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Lauren Silver
scored her first
goal of the season
against Alabama
on Friday. Read the
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UF ASSAULTS

Reward increased for info regarding UF assaults

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The reward for the tip that leads to the arrest of the suspect in UF's recent sexual assaults has swelled to \$1,750.

The Crime Stoppers fund was established on Sept. 12 through a \$500 donation from Nick West, the

owner of West Farms Landscape Services in Gainesville. It grew by \$250 in the last 11 days.

Crime Stoppers pays the first \$1,000 for a tip leading to a conviction.

West, 71, said he remembers the helplessness he and his family felt in 1990 when Danny Rolling murdered five college students. Rolling

"When people send their child to Gainesville to go to school it sort of becomes all of our responsibilities."

Nick West

owner of West Farms Landscape

was later convicted then executed in 2006.

West said he felt they could do

something this time.

"We feel like when people send their child to Gainesville to go to school it sort of becomes all of our responsibilities, all of us who live here, to help look after them," he said.

To chip in to the fund, send a check to P.O. Box 2603 Gainesville, FL 32602, with a letter pledging

money to the tip that helps arrest the suspect in the three August and September assaults.

The money will remain in the account for a year and will be returned unless donors renew their pledges.

Tips on the suspect can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 352-372-7867.



Melissa Zapata / Alligator

Trespassed

UPD officers respond to a call about trespasser David Lee Patterson in Library West on Monday afternoon. Patterson had a medical episode as he was about to be arrested and was later transported to the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center. See the story pg. 4.

UF students conduct research on Ebola virus

HANNAH HELMS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF community is working to understand the Ebola virus as it continues to spread through West Africa.

Students in the Health in Africa Working Group (HIA) and the UF Center for African Studies will be focusing their research on the

Ebola outbreak this year.

This fall, the group added about 30 undergraduate students to its graduate research team.

Sharon Abramowitz, an assistant professor of anthropology and African studies, said the group, founded in 2012, has rapidly put together an organizational structure and communications with students, including a wiki

page that is the compilation of their research.

"The interest and passions concerning the Ebola outbreak are really strong among the undergraduate population," Abramowitz said.

Ebola Virus Disease is transmitted from wild animals to humans and is often fatal, according to the World Health Organization. Once infected, humans can spread the virus

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UF Levin law school moves up in rankings

► IT'S NOW NO. 1 IN FLORIDA.

ARIANA FIGUEROA

Alligator Staff Writer

UF's Levin College of Law is making a comeback after dropping in rankings last spring.

UF now ranks No. 1 in Florida for the percentage of law students who passed the bar exam and No. 13 for "Best Value Law School," according to The National Jurist magazine.

George Dawson, the UF Law interim dean, said students get a valuable education at a reasonable price, and the law school will continue to provide students with the resources they need to succeed.

"If we continue to do what we're doing and our tuition continues to stay the same, I think we'll continue to be high on the rankings," he said.

In spring, the U.S. News & World Report ranked Florida State University above UF for the best law school. The drop came at a time when the UF college was in a transitioning phase to find a new dean for the school after Dean Robert Jerry retired.

When President Bernie Machen put the search for the new law dean on hold last spring, Dawson took over as interim dean for the college.

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FORECAST

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the Pride Community Center. A \$2 donation is requested to help cover the cost of snacks.

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Transport yourself to South Beach with a surf simulator and your favorite beach games. Beat the heat while sipping on ice-cold "mock-aritas." Laugh out loud with Comedian Vladimir Caamano sponsored by Hispanic Heritage Month. Always wanted to learn to salsa? Now's your chance with dance lessons from Gator Salsa Club. At 10:30 p.m. Friday, we'll transform the Grand Ballroom into the hottest salsa night club that Miami has to offer featuring a D.J. dropping the hottest Latin beats. It's always Friday, always free, with your Gator 1 Card.

Savant Leadership Honorary Fall Tapping Class

Founded in 1967, Savant is a prestigious group of leaders from all different areas of campus involvement. By collaborating with each other, members use their unique experiences and roles to educate and develop fellow students. Applications to become a part of the Fall 2014 Tapping Class are currently open and can be found at savantuf.org. All applications must be submitted by Friday at 10 p.m. If you have further questions, please email ufsavantpresident@gmail.com.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to cwright@alligator.org.

To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 4 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events and keep them 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

CORRECTION

In an article in Monday's paper, it wrongly stated that District B serves students east of campus, when the majority of the district is in northwest Gainesville. It also implied that Morris wanted to only focus on the recent assaults, when he meant sexual assault in general.

Have an event planned?
Add it to the Alligator's online calendar:
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Creative Writing Club

Do you love to write? Want to improve your writing skills while making new friends? Then come to the Creative Writing Club every Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Little Hall, Room 219. Meetings involve reading and responding to a short story written by a member of the group then discussing the story with a focus on constructive criticism. There are no requirements to join. Just come and have fun.

Pancake Breakfast and Canned Food Drive

Catholic Charities will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast and "We Can Do It" canned food drive Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The event will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church. Its goal is to collect more than 1,500 cans of food for Emergency Assistance Food Pantry, Rural Outreach and Weekend Hunger Backpack Program and to raise public awareness about all of its programs and services. Guests are asked to donate a minimum of three cans of food for admittance into the breakfast.

Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out

The Smathers Libraries at UF are hosting a Virtual Read-Out on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas near Library West. Come and read a segment from your favorite banned book and listen to others read from theirs.

Gay Movie Night

Come to the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida located at 3131 NW 13th St. this Friday at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of "Hot Guys With Guns." In this comedy-action-thriller, an actor taking a night class for aspiring private detectives stumbles into a real life crime investigation with his ex-boyfriend in this hilarious film from Doug Spearman. Gay Movie Night is a free service of



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Group Love

Earthdance attendees huddle for a group hug at Maddox Ranch in Lakeland, Florida on Saturday.

LOCAL

Food drive enjoys local success

MELISSA SMITH

Alligator Contributing Writer

Bags of frozen meats, canned food and cartons of milk were given to needy Alachua County residents Monday at the Salvation Army of Gainesville on West University Avenue.

The distribution was organized by Nourishment Network, a North Florida-based food bank that serves nonprofit agencies in 17 counties in the state.

Nourishment Network is holding a series of events in an attempt to provide 4.5 million pounds of free food to about 18,000 needy families. The single-day events started in July and will be completed by the end of this month.

Chris Hughes, a U.S. Department of Agriculture program

manager at the food bank, said they received 30 to 40 thousand pounds of food to distribute at the local event. The program intended for each household to take home 50 to 100 pounds.

Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Preston Lewis said the Salvation Army and Nourishment Network hoped to help 500 people, and they far exceeded that goal. Residents were lined up at 7 a.m. — three hours before the distribution started — and he had to cut the line off before noon.

Emma Holt, who has volunteered with Nourishment Network for the past 14 years, said the event was originally planned to serve a smaller number of people.

“At first we were going to do 200 people, then 400 and then

500,” Holt said. “We could’ve brought food for 1,000, but we don’t have the volunteers.”

Gainesville resident Joyce Johnson volunteered at the event with her fiancé. It was her first time volunteering with Nourishment Network and the Salvation Army.

“There are so many people struggling that can’t make ends meet at the end of the month, and this is such a blessing for them,” she said.

Even if not everyone says ‘thank you,’ she said the appreciation of the community is reflected in turnout numbers.

“This should wake people up,” she said. “Just because people aren’t sleeping on the streets doesn’t mean they don’t need help.”

Poll: Support for gay marriage leveling off after recent rise

► ONLY 49 PERCENT SUPPORT IT.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A survey released Monday from the Pew Research Center indicates American support for same-sex marriage could be leveling off after several years of dramatic growth in acceptance of equal rights for gays and lesbians.

The study’s authors caution it’s too soon to draw any definitive conclusions. But the new poll released Monday found a drop from 54 percent to 49 percent since February in Americans who want legal recognition for same-sex relationships. The percentage of those opposed increased during that same period, from 39 percent in February to 41 percent last month.

The poll of 2,002 adults, conducted Sept. 2-9, has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

“Since we’ve seen this upward trend for so long, we’re cautious because it’s too early to say what this means for long-term trends,” said Jessica Martinez, a researcher in Pew’s Religion and Public Life Project.

The campaign for recognition of gay marriage has grown to become a broad mass movement supported in recent years by a majority of Americans. A decade ago, only about 30 percent of Americans accepted same-sex marriage. Now, 19 states and the District of Columbia recognize gay marriage,

while petitions for recognition in several other states are moving through the courts.

The Gallup organization said support for gay marriage first rose above the 50-percent mark in its surveys in 2011 and has remained above half since. Gallup’s latest survey this past May found acceptance of gay marriage at a new high of 55 percent. But the group’s researchers found support was increasing by smaller margins than it had during the era of fastest growth so far, between 2009 and 2011.

Martinez said the drop in support in the Pew poll was not driven by any particular religious or political group in the sample, but was a change across the board. Pew used similar groups of respondents in terms of political and religious views for both surveys, she said. The percentage of Americans who told Pew they were undecided on gay marriage increased from 7 percent in February to 10 percent last month.

Robert Jones, chief executive of Public Religion Research Institute, a nonprofit group that conducts surveys on religion and public life, said it’s particularly challenging to interpret surveys on gay marriage because the numbers have changed so dramatically over a very short period.

“The fundamentals underneath the trend remain very solid — in the generational breaks that are driving this,” Jones said. “The long-term curve on this trend doesn’t show any retreat.”

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Police roundup: UF trespass; gun arrest

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A man was issued a sworn complaint after he trespassed on UF property for a second time Monday afternoon.

David Lee Patterson went to Library West to check out a book shortly after noon, said University Police Sergeant Nick Konopka. Staff looked up his name in their public trespass file, and Patterson's name came up for a warning issued last month.

The library called UPD, and officers responded shortly before 1 p.m.

As he was about to be arrested, Patterson had a medical episode, and Emergency Medical Services were called.

EMS responded around 1:30 p.m., and Patterson was transported to the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center.

Because of his medical episode, a sworn complaint was filed.

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A convicted felon was arrested after officers found a gun hidden in a McDonald's bag during a traffic stop Sunday evening.

At about 6 p.m., Kendal

M. Darby was pulled over for running a red light at 1400 SE First Ave.

Gainesville Police officers said the 25-year-old appeared nervous, according to a report. His hands and chest were trembling and he was breathing quickly.

Darby was shaking so badly he dropped his wallet while retrieving his driver's license. He also spilled a box of baking soda on the front seat and said he was planning on cleaning his car.

Darby told officers he was going to pick up his girlfriend at UF Health Shands Hospital, but was headed in the opposite direction.

During a consented search, officers found a knife in Darby's pocket and handcuffed him.

A K-9 unit alerted officers to narcotics in the vehicle, and officers found a 9-millimeter handgun in a fast food bag during the search.

Darby has been convicted of felonies before, including aggravated assault with a firearm. He is currently on probation for cocaine possession and robbery with a firearm.

Darby was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

NATIONAL

Protesters stage climate crisis sit-in

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A day after 100,000 people marched to warn that climate change is destroying the Earth, more than a thousand activists gathered Monday in lower Manhattan's financial district chanting, carrying signs and — in some places — sitting down in the street to protest what they said was corporate and economic institutions' role in the climate crisis.

There were reports of some isolated arrests of protesters, who police said did not obtain a permit

for the rally. But, by and large, the police, office workers and tourists alike watched as the activists chanted: "We can't take this climate heat;

"These people aren't convincing me of anything."

Christopher Keane
lawyer

we've got to shut down Wall Street," and bounced two large, inflatable balloons meant to represent carbon dioxide bubbles. Police later punctured the balloons.

The organizers of #FloodWall-

Street said the sit-in aimed to disrupt business in the financial district by targeting "corporate polluters and those profiting from the fossil fuel industry."

The protest took a tense turn when demonstrators, after several hours of sitting and chanting near the bull statue, decided to march up Broadway and onto Wall Street itself. The protesters encountered barricades and a strong police presence outside the New York Stock Exchange. Some tried to push through the barricades, and tussles between demonstrators and police ensued.

They are looking for more faculty help

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through bodily fluids.

Symptoms of the Ebola virus include fatigue, headaches, diarrhea, vomiting and impaired organ function.

The 2014 outbreak began in March and is most severely affecting the West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. This is the largest outbreak of Ebola since the discovery of the virus in 1976.

There are no confirmed cases of Ebola in the U.S., according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC released precautions for universities with students traveling to and from Ebola affected areas.

"While Ebola poses little risk to the U.S. general population, clinicians are advised to be alert for signs and symptoms of Ebola in patients who have a recent (within 21 days) travel history to countries where the outbreak is occurring or have had contact with a person infected with Ebola," the CDC said in its Advice for Colleges, Universities, and Students about Ebola in West Africa.

Ira Longini, Ph.D., a UF professor in the department of biostatistics in the colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Medicine, is on a team of researchers studying the spread of Ebola.

"We would assume that the U.S. would have sufficient capacity to test people and treat them. We would not expect any real transmission in the U.S.," Longini said in a press release.

The students in HIA are investigating the medical, socio-cultural, political and economic impacts of the outbreak on affected countries. HIA aims to understand the causes, context and source of the Ebola virus.

"I have never done this before, but I think that these topics specifically are a really great opportunity for faculty and students to interact regarding these issues," Abramowitz said.

Some students in HIA are pursuing a minor in health disparities in society. Trysh Travis, an undergraduate coordinator for women's studies, oversees this new minor that has only been offered for a year.

Travis said this minor will help UF provide a diverse workforce and a new way of thinking.

"There's a natural link between thinking about health care inequities and health care justice in the United States and thinking about it in the larger context of a global outbreak," Travis said. "That's where the interest in the Ebola outbreak came from, I think."

The group is considered an interdisciplinary research endeavor and is supported by a government grant given to the Center for African Studies at UF, with a grant that aims to help students join and discuss current research.

They are seeking out additional faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students interested in being involved in their research. HIA will be hosting a faculty discussion on the Ebola outbreak Oct. 8. The location is not yet determined.

This is an improvement over last year, when FSU ranked higher

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Machen is expected to work on the search before he leaves his post in December.

Out of the 266 UF test-takers, 241 students passed the bar exam, leading to a 2.4-percent increase from the summer 2013 exam results, Matt Walker, a UF Law Communications spokesman, said.

The 90.6-percent passing rate is higher than UF's past numbers.

Dawson said the passing rate for the bar exam usually falls between 86 and 88 percent.

"We're pleased with the ranking and bar exam results," Dawson said.

FSU is trailing behind UF's ranking with a 81.8-percent passing rate, beating the University of Miami

School of Law.

UF scored higher than the University of Tennessee on the "Best Value Law School" ranking, based on the law college's cost of tuition, student debt, employment and bar passing rates.

Kristy Pinedo-Pimentel, 19, said she wants to go to law school out of state, but her biggest factor is finances.

"If I couldn't afford to go to any other school, I would go to UF law," the political science sophomore said.

She has toured the Levin College of Law and took a sample course that she enjoyed.

"The energy of the professors and students would definitely want to make me go to UF Law because they want to see you succeed," she said.



Alligator File Photo

A UF student studies in the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center at the Levin College of Law. UF graduates now boast a 90.6-percent passing rate on the bar exam.

July 2014 Florida Law School bar exam results

	took test	passed test	% passed
UF	266	241	90.6%
FSU	198	162	81.8%
UM	287	233	81.2%
FIU	110	86	78.2%

UF business school drops in national rankings

JULIA SULLIVAN

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Heavener School of Business rankings dropped among the top 20 public business programs in the U.S. News & World Report's "2015 Best Colleges" edition.

The UF business program ranked No. 18 among the top public undergraduate business programs and No. 29 among all public and private business colleges. The numbers mark a decline in the Heavener School rankings.

In 2014, the Heavener School tied for No. 27 in overall business programs and tied for No. 16 among public school competitors.

"It is gratifying to see that the academic programs offered through the Heavener School of Business continue to rank among the nation's best."

Dr. Brian Ray

associate dean, Heavener School director

Although the business program's ranking went down in 2015, Dr. Brian Ray, associate dean and director of Heavener School of Business, wrote in an email that he remains proud of the work the school has done.

"It is gratifying to see that the academic programs offered through the Heavener School of Business continue to rank among the nation's best," Ray said. "New academic initiatives in global business, entrepreneurship, leadership, ethics and communication skills continue to make a significant difference in the caliber of our graduates."

The Fisher School of Accounting ranked No. 12 among all U.S. undergraduate accounting programs.

Barrie Eisenberg, a 19-year-old UF accounting sophomore, said the rankings don't define the college or her ability to succeed after graduation.

"It makes me feel great knowing that UF produces such high-quality students and that even if our rankings changed I am attending one of the top business colleges in the country," Eisenberg said.

With the opening of the new Heavener Hall in November, the business program hopes to rise again in the ranks for the U.S. News & World Report's "2016 Best Colleges" edition.

UF diving coach's accident in April ruled a result of safety rule violations

► HE COACHED FOR 30 YEARS.

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Donald Craine, the former UF diving coach who died in a boating accident earlier this year, was responsible for the crash, a Florida Fish and Wildlife report now confirms.

Craine died at the age of 61 after being ejected from his 22-foot boat April 24.

On the day of the accident, Craine was on his boat with friend David West near Pine Island off of Cape Coral. Another vessel was coming around the same curve as Craine when he collided head-on with the other boat.

The driver of the other boat, Kenneth Krug, was driving his Sea Craft boat and remained within the channel markers. He and his party are not suspected of consuming any alcohol.

The report said Craine was speeding while making a sharp turn in his Pathfinder. He was suspected of consuming alcoholic beverages and did not remain within channel markers. Instead, Craine veered off course and hit Krug's boat.

West saw Craine facedown in the water after he was ejected. West retrieved Craine from the water, got him onto the Sea Craft with the help of other boaters and administered CPR until Emergency Medical Services arrived, but Craine was pronounced dead.

Krug and someone else in his party

were also ejected from the boat but both survived.

Months later, a report came out from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating Craine was officially the one at fault.

Craine violated U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rule 14, which states when two parties suspect collision, they should act accordingly in order to prevent an accident. Because of these navigation rules, Craine violated a Florida statute that states it is unlawful to operate a vessel in a reckless manner.

Craine was the head coach of the UF diving team for 30 years and was named SEC Diving Coach of the Year four times while at UF.



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Squirrel Away

UF anthropology senior Arielle Walsh, 22, tries to catch the attention of a squirrel with Ritz peanut butter sandwiches outside Library West on Monday evening.

IN OTHER NEWS

News briefs: Bell memorial; Ebola; canoe crash; same-sex wedding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memorial service held for slain Florida family

BELL, Fla. — Family and friends gathered at Bell High School to remember six children who were fatally shot by their grandfather.

Some 100 people viewed toys and photos displayed inside the school's auditorium Sunday evening.

Authorities say 51-year-old Donald Spirit also killed his daughter, 28-year-old Sarah Spirit, Thursday afternoon at their North Florida home.

The Rev. Jimmy Corbin of Mount Nebo Baptist Church told mourners "the world itself has been touched by the tragedy that happened in this town." He said a pastor from

the Cayman Islands had called to offer comfort.

School officials say they plan to plant seven live oak trees on school grounds in honor of the family.

Man bitten by Ebola patient flown to Switzerland

GENEVA — Swiss authorities said a male nurse who was bitten by an Ebola patient while working in West Africa has been flown to Switzerland as a precaution.

The health ministry said the unidentified man was working for an international organization in Sierra Leone when he was bitten by a child infected with Ebola on Saturday.

The ministry said the nurse was wearing protective gear and is unlikely to have contracted the disease.

It said the man, who was flown to Switzerland by a private transport company Monday, will be kept under observation at Geneva's University Hospital for the incubation period of three weeks.

The ministry said it was the first medical transport to Switzerland from the Ebola-affected region.

Woman killed, man missing in a canoe accident

OCALA NATIONAL FOREST, Fla. — A woman is dead and her son is missing after their canoe sank during a family outing at Half Moon Lake in the Ocala National Forest.

Florida Fish and Wildlife spokesman Greg Workman told the Ocala Star-Banner the canoe began taking on water Sunday evening. Three

adults and two children were on board.

Workman says people across the lake heard a commotion and at first thought the family was just having fun. When they noticed the yelling got stronger, they were able to head across and rescue two children and a man.

The woman who drowned was the mother of the two men in the canoe. Her son is still missing in the lake. He's the father of the two children who were saved.

The search resumed Monday.

Justice Kagan performs her first same-sex wedding

WASHINGTON — Justice Elena Kagan has officiated for the first time at a same-sex wedding, a Maryland ceremony for her former

law clerk and his husband.

Kagan presided Sunday over the wedding of former clerk Mitchell Reich and Patrick Pearsall in the Washington suburb of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said Monday the same-sex ceremony was the first at which Kagan officiated.

Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg have previously officiated at the wedding of gay and lesbian couples, including at the Supreme Court. Ginsburg most recently performed the wedding of Washington theater director Molly Smith.

The court could decide in its upcoming term whether same-sex couples nationwide have the right to marry under the Constitution.

Editorial

Wasserman Schultz wardrobe scandal eclipses real issues

Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., has had a rough few weeks.

After a series of gaffes, including harshly criticizing President Barack Obama for his response to the recent Mexican border crisis, she inspired an in-depth Politico report on tensions between Wasserman Schultz and the rest of the Democratic Party.

The way Politico chose to frame its story on Wasserman Schultz is telling. The report opens with a discussion of Wasserman Schultz's alleged attempts to get the DNC to cover the costs of her wardrobe. It's true that the DNC probably shouldn't be paying for politicians' clothing, even if she is the chair of the committee. But would Politico have highlighted this particular incident if Wasserman Schultz were male?

Politico's decision to focus heavily on Wasserman Schultz's wardrobe controversy suggests a sexist double standard. This petty attack against Wasserman Schultz overshadows many more significant concerns. Buried deep in the Politico story is a discussion of Wasserman Schultz's fundraising tactics.

Although the DNC does not accept contributions from lobbyists, Wasserman Schultz's political action committee, DWS PAC, does accept such donations. Wasserman Schultz has attempted to distance herself from the PAC, claiming that the DWS stands for "Democrats Win Seats." Wasserman Schultz's ties to the PAC are obvious. According to the Politico story, her father previously served as the PAC's treasurer, and Jason O'Malley, the PAC's day-to-day manager, receives a salary that "is split between the DNC, DWS Pac and Wasserman Schultz's congressional campaign committee."

Wasserman Schultz's ridiculous statements distancing herself from her own PAC represent a feeble attempt to cover up her ties to Washington lobbyists. Her transparent and weak denials represent an insult to the intelligence of the American public. If Schultz is accepting hefty contributions from lobbyists, it seems reasonable to expect that those donations will influence her decisions as DNC chair. Rather than jumping through hoops to accept lobbyist money while claiming to be free from its influence, Wasserman Schultz should forego such contributions altogether.

Declining donations from powerful special interest groups would draw a clear contrast between Democrats and Republicans, who make open displays of their corrupt addiction to lobbyist money on a regular basis.

Politico does also mention some of Wasserman Schultz's accomplishments during her time as DNC chair. Most notably, she established the Democratic Women's Alliance, which encourages women to participate in the political process by voting and engaging in activism.

Politico's focus on the trivial issue of Wasserman Schultz's wardrobe is worthy of condemnation. However, the report does raise important questions and concerns about her leadership and the future of the Democratic Party.

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Column

Miss America unjustly attacked for past

When 23-year-old Kira Kazantsev won the Miss America pageant last week, social media users expressed mixed emotions. Some felt her red-cup routine in the talent portion of the competition was disappointing while others admired her strong stance on raising awareness about domestic violence and ending sexual assault in the military.

However, after discovering that Kazantsev had previously interned for three months at a Planned Parenthood in New York, some people viciously attacked the newly crowned winner. These attacks were fueled by pro-life website LifeNews.com, which accused Kazantsev of snuffing out the lives of young girls at the nation's "biggest abortion company." Subsequently, thousands of Internet users labeled her a "bitch," "slut" and a "bimbo." Many demanded that Kazantsev be disqualified from her position, declared her victory a tragedy and announced revulsion at Kazantsev being crowned the new Miss America.

Kazantsev, a triple-major graduate from Hofstra University in New York and a fluent speaker of three languages, is an intelligent and confident young woman who is dedicated to public service. Through her internship at Planned Parenthood, she assisted the organization in teaching children about self-esteem and respect.

It is unfair and deeply disturbing that she is being targeted with such hateful and outrageous insults simply because she supported Planned Parenthood, a nonprofit organization that provides millions of people with high-quality sexual-health services throughout our country and the world.

Abortion accounts for only 3 percent of Planned Parenthood's services. The organization also provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), cancer screenings like breast exams and pap smears, contraception, counseling and comprehensive sex education. Many men, women and teenagers who are at or below the federal poverty line directly benefit from these important health services that they might not have access to otherwise.

Considering these facts, it is appalling that a small minority of Americans attack and demonize Planned Parenthood and anyone associated with it. Research has consistently



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shown that access to contraception and comprehensive sex education strongly reduces the rate of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

According to a 2012 study published in "Obstetrics & Gynecology," the rate of unintended pregnancy significantly decreases when women have access to free birth control. In addition to reducing the rate of unplanned pregnancies in teenagers, wide availability of free contraception cuts the number of abortions by more than half.

Planned Parenthood's sexual-education programs are also a crucial component in improving sexual health. The vast majority of Americans support comprehensive sex education, which gives people the information they need to lead a responsible and healthy life.

The conclusion is undeniable: Planned Parenthood provides services that are crucial for our society. Instead of being villainized for her internship at the organization, Kazantsev should be applauded. She assisted in giving people the tools they need to stay healthy and safe, and she made a positive difference.

I'm proud that our new Miss America believes all people deserve to be informed and empowered when it comes to their sexual health. It is unfortunate that a small group of people decided to criticize and bash Kazantsev for her involvement with the organization. These individuals have demonstrated their ignorance about how communities across the country are positively affected by Planned Parenthood.

Just as Planned Parenthood helps educate Americans about the importance of healthy and safe sexual interaction, these hateful individuals should educate themselves about the good this organization does in their communities and around the country.

As research shows, a little education goes a long way. Moriah Camenker is a UF public relations senior. Her columns appear on Tuesdays.

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Libraries to honor banned books week

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Book lovers may be surprised to find their favorite books are banned.

The George A. Smathers Libraries will celebrate these books during national Banned Books Week on Thursday on the Plaza of the Americas.

Banned Books Week is a celebration of the freedom to read and the open access of information. This is the second time the Smathers Libraries will host the event on the plaza lawn, Library West circulation services coordinator Michele Lesure said.

Lesure said about 30 people participated in the event last year and she expects twice as many to attend the reading event.

At the event, Patrick Reakes, the associate dean of scholarly resources and services, will read a proclamation of the Smathers Libraries participation in Banned Books Week. Dean of university libraries Judith Russell will start off the event by reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Students, faculty and staff are invited to read segments from their favorite banned books.

The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m., and free pizza and soda will be provided.

Every year, hundreds of books are challenged to be banned by any "concerned citizen," Lesure said.

"I believe that all books should be easily accessible," Lesure said. "We need to grow attention and bring awareness to the fact that there are precious documents that should be open to all readers."

Lesure said it is not fair for a book to be banned from every-

one when it should be the parents' job to censor what their children should and should not be reading.

Brooke Alexander, a 19-year-old biology sophomore, said she appreciates that UF is hosting this event.

"Books are a source of freedom," Alexander said. "They are a use of expression and should be obtainable on a campus where students are learning."

Jaime Bell, a 20-year-old health science junior, said she loved reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" in high school. But Bell was shocked to find out that books like "To Kill a Mockingbird" are challenged and banned each year.

"People should be afforded different opinions, and we should be able to read whatever we want," Bell said.

The 2013 Office of Intellectual Freedom's most challenged titles are:

- Captain Underpants (series), by Dav Pilkey
- The Bluest Eye, by Toni Morrison
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie
- Fifty Shades of Grey, by E.L. James
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- Bone (series), by Jeff Smith

INTERNATIONAL

Study: concern toward ISIS grows

ALEX MAMINAKIS

Alligator Writer

A record-high percentage of Americans are concerned about rising Islamic extremism in the U.S., and UF political science professor Richard Nolan said Americans have a legitimate reason for this concern.

"I think the level of anxiety is premised on a great deal of uncertainty about how to deal with it or, in a sense, what it means in the long run," Nolan said.

About 53 percent of polled Americans are concerned about the rise of extremism in the U.S., a new Pew Research Center study showed. The survey also found 62 percent of polled Americans are concerned about the global rise of Islamic extremism, the largest per-

centage since 2007.

Nolan compared the Islamic State — which recently broadcasted the execution of two American journalists and one British foreign aid worker — to the terrorist group al-Qaida. He said the Islamic State has given "sanctuary" to other terror exploits and plans to expand across larger regions.

"Like al-Qaida had that sheltering in Afghanistan, it's possible that (ISIS) could form some kind of haven and provide that same kind of protection for other groups," Nolan said.

UF political science chair Ido Oren acknowledged rising American concern but said he doesn't see Islamic extremist groups as much of a threat to Americans.

"It is not zero," Oren said. "It

is not completely insignificant, but not nearly, in my assessment, as severe as it might be interpreted based on these poll numbers."

He believes the biggest American threats are U.S. citizens and European Muslims who travel to the Middle East and join such groups. But he doesn't predict extremism reaching the U.S.

"It is beyond far-fetched," Oren said.

Sirah Mora, a 20-year-old UF international studies junior with a Middle-Eastern focus, said she believes there is a reason to be concerned, especially because the U.S. is already trying to subdue those groups.

"The more we're involved, I think, the more it's a threat here," Mora said.



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Strike Up the Band

Kristopher Hartman, a 24-year-old UF second-year trumpet performance graduate student, conducts the Gator band trumpet sectional outside University Auditorium on Monday evening.

Kiev notes progress on eastern Ukraine-Russia cease-fire

Cease-fire since Sept. 5

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIEV, Ukraine — Both government troops and pro-Russian rebels began withdrawing heavy artillery in the east of the country, Ukrainian officials said Monday, a significant step toward implementing an effective cease-fire in the region.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Kiev's forces had started withdrawing from front-line positions. He said the rebels had also begun their withdrawal of heavy artillery, although it was "not as massive as we expected."

"We are seeing a trend that (the rebels) are reducing their use of

heavy armed weaponry," Lysenko told journalists in Kiev. He said neither Kiev nor the rebels had completed their withdrawals, but said he hoped the rebels "will follow the example of the Ukrainian servicemen."

A cease-fire imposed Sept. 5 has been riddled by violations from the start, adding civilian casualties to the estimated 3,000 people who have been killed since the conflict began in April.

On Monday, explosions were heard north of the rebel-held city of Donetsk, where fighting in recent weeks centered on a government-held airport has caught many residential areas in the crossfire. Later,

smoke rose over a neighborhood in that area and rebels blocked an Associated Press photographer from traveling there.

Lysenko said two Ukrainian servicemen had been killed in the past

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spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council

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Ukraine, Russia and the Moscow-backed rebels last week signed an agreement to further the peace process by halting advances and pulling back heavy artillery, creating a buffer zone between them.

The deal, supported by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, also specifically bans flights by combat aircraft over the area of conflict and setting up new minefields.

It could be a significant step forward in finally bringing an end to the simmering conflict, although negotiators have not yet addressed the future status of the rebel regions, the most politically controversial issue.

In an interview with Ukrainian news channels released late Sunday, Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko pleaded with the public to give the peace deal time to work.

"Solving the war in Luhansk and Donetsk with military alone is impossible," he said. "The more military groups we have there, the more the Russian army will send."

Poroshenko said 65 percent of

military equipment deployed by Kiev in the east has been destroyed. During a trip to the U.S. last week, the Ukrainian president pleaded for lethal weapons for his country's army. The U.S. gave Poroshenko \$46 million in security aid, but excluded lethal weapons from the deal.

Poland's Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak on Monday confirmed that Poland is ready to sell arms to Ukraine.

"Since July, there is no embargo on arms sale to Ukraine," he said in an interview with the radio station Zet, adding that Poland and "many other countries" are prepared to offer their products.

Siemoniak said that Ukraine is now getting acquainted with the list of armaments made in Poland, but the two countries have agreed not to discuss the details publicly.

Relatives: Vet arrested at White House needs mental help

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDLAND, Texas — An Iraq war veteran accused of scaling a fence and making it into the White House before the Secret Service stopped him owns several guns that he could have brought with him if he had meant to harm anyone, his former stepson said Sunday.

Omar Gonzalez, 42, was arrested Friday and is expected in federal court Monday to face charges of unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon — a small folding knife in this case.

Jerry Murphy, whose mother was married to Gonzalez for several years, said Gonzalez suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and he needs treatment, not to be treated like a criminal.

"I know he's got heavy artillery, you know? He's got all kinds of weapons, and he was trained to use them," Murphy said. "I believe if he wanted to make a scene or cause problems, he very well could have. But it's clear that he didn't."

The Army said Gonzalez enlisted in July 1997 and remained until completing his service obligation in September 2003.

He re-enlisted in July 2005 and served until his retirement in late 2012.

Samantha Bell, who is Gonzalez's ex-wife and Murphy's mother, said Gonzalez

was honorably discharged for medical reasons and suffered from plantar fasciitis on his feet, on which he had had some surgeries.

She said he also suffered from PTSD, for which he had been prescribed several medications.

She said Gonzalez kept the blinds drawn and would repeatedly go downstairs during the night to make sure the doors were locked and the oven was off.

She said she once woke up in the middle of the night to find Gonzalez standing at the foot of the bed and staring at her. She said he told her he was simply watching her sleep.

"It was really odd, and I didn't know how to take that," she said. "I just couldn't deal with it. I didn't want to deal with it, I couldn't — that's the whole reason I left. He was so paranoid he was starting to make me paranoid."

Less than 24 hours after Gonzalez's arrest, a second man was apprehended after he drove up to a White House gate and refused to leave, Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan said, prompting bomb technicians in full gear to search the vehicle as agents briefly shut down nearby streets.

There were no indications the two incidents were connected. But they only intensified the scrutiny of the Secret Service.



AP Photo

Uniformed Secret Service officers walk along the fence on the north side of the White House on Saturday. The Secret Service is boosting security outside the White House following a security breach in which an intruder scaled the fence.

SPACE

NASA's Maven explorer arrives at Mars after a year of travel

It will collect data while orbiting the planet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission (Maven) spacecraft arrived at Mars late Sunday after a 442 million-mile journey that began nearly a year ago.

The explorer fired its brakes and successfully slipped into orbit around the red planet, officials confirmed.

Flight controllers in Colorado will spend the next six

weeks adjusting Maven's altitude, checking its instruments and observing a comet streaking by.

Then in early November, Maven will start probing the upper atmosphere of Mars. The spacecraft will conduct its observations from orbit; it's not meant to land.

Scientists believe the Martian atmosphere holds clues as to how Earth's neighbor went from being warm and wet billions of years ago to cold and dry. That early wet world may have harbored microbial life.

NASA launched Maven last November from Cape Canaveral, the 10th U.S. mission sent to orbit the red planet. Three earlier ones failed, and until the official word came of success late Sunday night, the entire team was on edge.

The spacecraft was clocking more than 10,000 mph when it hit the brakes for the so-called orbital insertion, a half-hour process. On Sunday, the world had to wait 12 minutes to learn the outcome because of the lag in spacecraft signals, given the 138 million miles between the two planets.

Maven will spend at least a year collecting data.

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UF volleyball continuing to grow as non-conference play finishes



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UF coach Mary Wise calls out a play to her team during Florida's 3-2 win against Oklahoma on Aug. 30 in the O'Connell Center. The Gators finished its non-conference slate with a 6-3 record and begins SEC play against Auburn on Friday.

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Coach Mary Wise's central theme this season has been the Gators' potential for growth.

And so far, No. 10 Florida has grown.

Through nine matches, freshman Rhamat Alhassan leads the Southeastern Conference in hitting percentage (.510), second-year transfer Mackenzie Dagostino is second in service aces (0.46/set) and third in assists (11.06/set), and sophomore Alex Holston is eighth in kills (3.31/set).

"But the improvement our team has made over the past month... I think it shows the resiliency of this group."

Mary Wise

UF coach

Holly Pole and Simone Antwi also reside in the top 15 of the SEC's statistical categories for digs and kills, respectively.

After defeating UCF in four sets on Sunday, the UF squad feels like it's in good standing.

"Looking at the first segment of our 2014 schedule, to be 6-3 after the quality of opponents we've played, we're real pleased where we are," coach Mary Wise said.

Florida will begin conference play on Friday, where it will match up against Auburn in the first of two meetings with the Tigers.

"Now, going into the SEC schedule, now we're all 0-0... what we've talked to the team about is how can

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JOHNSON'S JOURNAL

Muschamp should start Treon

It's OK to change one's opinion based upon the gathering of new information.

After Florida's opener against Eastern Michigan, I received a text from a close friend that read, "Jeff looked good, but man Treon..."

Freshman quarterback Treon Harris had just thrown for a quaint 148 yards and two touchdowns on just two passes. A sneaky good 100 percent completion percentage in the first game of his career isn't bad, even if it is in garbage time.

I wrote it off as knee-jerk (with the added prior knowledge that she isn't much of a fan of Driskel to begin with).

Understanding what she was getting at, I sent back "No Treon Harris is not starting. Stop it." She clarified "not right away, but when Jeff drops the ball eventually..."

It would appear that Driskel has done just that, because I'm ready for a changing of the guard under center, and depending on if you're a conspiracy theorist, Florida's



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best receiver is too — Demarcus Robinson briefly retweeted a pro-Harris tweet Sunday before undoing the action.

Driskel looked OK in that Eastern Michigan game.

He looked just OK in the triple-overtime win against Kentucky.

The problem is he's looked just OK most of his career at Florida.

I think you can win with OK, but you've got to have a better offense than it appears the Gators have, a dominant defense to tote the mail and a good bit of luck.

Florida struck the lucky pot of gold for two quarters Saturday against Alabama and then the well ran dry after 'Bama's fourth and final turnover of the day.

For the third week in a row, Driskel missed deep receivers and stared down others. He was not-so-smooth with the zone read and balls were inexplicably thrown at receivers' feet. If not for three drives started by turnovers, Florida's offensive output

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Gators conclude road trip, prepare for home matches

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After a sixth-straight road game Friday night in Alabama, Florida is happy to be home.

Although the Gators went 4-2 during their time away from Gainesville, coach Becky Burleigh said the team is ready to finally play in front of a home crowd again.

"Hallelujah," she said.

"We're really excited to be at home. I think that it's been a really long time and I know our team will be up for it."

A full week at home also means a full week of practice, something the team has not had because of the busy travel schedule.

With no Sunday game played this

past weekend either, Burleigh said she hopes to see the team use the whole week to make improvements.

"I just think there's a couple things — we're playing kinda two main systems, and to be able to fine tune those a little bit, it would be really helpful," she said, "and that just takes a little bit of time which we haven't really had being on the road so much."

Chemistry between players and set pieces were also aspects Burleigh mentioned wanting to work on this week, especially for teams that like to pack in their defenses and make it hard to score.

One such team was Alabama,

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Elliott Orkin won the singles title at the SEC Fall Classic on Monday. Read the story on Page 16.

Poll Results

Where does Florida need to improve the most?

41.1% SECONDARY
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112 total votes

Florida-Tennessee football gametime set

Florida's Southeastern Conference game against Tennessee on Oct. 4 will be played at noon. The game will air on the SEC Network.

Driskel has been subpar all season

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would have been only 128 yards.

Jeff Driskel is what he is. I think it's time to at least give Treon Harris the start at Tennessee.

Sure he can be on a short leash, with Driskel waiting in the wings if it doesn't go well.

And please don't give me the "hostile environment" excuse. A nooner at Neyland Stadium is about as hostile as a box full of kittens.

You don't get experience against adversity until you actually get experience against the adversity — maybe I'm being a bit overzealous, but if I were offensive coordinator Kurt Roper, I'd be itching to throw Harris into the

fire to see how he could do.

Will Muschamp thinks Jeff Driskel gives this team the best chance to win.

At this point, I'm just not sure.

So let's find out.

Muschamp cares about guys who have seen live bullets, which I understand, but at this point what does he have to lose?

The known quantity in Driskel isn't doing anything substantial over a replacement level quarterback.

Harris arrived on campus in the summer and was still able to beat out freshman Will Grier, who had an entire spring practice to grasp Roper's new playbook.

The major knock against Harris in Muschamp's mind, I bet, is that UF can't run everything it

wants to with him over Driskel.

That's understandable especially since he's a freshman, but this bye week would be best served trying to further develop packages to use Harris as much as possible.

If it's not an outright usurpation of the job, or a reopening of the quarterback competition like I'm alluding to at least let him actually get on the field.

The third quarter against Alabama may have not have been an awesome time to get Harris game-reps, overtime against Kentucky isn't ideal either. But after two weeks of practice with — hopefully — a good amount of first-team reps, what's stopping you from giving Harris some run on Rocky Top?

UF has more service errors than any other top-10 team

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we improve from the end of September to the end of November." Wise said. "But the improvement our team has made over the past month ... I think it shows the resiliency of this group."

But as resilient as this Florida team appears to be, it still must improve drastically in one area.

The Gators lead all teams also ranked in the top-10 in service errors with 115. In fact, if No. 1 Stanford, No. 2 Texas, No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 6 FSU and No. 8 Nebraska each amassed 39 service errors against their next opponent, Florida would still lead all of them.

Most of that is the result of elite level volleyball, but the trend should at the very least be an area of concern for Florida, especially if it views itself on the same echelon as the other top-10 teams.

"Nothing bad usually happens if you hit the ball hard, and we like the arm speed. That's a good thing," Wise said. "You're gonna get some errors, just like jump serving."

Florida's serving philosophy is simple: It lives by it, and it dies by it.

"We're definitely an aggressive serving team, and (errors) are always going to

happen when you serve aggressive," sophomore Alex Holston said after UF's 3-2 loss to FSU, in which Florida recorded 20 service errors.

Holston has one of the strongest arms in the SEC, and isn't timid at the service line. As a result, she has played exceptionally well this season, and leads UF with 116 kills.

She also leads the team with 25 service errors.

Florida views the benefits of its serving style as far outweighing its disadvantages. And for the most part this season, they have.

The Gators have just two losses in four matches against teams ranked in the top-15, and they defeated then-No. 15 San Diego and then-No. 6 USC on the road.

Still, the common denominator in each of UF's three losses has been service errors — it owns a 47-33 advantage in that category.

If there is a flaw to be found in Florida's mostly positive start to the 2014 campaign, it has been its service errors. But until the errors start to have a major affect on Florida's record — which so far they haven't — don't expect Wise and the Gators to make many adjustments.

"You've got to live with the errors," Wise said. "Because when you bring the heat, some good things happen."



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UF quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) warms up prior to Florida's 42-21 loss to Alabama on Saturday at Bryant-Denny Stadium as backup quarterback Treon Harris (3) watches on.

Silver, Slattery scored their first goals of season against Alabama

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which Florida defeated Friday night 2-1 for the first time in Tuscaloosa, Ala., since 2008.

The Gators were finally able to crack the Tide's defense in the 74th minute from a Liz Slattery goal and the 77th minute from a Lauren Silver goal. Slattery's was her first goal of the season, and for Silver, it was the senior's first since her freshman year.

"It's great to get goals from unlikely sources, it's good for our team for that," Burleigh said.

"But for both of them I think that it's good to see that the time they've put into executing some of the things that they wanted to be better at has paid off."

Florida promptly allowed an Alabama goal in the 78th minute to let the Tide back into the game, but was able to hold on for the victory. Burleigh said she liked how the team was able to win that style of

game, one it wasn't used to playing.

"We did a pretty good job, I think, of keeping possession of the ball, getting our opportunities and getting kind of scrappy goals, which is a little different than we normal score," she said. "So it was kinda good for us to see us be able to score on some set pieces, that's something we've kinda put some emphasis on in practice..."

Although Burleigh was not pleased Florida allowed Alabama to make a goal quickly after Florida scored, she called the mistake "a great learning experience" that can be used to prevent the same thing from happening later on in the season.

The first opportunity to do so will be this weekend when Florida hosts rival Georgia on Friday night. Burleigh said this year's contest should be tougher than last year's 5-1 score indicated.

"We know they're gonna be a handful," Burleigh said, "and I think they're playing some really, really good soccer right now."



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Lauren Silver kicks the ball during Florida's 2-0 win against South Florida on Aug. 24 at Donald R. Dizney Stadium. Silver scored her first goal of the season against Alabama.

Clemson struggles while SEC West, top-5 teams dominate

► CLEMSON LOST TO FLORIDA STATE IN OVERTIME.

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A Jameis Winston-less No. 1 Florida State team beat Atlantic Coast Conference rival Clemson on Saturday, and much of that was because Clemson is always going to “Clemson.”

The art of “Clemsoning” simply means losing a football game that should have been won. “Clemsoning” can be done by committing a costly turnover late in the game or calling a not-so-smart play in certain field situations.

The latter occurred on Saturday when the Tigers forced the Seminoles into overtime at Doak Campbell Stadium and sat at 4th-and-1 from the FSU 16 yard line.

If you are Clemson, the logical play call would be to just run it up the middle to get the first down, right?

But instead, offensive coordinator Carl Franks called a run play, but placed Tigers quarterback Deshaun Watson in the shotgun to hand the ball off to tailback Adam Choice. The play resulted in no gain, and FSU took over on downs, while Karlos

Williams rushed for a 12-yard touchdown on first down.

Game over, with a final score of 23-17. Clemson just “Clemsoned.”

SEC West Update: The loaded Southeastern Conference Western Division — which heads into Week 5 with four teams ranked in the AP Top 25 poll — continued its dominance with No. 5 Auburn getting past a scrappy Kansas State team on the road on Thursday night, No. 3 Alabama rolling over Florida 42-21 and No. 6 Texas A&M dismantling SMU 58-6 in Dallas.

Fans saw the first upset within the division on Saturday as Mississippi State went into Death Valley and defeated then-No. 8 LSU 34-29. The Bulldogs have not won in Baton Rouge since 1991.

Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott had his breakout game, throwing for 268 yards and rushing for another 198.

The Bulldogs were unranked in the AP last week and jumped to No. 14 after the upset.

Don't sleep on Arkansas this season, either — its 52-14 victory over Northern Illinois snapped the Huskies' 17-game road winning streak. Not to mention Arkansas' Alex Collins is averaging 123 yards on the ground per game.



AP Photo

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney reacts at the end of regulation during Clemson's 23-17 overtime loss to Florida State on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee.

No Top-5 Upset Yet: It is week five and a member of the AP Top 5 has yet to go down, although a couple teams came close.

No. 4 Oklahoma pulled away in Morgantown, W. Va., in the second half against West Virginia to take a 45-33 win, high-

lighted by tailback Samaje Perine scoring the Sooners' final three touchdowns.

No. 3 Oregon squeaked by Mike Leach and Washington State on the road, winning only by a touchdown thrown by quarterback Marcus Mariota late in the fourth.

GATORS IN THE NFL

Former Florida players shine on defense in Week 3

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With three weeks worth of games in the books for the 2014-2015 NFL season, more and more rookie and veteran Gators alike are finding their footing.

But some are losing out on that opportunity before it could even really begin.

Twelve Gators combined for more than 50 tackles this past week. Miami Dolphins linebacker Jelani Jenkins contributed greatly to the efforts with a career-high 15 tackles. Jenkins had set his previous career-high of 14 tackles against the Buffalo Bills on Sept. 14.

“It was just a blitz up the middle,” Jenkins said of a tackle enabling the Dolphins to come within six points of the Chiefs. “They kind of had me blocked, and I just kind of kept running my feet and the quarterback was right there. I think everybody else did a great job around me. It was a team effort.”

But Jenkins' efforts were not enough to secure a win. The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Dolphins 34-15. Both teams now hold a 1-2 record.

On the other side of the field, Kansas City wide receiver Frankie Hammond Jr. returned five punts for 100 yards.

“He probably should have let a couple of those go,” Kansas City coach Andy Reid said. “The flavor of the day, though, is that you are returning everything. Studies show that there's production there.”

Fellow Chief and former Gator defensive tackle Jaye Howard had one quarterback hit.

Bengals defensive end Carlos Dunlap notched six tackles and a sack in Cincinnati's 33-7 win against the Tennessee Titans. Safety Reggie Nelson also totaled six tackles plus one interception and one pass defensed. The Bengals are the only

team left undefeated in the AFC. In the NFC, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Arizona Cardinals remain undefeated.

Though tight end Trey Burton had only one tackle and cornerback Jaylen Watkins was inactive

for the game, the Eagles defeated the Washington Redskins 37-34. Former Gator wide receiver and current Eagle Riley Cooper recorded four receptions for 34 yards on seven targets.

Continuing on the tackling

train, Cleveland's cornerback Joe Haden also recorded six, five of which were solo tackles.

“Joe Haden is as good as there is,” Ravens coach John Harbaugh said to the Baltimore Sun. “We've played him every year, and I don't hear a lot about him, except for the fact (that) when I watch him play, he speaks volumes in terms of the way he plays. If you want an evaluation, he's quick, he's athletic, he has ball skills. He's a stick-to-you cover corner.”

Though, like in the case with Miami, Haden's efforts were not enough to power the Browns to a win. The Baltimore Ravens defeated the Browns 23-21.

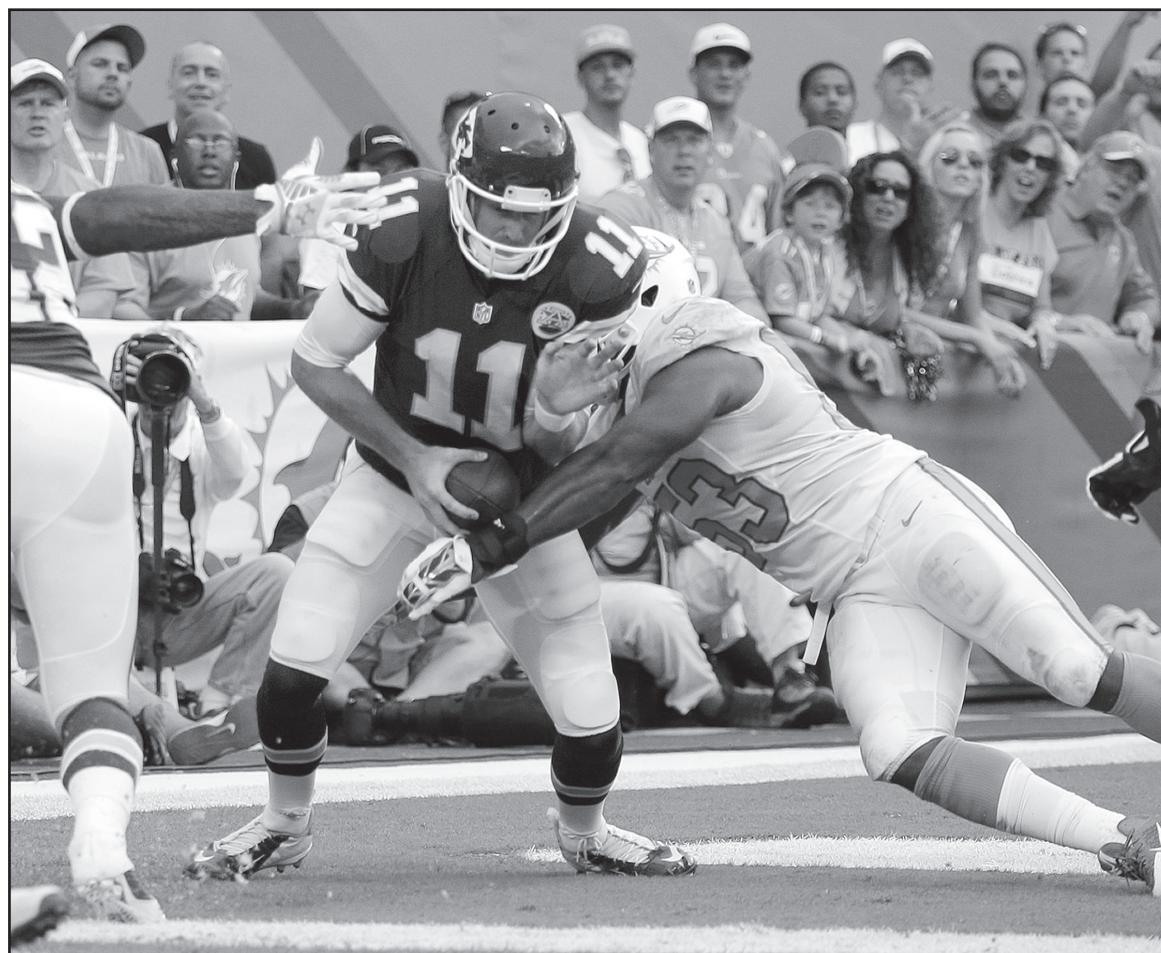
Broncos Down: Former Gators wide receiver Andre Caldwell and linebacker Lerentee McCray did not make an impact in Denver's 26-20 overtime loss to reigning NFL champion Seattle Seahawks. Caldwell did not record any stats and McCray did not play due to a sprained knee.

Inactivate Impact: Three former Gators failed to record any stats on the field this week. Highly touted rookie defensive end Dominique Easley failed to record any stats in the New England Patriots' 16-9 win over the Oakland Raiders.

Former Gator and current St. Louis cornerback Marcus Roberson didn't make an impact for the Rams in their 34-31 loss to the Houston Texans.

Lastly, New Orleans linebacker Ronald Powell didn't make any statistical impact on Sunday.

But the Saints managed a 20-9 win against the Minnesota Vikings.



AP Photo

Miami linebacker Jelani Jenkins (53) sacks Kansas City quarterback Alex Smith (11) in the endzone for a safety during the Dolphins' 34-15 loss to the Chiefs on Sunday at SunLife Stadium in Miami Gardens.

UF sophomore wins singles title at SEC Fall Classic



Alligator File Photo

Florida's Elliott Orkin prepares to return a ball during UF's 5-2 win against UNF on Jan. 22 at the Ring Tennis Complex. Orkin did not drop a set during the SEC Fall Classic en route to the singles championship.

STAFF REPORT

Elliott Orkin ended Florida's first home tournament of the fall unscathed.

The UF sophomore took the singles title at the Southeastern Conference Fall Classic on Monday after defeating teammate Diego Hidalgo in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (7) at the Ring Tennis Complex.

Orkin did not drop a set throughout the tournament, going 5-0 during the four-day event and dropping just 22 games in his 10 sets.

Florida's success as a team at the SEC Fall Classic was noticed from the start, with five Gators advancing through the first round.

UF went on to monopolize the singles bracket heading into Monday, with Florida's Gordon Watson, Maxx Lipman, Hidalgo and Orkin holding all four spots in the semifinals.

Those four combined to drop just three sets heading into Monday.

"I've actually never had to play one of my teammates in a tournament before, but if we have to play each other that's a good thing," Orkin said in a release Sunday. "It

means we're doing well and moving in the right direction as a team."

But Orkin was not the only Florida player to win a title.

UF freshman Jordan Belga, who fell to South Carolina's Kyle Koch in the first round of main-draw singles play, won the consolation bracket on

Sunday after defeating Vanderbilt's Kris Yee 5-7, 6-3, 10-7 in

the semifinals. Belga won the finals against Ole Miss' Ricardo Jorge by default after the Rebels left the tournament early.

"I got more confidence from the other guys when they were starting to progress throughout the tournament," Belga said in a release. "They were really pushing the standard and I felt like I had to up my standard, so it really gave me a boost of confidence with the team and with my game as well."

Watson and Hidalgo clinched the doubles title after taking an 8-2 win against South Carolina's Thomas Two other Florida duos — Orkin and Lipman as well as Josh Wardell and Oliver Landert — advanced to the quarterfinals of the doubles draw.

UF Tennis

Former Gator advances to qualifying round finals in Vegas

Embree has not dropped a set

STAFF REPORT

Lauren Embree is one step away from advancing to the main draw at the Red Rock Pro Open 50k.

The former Gators All-American won her second-round match in the qualifying bracket on Monday, defeating Romania's Cristina-Madalina Stancu 6-4, 6-2.

Embree has not dropped a set through her first two matches and has given up just 10 games throughout the four sets she has played so far.

Embree will face Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko today in the qualifying round finals.

If Embree wins the match, the 22-year-old will be one of four players to proceed to the tournament's main draw.

While the former UF standout advanced



Embree

on Monday, Florida's Brianna Morgan's did not.

The UF junior — Florida's lone member on its 2014 roster competing in Las Vegas — fell in her second-round qualifying match to Bondarenko in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2.

Morgan struggled mightily in her matchup against Bondarenko, winning just one service game compared to Bondarenko's six.

Morgan scored just 17 points when she

was on the serve.

With Morgan eliminated from play, the Gators look ahead to their next tournament of the fall — the 2014 Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships, which begins on Saturday and lasts until Oct. 5 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Last season, Morgan and then-senior Sofie Oyen lost in the first set of the main draw.

Morgan reached the consolation finals, where she lost to then-No. 9 Julia Elbaba from Virginia, while Oyen fell in her first match in the consolation bracket.

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