same position Dagostino was in a year earlier, a position Dagostino said made her a more confident player.

"Last year, having Taylor and I consistently compete for a position it kind of built that confidence with myself, that 'hey I can do this even though, Taylor's here right now,'" Dagostino said. "I know exactly what I have to do starting into next season."

Florida soccer splits first road weekend

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On what was their first of four consecutive weekend road trips this season, the Gators showed how quickly they can put a loss behind them and focus on what is more important: the next game.

No. 6 Florida (3-1) faced the Oklahoma Sooners (2-1-1) on Friday night in Norman, Okla., in the first of six straight away games.

It didn't start well for Florida, as sophomore Rachel Ressler gave the Sooners an early goal in the sixth minute of play.



Burleigh

When Florida fell behind 2-0 after giving up a penalty kick to senior Abby Hodgen in the 63rd minute, it proved to be too much to overcome. Although sophomore Savannah Jordan found the back of the net in the 72nd minute and junior Christen Westphal had good opportunities late, Florida's first loss of the season came in the Sooner state, a final of 2-1.

"The good thing is the only way you can forge resilience is through adversity," coach Becky Burleigh said following Friday's loss. "So now we have a little adversity in front of us and it is time for us to show some resilience and bounce back."

Bounce back is exactly what Florida did on Sunday in Stillwa-

ter, Okla., as it faced Oklahoma State.

The Gators went into their match against the Cowgirls (0-4) two days after their first loss of the season.

But that game was long over. This game is what mattered now.

Florida came out looking to attack and got a goal from senior Havana Solaun in just the third minute of the match — the earliest goal of the season for the Gators and Solaun's first of the year.

Jordan added the second goal of the game in the 74th minute, and the Gators never looked back.

In all, four different players scored for Florida on Sunday as it went on to beat Oklahoma State 4-0.

Junior Brooke Smith added her first career goal in the 87th minute and sophomore Brooke Sharp put in her first of the year with only 36 seconds left in regulation. Senior Tessa Andujar contributed two assists, making it her first double-assist match of her career.

Florida received huge contributions from all over the field, a lot of which weren't from starters. Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Valerie Tysinger replaced senior Taylor Burke to begin the second half; the two combined for the shutout.

"To come out with a 4-0 win on the road is a good response," Burleigh said after Sunday's victory. "Our depth really played a big role in this game today."

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