



TREON UNDER INVESTIGATION

Quarterback accused of sexual battery

STAFF REPORT

When Florida football coach Will Muschamp met with reporters on Sept. 24, a question about player discipline arose.

Throughout the offseason, the fourth-year head coach had just one player involved in legal trouble — true freshman cornerback Jalen Tabor, who was cited for marijuana possession of less than 20 grams in May.

“I just think it’s a daily education for your team to understand, No. 1, there’s consequences in our program for when a young man makes a poor decision. It doesn’t mean he’s a bad person, but there are consequences. They understand that,” Muschamp said. “But I think that we do some things in the offseason — and during the season as well as far as what we call beyond football — as far as educating our players on the decisions they make affects them for the rest of their life.”



Harris

But another incident surfaced Monday — one of a much greater magnitude.

UF true freshman Treon Harris is being investigated for alleged sexual battery of a female student on Florida’s campus Sunday morning. He has been suspended from the Florida football team, UF announced in a statement released Monday afternoon.

The team was informed Monday morning via text message of Harris’ suspension and was told they will be addressed about the matter at practice.

The University of Florida Police Department’s crime log showed that a sexual battery case occurred at UF’s Springs Residential Complex between 2:30 a.m. and 3:25 a.m. on Sunday, but did not identify who was charged in the case.

Maj. Brad Barber, UPD public information officer, confirmed Monday afternoon that the case at Springs is the one involving Harris.

“The victim did not report assault until early Monday morning,” Barber said.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes, who also confirmed the incident at Springs involved Harris, declined to comment on Harris’ whereabouts or where he lives on campus.

A source who lives “just a few doors away” from Harris confirmed to the Alligator that Harris does indeed live at

Springs. A separate source confirmed the victim in question also lives in Springs.

There was a heavy police presence inside the Springs Complex Monday morning, with police questioning residents on Harris’ floor and a security guard as well the head of his floor stationed outside his room most of the morning.

According to the second source, who is not an eyewitness

but is close to the team, Harris allegedly forced himself into the victim’s room and allegedly sexually assaulted her there. The source also said the victim has a roommate, but it is unknown if she was in the residence hall at the time of the alleged assault. Even if she was, per the source, it is not uncommon to be unable to hear what is happening in another room based on how the Springs Complex’s suites are built — a bathroom separates rooms.

According to a release, the Gainesville Police Department was asked by UPD to collect potential items of forensic evi-

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A University Police Department officer, left, and a Gainesville Police public service technician transport evidence bags to a GPD forensic crime unit vehicle at the Springs Residential Complex at about 2:30 p.m. Monday. The residence hall is the location of an alleged sexual battery that took place Sunday morning.

SANTA FE Santa Fe holds event to raise domestic violence awareness

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A man grabs his girlfriend around the neck, puts her head under the bathtub’s faucet and threatens to turn it on. He holds the woman’s cellphone in his hand, convinced she is talking to other men. In actuality, he cheated on her and frequently abused her.

She breaks up with him, cuts off all contact and moves far away. But

she never reported what her ex-boyfriend did to her.

This story belongs to a friend of Brenna Belcher, a 19-year-old engineering student at Santa Fe College.

Belcher said she wished her friend had reported her perpetrator. The relationship was a “vicious cycle” — the boyfriend would abuse her friend and be nice immediately after, she said.

Experiences like that were addressed at a Santa Fe College event

“One in every three women in this country will face domestic violence.”

Teresa Drake

Director of the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic

Monday to raise awareness about domestic violence against women and men as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Students made T-shirts, and a conference was

held on campus to show support for domestic abuse victims.

The conference was hosted by Student Life at Santa Fe and consisted of eight speakers, each from different organizations aimed at supporting and helping domestic abuse victims and perpetrators. Santa Fe’s Police Chief Ed Brook was also there to speak.

Teresa Drake, Director of the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, said “one in every three wom-

en in this country will face domestic violence.” This means in a room with more than a dozen women, it’s likely that three of them are victims of domestic abuse, she said.

As Bruce Ferris, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor at the Village Counseling Center of Gainesville, later said, domestic abuse involves more than just battery — power and control are also big factors.

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Register for intramural basketball

Do you love shooting hoops in your spare time? Then get your friends together for some 3-on-3 basketball. Leagues include a women's team, a men's competitive team and a men's recreational team. The regular season will consist of five weeks for competitive leagues, and recreational leagues will have seven games in six weeks. Visit imleagues.com to register your team. You may organize your team early on the waitlist. Once registration opens, you must remove your team from the waitlist and into your desired division or your team will not be scheduled to play. Registration opens today at 8 a.m. and closes Thursday at noon. The season begins Oct. 14. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu/intramural-sports/fall-schedule/.

Opportunity for Students

Interested in Business

Trying to get more involved in the world of business? The Florida Business Leadership Society meets every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in Stuzin Hall, Room 103. We strive to enhance the experience students receive at UF by providing them with the opportunity to network with various businesses while learning leadership and professionalism. We welcome any new faces to our group and are excited to introduce you to our board and members. Join us on Wednesdays to make new friends and enjoy free food! You can contact our president, Nick Deering, at president.fbls@gmail.com with any questions.

Our Robotic Future: A Talk By Evan Selinger

Evan Selinger from the Rochester Institute of Technology will explore how Americans are increasingly outsourcing intimate emotional labor to service providers like elder caretakers, love coaches and wedding planners as well as tools like smart phones and self-driving cars. He will question the problematic and tragic results of this reliance such as distorted family values and declining civic life. As we become increasingly dependent upon electronic devices, we may fall into what Selinger terms the "outsourcing illusion," or becoming submissive to technologies instead of using them to improve our lives. His lecture will take place in Smathers Library, Room 1A at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

Your Winter Yard and Garden Seminar

Keep Alachua County Beautiful will host a seminar on Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Gainesville Garden Club at 1350 NW 75th St. Topics include invasive

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plants, fruit trees and winter vegetables. Speakers will be Marc S. Frank of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry and Wendy Wilber of the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Science Alachua County Extension Service. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Visit kacb.org, or call 352-371-9444 for more information.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the 1994 State Law on black history in public schools. The Florida Commissioner of Education's African-American Task Force has inspired the Alachua County Black History Task Force to meet the public on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Alachua County Headquarters Library in downtown Gainesville and support the new superintendent, who says it's time to teach black history and the other 19 elements of the Florida Statute. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Moth Madness in the Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Butterfly Rainforest exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History for "Moth Madness" through Nov. 14 to discover a variety of moth species and observe their exceptional characteristics. Daily butterfly releases are held at 2 p.m. with additional weekend releases at 3 and 4 p.m., weather permitting. UF students with a valid Gator 1 Card receive free, year-round admission.

Matheson Museum Family Tree

Join us this fall in commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the Matheson Museum and over 140 years of family history that helped to shape it. From the building of their now historic home by James Douglas Matheson in 1867 to the donation of that same home to the Museum complex in 1996 by Sarah Hamilton Matheson, the Matheson family has served tirelessly to forward the growth of the Gainesville community and preserve its rich cultural heritage. Now the board, staff and volunteers of the Matheson Museum carry on in their place preserving the name and the mission of the Matheson family for future generations. The Matheson

Museum is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Creative Writing Club

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

Sexual Violence Bystander Intervention Training

Sign up now for 90 minutes on how to do your part to change the culture. Learn how to recognize seemingly innocuous acts that allow sexual assault. Practice skills to prevent assaults before they occur, intervene in high-risk situations and support survivors. Register at gatorwell.ufl.edu. Classes are on campus Sundays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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UF raises minimum salary for postdoctoral students

► IT'S NOW \$26,000.

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UF postdoctoral students will have extra pocket change next month.

Joe Glover, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, announced that UF increased the minimum salary for postdoctoral associates for the 2014-2015 year.

Full-time postdoc students spending nine months at UF will make \$26,000 this year compared to the \$22,000 they made in 2013-2014. The adjusted salary will be reflected in Oct. 31 paychecks.

Kim M. Kitagawa Pace, an assistant provost and director of the office of postdoctoral affairs, said this

is the second year the university set a minimum wage for postdocs.

Pace said the university established a minimum salary for all postdoc associates to be no less than the minimum salary established for graduate students.

"Postdocs are a very unique category of folks on campus that have their Ph.D.," she said.

The university has about 550 postdoc employees on campus, Pace said.

Michael McCourt has enjoyed working as a research assistant for the past year because he can continue to work on the same research he worked on as a grad student.

"I think in general they are slightly underpaid for their skill set, and the raise is appropriate," the 30-year-old UF mechanical aerospace engineering assistant said.



Gabrielle Calise / Alligator

Rubbers, Take Your Marks

Jay Graves, an 18-year-old UF marketing freshman, competes in a condom race against Miguel Labrador, a 22-year-old fifth-year UF chemical engineering student, at the Planned Parenthood table on Turlington Plaza on Monday afternoon.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

UF Elections Commission addresses election complaints

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The Elections Commission Committee met Monday morning to rule on the two complaints filed by the UF Supervisor of Elections Hans Rojas during last week's elections.

Rojas filed complaints against the Swamp Party and independent District B candidate Evan Morris because they failed to submit financial statements before the set deadline.

According to Student Government election codes, financial reports from all parties and candidates are due every Monday after the Sept. 10 mandatory meeting for all qualified

candidates until the Monday following elections as well as the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the elections.

"I will openly admit that I did commit a violation."

Evan Morris

UF marketing junior

Swamp Party failed to submit a form on Sept. 29.

Swamp Party President Ricky Salabarría said the financial form he received at the mandatory meeting had a different date. The date listed was Sept. 30, not Sept. 29.

Rojas didn't change the date on the tem-

plate used from last Fall. Rojas said that the correct dates were listed on the SG website and on the PowerPoint presentation that Rojas gave to the parties.

"I didn't think I would have to cross reference with the date sheet," Salabarría said.

The committee unanimously agreed that the Swamp Party did violate the code. The committee ruled that Swamp has two weeks to turn in the financial statement from Sept. 29 for public records purposes or face another hearing.

Salabarría said the party would turn in its forms later that afternoon.

Morris said he did not know that a form

had to be submitted every day during election week because he missed the mandatory meeting for election candidates because of an internship. He failed to turn in a financial statement on Sept. 30.

"I will openly admit that I did commit a violation. I did not turn in the sheet on time," Morris said. The 20-year-old UF marketing junior lost in the election.

Rojas said Morris submitted the forms the next day after he realized his mistake.

The committee unanimously ruled that Morris did violate the code, but it ruled for no punishment against Morris because he turned in his paperwork even after the deadline.

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New Gainesville Korean BBQ replica of similar California BBQ

► THE OWNERS ARE RELATED.

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Some copycat confusion ensued Sunday when a blog post on Ken Eats Gainesville alerted residents that Gainesville's upcoming Shila Korean BBQ restaurant had missed a key element in business etiquette: If you're going to open a restaurant, make sure it doesn't already exist.

In fact, its carbon-copy twin in menu, website, name and logo has been open for about a year more than 2,500 miles away in Clovis, California.

Blogger Ken Peng of "Ken Eats Gainesville" found the link between the two restaurants when he noticed oddities in the Gainesville Shila's website. It looked nice at first, he said, but then he saw broken links, a scanned-in menu and rampant grammatical errors.

"We look forward serving you!" it says on the contact page over a number that rings indefinitely with no response.

"I had a suspicion that they were stealing

it," Peng said, who has reviewed Gainesville restaurants since last year. "They weren't being subtle about it at all."

Peng posted on the California Shila's Facebook page asking if the two businesses were related.

"No. its not one of us. thanks for letting us know," the business wrote back.

When Peng posted the news on his Facebook page, 66 people expressed their dissatisfaction with the restaurant, many adding they would not attend once it opened its doors.

"This place had disaster written on it since I saw the sign go up. I would be shocked to see it open! Thanks Ken!" wrote Kelly Klunk Thompson.

"Must be North Korean BBQ..." Peng responded.

However, it turned out the copycat confusion was just that: a confusion.

The Gainesville location's owner, Tao Zhao, said he is a cousin of the California Shila's owner.

"It's kind of basically the same restaurant," Zhao said. "They were OK with doing that."

The California Shila's owner, who asked to be identified as Lee, said he learned about the restaurant when Peng called him.

"The thing is it really doesn't matter that much to me," Lee said. "He is all the way in the East Coast."

"I had a suspicion that they were stealing it."

Ken Peng
blogger

Lee said he didn't know his cousin had chosen to create a similar restaurant at the time he responded to Peng's Facebook post.

Zhao said the restaurant hopes to open in the next month at the former Stonewood location at 3812 W. Newberry Road.

He said the process has been delayed after multiple issues with permits to set up a downdraft, an underground venting system, to create a smokeless environment.

Zhao also owns Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse in Vero Beach and Melbourne, but decided to open the Korean BBQ restaurant to cater to the college crowd.

"The concept of the Korean BBQ I think is

popular among young kids," he said.

Customers will be able to cook their own food and choose from \$13.99 lunch plates, \$18.99 dinner plates or \$23.99 premium dinner plates. Groups must agree on one plate type, according to the menu, which reads the "whole group will be charged with same price selection."

The menu also specifies that tables will have a 90-minute time limit, something Zhao said is a common all-you-can-eat restaurant policy. Guests will be charged for any meat that is not eaten, and take-out is not allowed.

Children get half-off on meals, but must be within the 36- to 52-inch height range to qualify for a discount.

"We are not going to be very strict on the height of the kids," Zhao clarified.

Copycat or not, the restrictions are putting a damper on the excitement for the restaurant's opening.

"I'm going to take my tall a** children elsewhere," Tyler Black, owner of Ameraucana Wood Fire Food Truck, wrote on Ken Eats Gainesville's Facebook post.



Gabrielle Calise/Alligator

Riley Cutler, a 19-year-old UF business sophomore, distributes free George Takei tickets Monday afternoon. Takei will speak at the University Auditorium today at 8 p.m.

All 850 tickets sell out quickly for Takei event

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Brandi Applebaum is baking her friend cookies in exchange for waiting in line and snagging an extra ticket to see actor and activist George Takei speak at UF on Tuesday evening.

About 850 tickets were sold out within three hours, said Accent Speaker's Bureau chairman Corey Flayman, for the 8 p.m. event today in the University Auditorium. The event is sponsored by Accent, Pride Student Union and the Asian American Student Union.

The event will be streamed live on a projector screen outside of the University Auditorium.

Flayman said he was not surprised tickets sold out.

"We expected to have a large turnout and positive response,"

he said. "He's a popular and exciting figure, and a lot of students can relate to him."



Takei

He said projector seating is first-come, first-served, and it will be a great way for students who weren't able to get tickets to hear Takei's

message.

Applebaum, a 21-year-old UF advertising senior, said she became interested in Takei through her dad, who grew up watching Star Trek.

"He's so excited - he wants me to tell him all about it," Applebaum said. "(Takei is) socially and politically active, and my dad wants to hear what he has to say."

Gator Treks to connect world UF alumni

► THE UAA HAS WORKED ON IT FOR A FEW MONTHS.

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A new website will connect the Gator nation from all parts of the world.

For the past few months, the UF Alumni Association has worked to create a website called Gator Treks where former and current UF students can come and share their travel stories.

"Our goal is to bring together the entire Gator Nation through the love of travel," said Jason Elliott, the manager for Gator Treks.

Elliott said the website will be

up and running before 2015 but encourages people to sign up for early access on the Gator Treks website.

"Our goal is to bring together the entire Gator Nation through the love of travel."

Jason Elliott
program manager

"The alumni association is trying to engage the entire community," Elliott said. "It's not like Facebook. It's for the entire Gator Nation."

The website will be free, but will be monitored so there is no inappropriate content uploaded.

"We are family friendly, so we don't want obscene stories," Elliott

said.

Study-abroad students are encouraged to share their traveling experiences, he said.

Dragana Bilic, 19, said she would upload her travel photos from Europe for other Gators to see.

"It's a pretty cool idea to post pictures for Gators to see and share your story," the UF marketing sophomore said. "I have a lot of pictures, and I would be willing to upload them."

Bilic has traveled to and around Europe.

"The only place I've really been to was a few years (ago), and I went to Venice, Italy with my dance group, and the only other place I've been to is Serbia," she said.

Explains victim issues

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Some often wonder why victims in abusive relationships don't leave, and Alachua County's Bureau Chief for Trauma Intervention Laura Knudson explained it's often difficult.

"When you become so isolated, so alone ... it is hard to get out of relationships," Knudson said.

Ferris said other domestic violence factors can include low self-esteem and the misguided belief that the abuse is normal and OK.

"There is a lot of blaming of our victims and survivors," Ferris said.

He said there is a dynamic of why survivors stay. "Just because (the victim) stayed doesn't mean it's (his or her) fault."

Sometimes they have nowhere to go.

Faculty faces difficulties with Scantrons in Canvas classes

► GRADES DON'T UPLOAD WELL.

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The introduction of the new e-Learning site, Canvas, has UF faculty members struggling to upload student grades.

Annelie Schmittel, a graduate student in mass communications in the College of Journalism and Com-

munications, said the Canvas program is not user friendly to faculty and staff.

As a Sports Media and Society teaching assistant, she sought help with the e-Learning Support Services desk at the HUB.

"Typically, you would upload Scantron grades through Sakai," she said. "With Canvas, it's different because the Excel files we use aren't working properly. Several steps have to be taken before inserting any grade."

Schmittel said it is frustrating to

work with a new system when the previous one, Sakai, was an easier process.

With Canvas, it's different because the Excel files we use aren't working properly.

Annelie Schmittel
teaching assistant

In the Spring, all faculty and students will use the Canvas program as it replaces Sakai.

Tracy Gale, communications manager for UF Information Tech-

nology, said she had not previously heard of faculty experiencing difficulty with the website.

"The e-Learning staff always have a staff member at the help desk," she said. "There are several people that are course management liaisons that help faculty receive the help they need."

The e-Learning staff has also developed training for developing courses in Canvas, as well as a campus boot camp for faculty to learn the new system.

Mark McCallister, associate di-

rector of the Office of Academic Technology, wrote in an email that uploading grades with Scantron to Canvas is a different process than uploading grades from Scantron to Sakai.

"If a faculty member experiences difficulty, they should contact the UF Computing Help Desk," he wrote.

Schmittel, who has contacted the e-Learning management liaisons, said the problems will continue occurring until Scantron and the Canvas creators work together to solve the problem.

Cancer Center appoints director

► HE ALREADY WORKED AT UF.

PATRICK PINAK

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The UF Health Cancer Center appointed a new deputy director of medical affairs Monday – Dr. C. Parker Gibbs.

Gibbs, who was chosen from a national search, will start Friday. Gibbs will head the clinical aspects of cancer care at UF Health Cancer Center at Shands.

"My goal is to bring compassionate, cutting-edge coordinated care to our patients," Gibbs said.

He said his position was created to make navigation in the center for patients easier.

"If a patient is seen by a breast surgeon and has a surgery then needs radiation afterwards," he said, "we coordinate that care so that the patient runs through that system in a seamless fashion and is not left to navigate that system on their own."

Paul Okunieff, director of the center, said Gibbs easily outperformed other applicants and had the necessary leadership and experience for the job.

"It's much more than experience," Okunieff said. "It's actually wanting to do good and actually putting his actions where his

thoughts are."

Gibbs is currently UF's Eugene L. Jewett professor of orthopaedic surgery and serves as the College of Medicine's division of musculoskeletal oncology chief. He also directs UF's Musculoskeletal Oncology and Stem Cell Laboratory.

"I'm a cancer surgeon," Gibbs said. "I think they were interested in bringing surgery into the cancer leadership realm."

Gibbs graduated from UF with a medical degree in 1989 and completed his residency at the University of Colorado.

He served as the director of musculoskeletal oncology at the University of Colorado for five years before being appointed to the UF Department of Orthopaedics in 2003. Gibbs is also a National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute-funded investigator with nearly 60 published scientific papers.

Gibbs said one of the main things he wants to focus on at UF Health is cancer patient survival statistics and side effects.

"Cancer care is sometimes very toxic to the patient, and so we want to minimize side effects," he said.



Gibbs

UF RESEARCH

Peanut allergy improvements

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Kaleigh Clarke grew up eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They were her favorite until she developed a severe airborne peanut allergy.

Clarke, a 20-year-old UF psychology sophomore, may find herself eating peanut-based products without having a reaction in the near future thanks to the advancements made by Wade Yang, a UF scientist and assistant professor in the department of food science and human nutrition.

Yang is researching ways to remove allergens from peanuts so allergy sufferers can eat them without a reaction.

Yang is a little bit closer to his goal of eliminating 99.9 percent of allergens, according to a UF press release.

For 95 percent of those with peanut allergies to safely consume them, Yang and his researchers must reduce the allergens from 150 milligrams to less than 1.5 milligrams of protein per peanut.

Yang is working to remove the aller-

gens while keeping the peanut's same taste, flavor, texture and nutrition.

The latest advances in his study feature the application of ultraviolet technology to whole peanuts.

"There are a lot of benefits (to eating peanuts)," Yang said. "It's over 25 percent protein. It's a good source of plant-based protein for people."

To date, the research project has cost approximately \$100,000, Yang said.

His current findings will be published in the journal "Food and Bioprocess Technology," according to the UF press release. Yang's next steps include finding other researchers with whom to collaborate on human clinical trials and seeking more funding for his research.

Yang's research could allow Clarke to eat her favorite childhood snack without going into anaphylactic shock.

"It would make a lot of people's life easier," she said. "It's definitely something worth trying because you definitely can't mock the taste of peanut butter. Fake peanut butter? I've tried it. It sucks."

Walktober encourages community to get active together



Aaron Albright / Alligator

Margaret Hazlett, a 23-year-old UF doctoral candidate, gives Diane David an ice pop stick as she completes a lap around the track at Fred Cone Park at the Walktober Wellness Walk on Monday evening.

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UF physical therapy student Scott Venkataraman screened Gainesville residents' blood pressure and heart rate at a health event Monday.

The 23-year-old second-year UF graduate student took part in the Walktober event along with about 10 physical therapy students at the Fred Cone Park located at 2841 E. University Ave.

Walktober, a free six-week health program, is getting the Gainesville community active until Nov. 10 to promote healthy living.

Each week during the Monday Wellness Walks, volunteers will promote healthy living with the purpose of educating residents and preventing future health issues.

This is the first year Walktober is being hosted by the Alachua County Health Department, the Gator Challenge, a UF physical therapy community health initiative, and Combatting Obesity for Alachua County's Health.

"I think the opportunity to walk or to exercise has immense benefits for health, both for the prevention of

problems but also for general well-being," said Kim Dunleavy, head of community outreach for the Gator Challenge REACH group.

Gainesville resident Marie Ford is participating in Walktober not only for her own health but for her daughter's.

"I'm trying to get her to exercise more too, to get her away from the games and television."

Marie Ford

Gainesville resident

"I'm trying to get her to exercise more too, to get her away from the games and television," she said. "I just want her to be a little bit more active, and if I start her out young, maybe it'll motivate her to want to stay fit."

UF physical therapy students will continue to educate and encourage residents at Fred Cone Park.

"By being in the program and doing these outreach groups, it's really nice to see that we're able to talk to the community about their health issues that we may not necessarily treat outright," Venkataraman said.

Editorial

Harris accusations reminder of sexual assault problems

When news broke of Treon Harris' investigation after being accused of sexually assaulting a woman on campus, theories and possible connections flew around the Internet and in personal conversations.

Some have connected the incident to the Jameis Winston rape investigation that ended without any prosecution. Some connected it to the assaults on and off the UF campus.

Although comparing the Harris incident to other high-profile cases of rape and sexual assaults is to be expected, such comparisons are premature and unproductive.

This is its own unique incident, with a unique alleged perpetrator and a unique alleged victim.

Any argument saying Harris "should have known better" should also be ignored. Yes, Harris was in the national spotlight, especially after his role in leading UF to victory against Tennessee on Saturday. Yes, the recent incidents of assault at UF and the subsequent awareness campaigns mean that all UF students — Harris included — should be more knowledgeable than ever about the awful nature of such acts.

However, the point is that everyone "should know better." People shouldn't need constant reminders telling them what is or isn't OK, especially when it comes to something as serious and harmful as sexual assault.

We have reached a dangerous point in American society when we feel the need to engage in constant education and awareness campaigns about sexual assault. The repulsiveness of this crime should be self-evident.

Many in the national media have praised UF for its prompt and decisive action in response to the allegations against Harris. UF absolutely did the right thing in responding quickly and transparently. The university's handling of this situation compares favorably to past failures of other universities when dealing with sexual assault investigations.

However, the fact that UF has been singled out as a rare example of competence regarding the issue of sexual assault demonstrates how dire the situation has become.

On college campuses around the country and in American society in general, the issues of rape and sexual assault are still not being given the serious treatment they require. Too many are still likely to engage in victim blaming, like asking what clothes the alleged victim was wearing or how much alcohol they had consumed.

Already, rumors are flying about what motive the alleged victim might have had to falsely accuse Harris. Such rumors are completely baseless and inappropriate in the immediate aftermath of the incident.

Now that Harris has been suspended, we must wait for the University Police to complete what will hopefully be a thorough investigation. Whether or not Harris is ultimately charged or found guilty, this incident is yet another reminder that acts of rape and sexual assault continue to pervade American society.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think UF responded well to the Treon Harris accusations?

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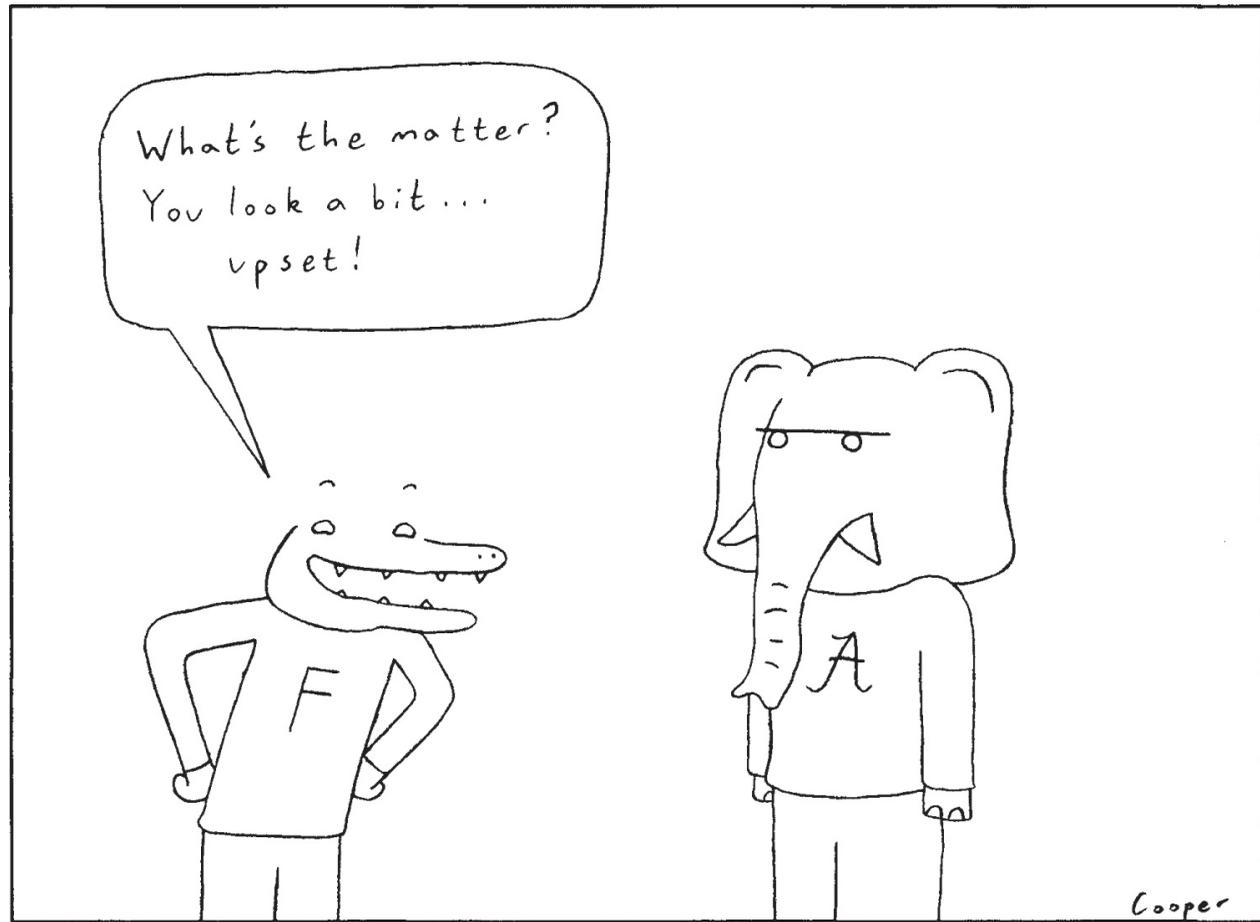
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Column

Everyone, stop freaking out about Ebola

After the first case of the Ebola virus in the U.S. was diagnosed last week, many Americans were struck with a fresh wave of panic and fear.

In covering the diagnosis, the media used words like "alarming," "desperate" and "frantic" to describe the current situation in our country. Social media subsequently exploded with tweets and posts expressing a combination of suspicion, worry and fury.

Some people were outraged that we haven't severely tightened travel restrictions or closed our borders, while others felt extremely skeptical about the ability of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. federal public health agencies, to protect us from an outbreak.

I've seen a number of Facebook posts from my friends asserting that Ebola is much more serious than our government is telling us. Undoubtedly, many others share this view.

I understand the fears. The Ebola virus has a fatality rate of about 50 percent and has already killed almost 4,000 people in West Africa. Ebola is considered to be a humanitarian crisis that requires immediate attention from the international community.

Ebola is scary, and I certainly don't blame anyone for being worried about it. However, it's nearly impossible to have a calm and rational discussion about the issue when so many people are being misinformed.

The prominent news outlets spreading the hysteria about Ebola should be ashamed of themselves.

Rather than focusing on facts and evaluating the situation objectively, news programs have sensationalized Ebola simply for the sake of increasing their ratings.

Was it truly necessary for news stations to send their camera crews on helicopters to record the ambulance taking the diagnosed man to the hospital? How do these media outlets justify spending hours of news coverage discussing the search for a homeless person who might have been in contact with the man?

One news commentator even accused a guest on the show — a reputable medical professional — of speaking too calmly about the issue.



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Miles O'Brien, a science journalist, recently described the irresponsibility and foolishness of this media sensationalism. "I wish everybody could take a deep breath and take a break from trying to pull viewers in by scaring them," he said. O'Brien added that this is a level of ignorance "we should not allow in our media."

Instead of acting like the world is ending and obsessing over the very unlikely possibility that a serious Ebola outbreak will occur in the U.S., news outlets should simply give viewers an overview of the most important information.

Contrary to the implications of all the media hype, Ebola is relatively difficult to contract. The virus can only be spread through direct contact with an infected person's bodily fluids, and an infected person does not become contagious until he or she begins developing symptoms.

You are much more likely to catch the flu, which can be spread through the air and is contagious even when an infected individual doesn't appear to be sick.

While it is true that Ebola has spiraled out of control in West Africa, that region is home to some of the world's most impoverished nations.

These countries lack basic medical infrastructure and do not have the proper resources to inform the public about how to prevent infection.

It is incredibly sad that Ebola is spreading in an area that is so ill-equipped to deal with an outbreak, but it is quite unrealistic to assume that the same outcome will occur in the U.S.

Hopefully, more people will learn the facts about Ebola before giving in to panic and paranoia.

Fear and ignorance are contagious, too, and we must avoid spreading them.

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UWire

No term limits threatens democracy

Congress ended session Sept. 23, giving Americans another opportunity to evaluate their representatives before engaging in their civic duty at the ballot boxes this November.

Though members of Congress will spend the next six weeks back at their home districts to address their reelection campaigns, Americans have yet another opportunity to assess the elements plaguing this dysfunctional Congress.

It is no secret that Americans feel that their representatives are not following through with their primary duty: representing their citizens. A recent poll by "Rasmussen Reports" shows about 53 percent of the country's likely voters believe that neither the Democratic nor Republican parties represent the interests of the American people.

The biggest issue plaguing the American political landscape is the lack of congressional accountability to the constituents — undoubtedly resulting from the lack of congressional term limits.

Though the lack of term limits has had a tremendous impact on American democracy, conventional perspectives would commonly attribute this failure in accountability to the effect of money in politics. And with court decisions that have removed political spending limits by corporations and aggregate spending limits by people as well as immensely increasing the influence special interest groups can assert in politics, this attribution is valid.

Though campaign finance has greatly threatened the ability of congressmen to accurately represent their constituents and not special interest groups, the constitutionally inherent lack of term limits coupled with high incumbency rates has created a collection of career politicians more interested in reelection and staying in power than serving their constituents. This has disintegrated accountability in politics and has endangered the representation of Americans more than any campaign finance legislation.

Political satisfaction rates for congressmen are at an all time low, with only six percent of probable voters believing their representatives are doing a good or excellent job, according to "Rasmussen Reports." Yet, even with a number so low, the incumbency rates for congressmen are at a staggering 90 percent.

Such tenacious incumbency can be explained by the immense advantages available to representatives that enable them to perpetually maintain offices.

These advantages include name recognition,

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UWire

gerrymandered districts that favor parties and, most importantly, the ability to raise more funds than competitors.

This fundraising advantage makes the chance of incumbents losing office implausible — a very dangerous reality that perpetuates a legislative body that virtually no longer needs the legitimacy or satisfaction of its citizens.

The lack of term limits has severely threatened the representation of American citizens in this democratic system. Simply stated, legislators have no accountability.

When it is more important for congressmen to support the donors and special interest groups that assist them in remaining incumbents than it is to perform their legislative duty, there is virtually no necessity to represent or care about the interests of their constituents.

America needs term limit legislation right now in order to repair a system that enables congressmen to be virtually unaccountable to their citizens.

When congressmen are more interested in staying in power than representing their citizens, they become susceptible to corruption and the whims of special interest groups.

Not only would term limits diminish the strength of incumbency and the power of special interest groups, but it would also reorient the focus of elected officials to effecting change and enacting the platform they were voted in on instead of establishing an immortal career in politics.

On top of creating a body that is more accountable to the citizens it represents instead of donors, term limits invigorate progress in Congress by bringing in fresh ideas, incentivizing quicker action, limiting the chance for corrupt officials and their scope of corruption and diminishing the focus on special interests and legacy when trying to accomplish what is important.

Though money in politics has had a devastating effect on the representation of citizens, a lack of term limits allows congressmen to be unaccountable, making it easier to care more for pleasing special interest groups in order to establish permanent careers in Congress than to represent American citizens. The best way to mitigate the negative effects is to bring in term limits.

Omar Hegazy writes for *The Daily Trojan*. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.

Column

Give young adult literature a chance

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column urging my fellow students to start reading a book that day. As a challenge to myself, I decided to read as much as I could in my spare time starting that week and see what a difference it made for me.

So far, it's been an excellent experience. I've succeeded in reading a little each day, whether in short bursts while on the bus across campus or in long stretches while I procrastinate studying for my exams.

Being a literature-thirsty English major to my core, I've spent a lot of time recently devouring book reviews and reading articles about literature and its benefits to our society. Learning about the importance and benefits of reading makes me happy; it makes me sit back in my chair and say, with satisfaction, "It's a good time to love books."

There are so many books to read and so much discussion on reading, and with the technological advances of the Internet, so many new ways to discover a text — whether through reading on a tablet or finding an obscure website dedicated to one particular author's fan base. If you like to read, the time to be alive is now; we even have a vast archive of all of Shakespeare's works neatly compacted into a free app for the iPhone.

However, in my searching through the Internet for literature-related articles and opinions, I've noticed a disturbing trend that much of society seems to share: once someone gets past a certain age of adolescence, there is an expectation put upon individuals, especially college-aged students, to move past well-loved young adult books — such as fantasy series written mainly for teen audiences like "Divergent" — and instead start reading more "serious" literature.

Young adult literature and young adult authors are often seen as fluffy and unsubstantial. They are looked down upon as not being "real" literature that adults should waste their time reading.

This disdain for young adult literature is something I've noticed happening often in life — the activities, goals and opinions of adolescents are far more likely to be dismissed than considered important in the grand scheme of the world.

Despite society's generally derisive view of young adult books, this genre of literature has a great deal to offer its readers, no matter their age.

The prejudice and disrespect toward the genre of young adult

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literature is simply ignorant.

Yes, some books written for puberty-stricken preteens are rather shallow. Frankly, some are downright trash. However, the same can be said about any genre of literature and about any art form.

The entire genre of young adult literature doesn't deserve such a bad reputation because of its mostly vampire-themed failures.

Engaging with the complex plot and brilliantly developed characters of author Tamora Pierce's fantasy young adult series helped me learn about maturity and responsibility. The success of author and lauded "nerdfighter" John Green comes primarily not from his popular YouTube videos but from his young-adult novels, most notably "The Fault in Our Stars." Let's be honest: Did anyone not cry while reading the book or watching the film adaptation?

I'm not trying to compare books like Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games" series to literary masterpieces like the works of T.S. Eliot or Virginia Woolf.

In fact, I believe it is better not to compare them at all. Young adult literature is an entirely different kind of fiction from what most people consider "serious." Young-adult books should be independently appreciated and celebrated, not degraded for their fundamentally different intentions. In fact, many adults and consumers of traditionally "serious" literature would probably benefit from reading young adult literature. Most of them would probably even enjoy it.

Young adult literature is a voice for our generation — and for every generation of youth in history.

As college students, we stand in a complicated limbo between clinging to the security of our adolescence and stepping into a fully adult world, complete with scary things like careers and health insurance benefits.

It's up to us to remember the value of young-adult books and what they can continue to offer us even far down the road into our adult lives — the ferocious optimism of humanity's youth and the fantastical thought hidden somewhere in your mind that anything is possible.

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CRIME

Police Roundup: Petit beer theft follows organ exposure; PBR DUI

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A Gainesville man was arrested Sunday after police said he drank a stolen beer in a CVS bathroom just 12 hours after officers had issued him a sworn complaint for exposing his penis to a woman outside of the same drugstore.

At about 9:30 a.m., a store manager saw Randy H. Colby urinating in front of the CVS on 1621 SW 13th St., Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias wrote in an email.

When the manager went outside to confront the 53-year-old about peeing in front of a plate glass window, Colby turned around to face the female employee while his penis was exposed. Tobias said the man made no effort to cover himself.

Colby was inebriated and was transported to the hospital because of his intoxicated state, Tobias said.

Because state law requires an officer to witness the exposure of sexual organs to make an arrest, police filed a sworn complaint against Colby in place of a physical arrest. The responding officer also issued Colby a trespass warning.

After being discharged from the hospital, Colby returned to the CVS at about 9:30 p.m., despite being issued the warning. Police said he was found in the store's bathroom drinking

a stolen \$4 Natural Ice beer, a report said.

Colby told police he was consuming the stolen beer in the bathroom so he did not have to pay for it.

He was arrested on charges of petit theft and trespassing.

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A Gainesville man was arrested for driving under the influence after police said he was found passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle early Sunday morning.

Robert C. Barth, 21, was driving near 1125 SE Fourth St. at about 6 a.m. before he was seen passed out in his car. The car was still in drive and his foot was still on the accelerator, a report said. A curb prevented his black Hyundai Veloster from traveling farther off the road.

Officers found one 12-ounce can of Pabst Blue Ribbon and one 23.5-ounce can of fruit-punch-flavored Four Loko — both still cool to the touch, police said.

Barth performed poorly on field sobriety exercises and showed obvious signs of impairment, including bloodshot eyes, dilated pupils and slurred speech, the report said. He gave breath samples of .227 and .218. The legal limit is 0.08.

Barth was charged with DUI and released Monday at about 11:30 a.m. on his own recognition.



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Shark Bait

From left, UF seniors Alexandra Barshel and Isabel Betancourt, both 21, attend "Megalodon: Largest Shark that Ever Lived" exhibit Monday open at the Florida Museum of Natural History until Jan. 4.

Rare salamander blood may hold secrets to human scarring

THE LIZARD CAN REGROW LIMBS AND ORGANS.

HANNAH HELMS

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UF scientists are using the blood of a rare salamander to study how humans might heal without scars after surgery.

The axolotl, an endangered sala-

mander, can regrow lost limbs, spinal vertebrae and parts of its brain. Researchers are comparing healing in axolotls to healing in mice, hoping to better understand the amphibian's regenerative abilities.

Ed Scott is a UF health researcher and professor in the UF College of Medicine department of molecular genetics and microbiology. Scott refers to this amphibian as the "king of regeneration."

Scientists are focusing their studies on how different species' blood cells react to healing.

"There's something different about the blood cell formation in axolotls," said Malcolm Maden, Ph.D., a professor in the department of biology.

Usually speckled brown-green, the rare salamanders being used for the research have a naturally occurring mutation that gives them white,

translucent skin. Because of this mutation, internal organs and blood of these salamanders are visible.

Researchers developed axolotls with fluorescent blood so they can study the site of regeneration in the salamanders.

Axolotls, mice and humans all share similar cells, but the cells behave differently, Scott said.

"It becomes one of those old Hocus Focus comics where you have

to find the differences," Scott said. "Maybe those differences are key differences for regeneration."

Axolotls are also unable to develop cancer. Scott said that when exposed to carcinogens, the creatures occasionally grew extra limbs but never developed cancer.

"We're studying a set of animals that can do what we would like to help people do better," Scott said.

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UF students could win big in scavenger hunt Wednesday

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UF students have a chance to win front-row tickets to the Gator homecoming game in a campus-wide scavenger hunt.

The University Athletic Association is hosting its first-ever #GatorRace from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Clues will be tweeted around 10:45 a.m. from the @GZStudents Twitter account.

After students solve each clue, they will arrive at a designated location and find a person holding a sign that reads #GatorRace. Students will have to tweet a picture of themselves at the location with the hashtag.

The first students to complete all six tasks will win tickets to the Missouri game.

"Students are a very important part of the game day experience for all of our venues and

"It seems fun and I'd love to win front-row tickets to the homecoming game."

Matt Long

UF telecommunication senior

we hope this scavenger hunt gives students views of areas they may never have been," wrote Alicia Longworth, an assistant athletic director in the marketing and promotions department for the UAA, in an email.

The first 40 students to arrive at each location and tweet the hashtag #GatorRace will receive small prizes.

Teams of up to four people are allowed to participate.

Matt Long, a 21-year-old UF telecommunication senior, said he plans on participating in the scavenger hunt.

"It seems fun, and I'd love to win front-row tickets to the homecoming game," he said.

NATIONAL

Court rejects appeals, clears way for gay marriage expansion

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the U.S. and may have signaled that it's only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Rejecting appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, the Supreme Court effectively made such marriages legal in 30 states, up from 19 and the District of Columbia, taking in every region of the country.

Challenges are pending in the other 20 states.

Almost immediately, exuberant couples began receiving marriage licenses previously denied to them. "This is the dream day," said Sharon Baldwin, a plaintiff in a challenge to Oklahoma's ban, as she and her partner got their license in the Tulsa County Clerk's Office.

Directly affected by Monday's orders were Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia. Officials in those states had appealed lower court rulings in an effort to preserve

their bans. Couples in six other states — Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming — should be able to get married in short order since those states would be bound by the same appellate rulings that have been on hold.

The justices did not explain why they decided to leave that question unanswered for now. They may be waiting for a federal appeals court to break ranks with other appellate panels and uphold state laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Or they may see little role for themselves as one court after another strikes down state marriage bans.

Still, the import seemed clear.

What the justices did in virtual silence Monday "has to send a signal to the other courts of appeals that the Supreme Court does not think it's so wrong to allow same-sex couples to marry, and that even conservative justices don't think they have a good shot at getting five votes. And that sends a message that this essentially is over," said Jon Davidson, legal director of Lambda Legal, an advocacy group for gay rights.



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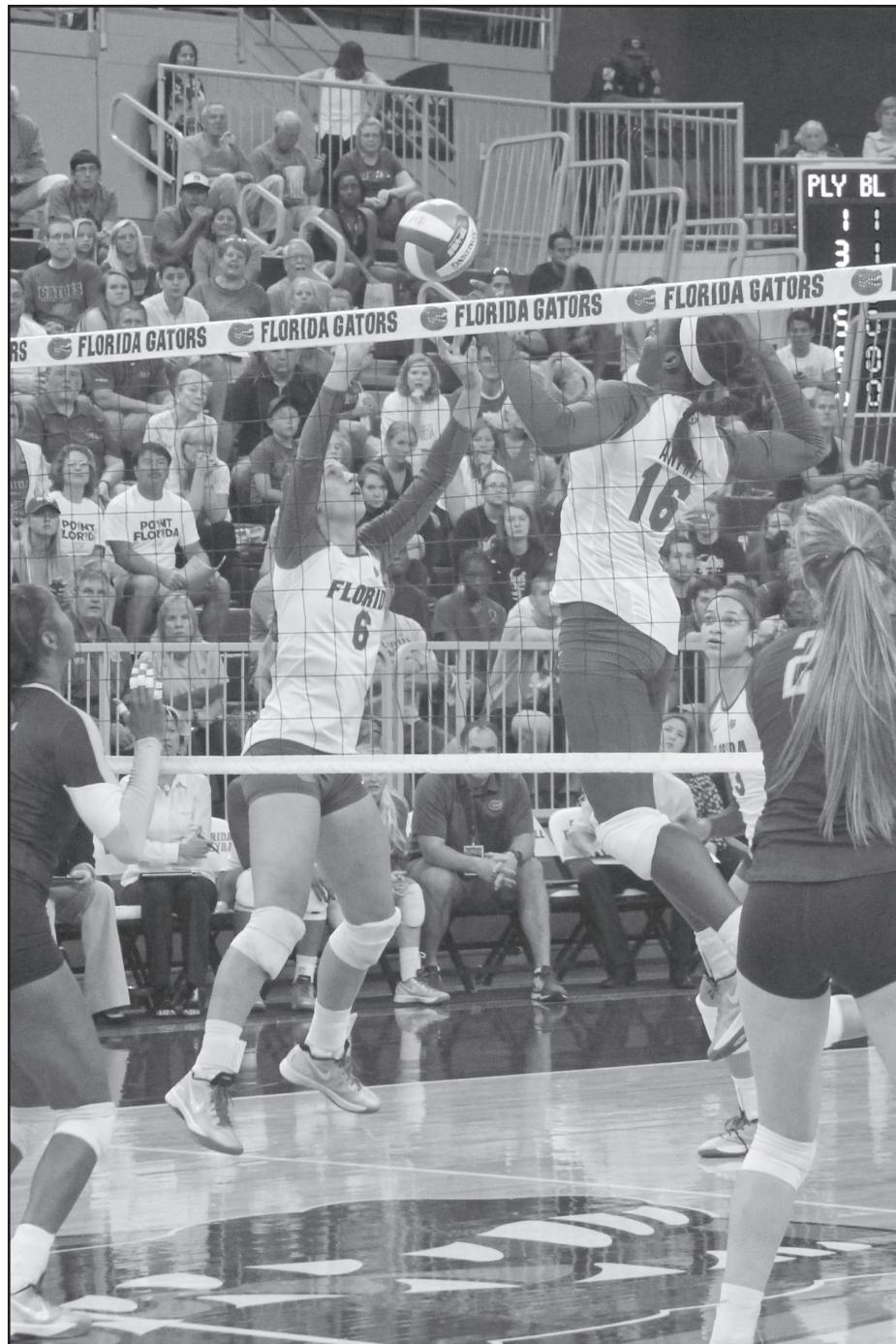
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OTERO'S OPINION

Dagostino should be credited for speaking out



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Junior setter Mackenzie Dagostino (6) sets the ball during Florida's 3-0 win against Ole Miss on Sept. 28 in the O'Connell Center. Dagostino spoke out in her blog about the image athletes can give off.

On Monday, Florida fans and students were told that true freshman quarterback Treon Harris would be suspended indefinitely.

And with that announcement came the scrutiny of press and anyone who values morals more than football.

But in the midst of scandal, one athlete spoke out.

And yes, that's very cliché sounding, but it's true, and I commend Mackenzie Dagostino on making her voice heard.

The junior volleyball setter tweeted at 5:10 p.m. on Monday a link to her blog, Whistles and School Bells. In her first post, she addressed the question of why some student athletes feel they can get away with certain behaviors – and later specifically cited the accusations against Harris.

While I worry the blog will not be allowed to stay up long (the UAA often influences and restricts what players may say to the public — which isn't done to punish players, but to protect them most of the time), I think it is necessary for students and fans of Florida to see that many athletes, like Dagostino, don't agree with preferential treatment.

The decision to write the article was probably one that took a lot of courage. Going against the UAA's rules is a pretty big deal.

But she still wrote it.

And what's even better about the article is she's not just taking this and making it about her opinion. She plans (and I hope she'll be able to) interview more athletes on their opinions and perspectives of situations like Harris'.

"I know how we (athletes) can be portrayed as individuals who have certain things handed to us on a silver platter, while that would be nice, it is not the case," Dagostino said on her blog. "... This will not be a one-way blog, but instead one that can be commented on and responded to. Along with that, I want this to be a free zone to talk about athlete's behavior on and off the fields/courts but outside the classrooms."

Her hope to make it a two-way forum of dialogue on athlete's behavior is interesting.

She's not looking to criticize, but to understand, which right now in the midst of all the sexual assault and domestic violence allegations in sports (specifically football), is extremely im-



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Gators in the NFL: Week 5

► FORMER UF PLAYERS
TOTALED 38 TACKLES.

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Multiple Gators in the NFL made contact this past weekend. Among the 40 former Gators in the NFL, the crew totaled 38 tackles and seven receptions. Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper led the pack with four receptions for 33 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown grab. Cooper's longest reception of the night was for 14 yards. Sunday's second quarter touchdown was Cooper's first of the season. Cooper's catch redeemed a critical drop he made in the end zone during the Eagles' 26-21 fourth quarter loss to San Francisco on Sept. 28 that would have put the Eagles ahead.

"There was no excuses, I dropped the ball," Cooper told CSNPhilly.com. "It was a perfect throw, right on the money, couldn't have been a better throw from Nick (Foles) and that's definitely a ball that needs to be caught 10 out of 10 times."

Cooper admitted catching that fourth quarter pass would have changed the outcome of the game. This weekend, Cooper's performance changed the outcome of the game for the better for the Eagles.

The Eagles defeated the St. Louis Rams 34-28 on Sunday in Philadelphia. Fellow Eagles and former Gators tight end Trey Burton was active for the game while defensive

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Jordan, Andujar honored by SEC following two road wins

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After yet another weekend in which Florida swept its two-game road trip, the Gators sit atop the Southeastern Conference standings in sole possession of first place.

No. 6 Florida is now a confer-

ence-best 5-0 in SEC play and sits at 10-2 overall this season. It has not lost a game since Sept. 12 at Stanford.

With wins over No. 9 Texas A&M on Friday and Arkansas on Sunday, Florida became the only team in the SEC with an undefeated conference record. Prior



Burleigh

to last weekend, neither Texas A&M nor Arkansas had a conference loss.

Florida has six more conference games to play this season,

all of which are against teams in the bottom half of the 14-team conference standings.

"There's a lot of soccer left to play," coach Becky Burleigh said.

"For us, I think this team has been really good at kind of fighting human nature and not looking forward.

"We're just really kind of enjoying the moment and enjoying each game as part of our journey and we don't want to rush things."

As a result of Florida's strong weekend performance, two of its players earned SEC honors on

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UF men's tennis coach Bryan Shelton wants his team to play with more grit. Read the story on Page 14.



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UF wide receiver

Tabor honored by SEC

Florida freshman cornerback Jalen Tabor was named the co-SEC Freshman of the Week on Monday following his performance against Tennessee on Saturday.

Shelton wants men's tennis to play 'with chip on its shoulder'

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After winning a title at the Southeastern Conference Fall Classic in September, much was anticipated of the Gators in the first national championship of the season in Tulsa, Okla.

A week later, six of the nine Florida men's tennis players flew out west for the 2014 ITA Men's All-American Championships.

Beginning in the first round of pre-qualifying matches were two upset losses from Josh Wardell and Oliver Landert. Florida consistently faced defeat after defeat as Diego Hidalgo dropped Round 2 of pre-qualifying matches and Maxx Lipman and Elliott Orkin dropped in round one of the qualifying matches.

Though junior Gordon Watson did not come back with a guaranteed seat for the National Indoor Collegiate Championships, he cleared his matches best on the team. Ranked No. 70 in the country, Watson dropped his first round of main draw singles to Indiana's No. 66 Sam Monette (6-2, 6-2). The captain of this season's team brought some grit to the court, after losing to fellow-Gator Orkin in the SEC Fall Classic.

"I think he was motivated. I think when you take a tough loss, even if to a teammate, you try to start finding the answers," coach Bryan Shelton said. "I think Gordon did a little bit of soul searching and wanted to

figure out what he needed to do better, especially leading into the next tournament. I think that mentality helped him starting out the tournament out in Tulsa and getting a couple wins under his belt out early."

High expectations soon unravelled for Orkin, the champion of the SEC Fall Classic, as he dropped in his first game in round one of qualifying singles to Baylor's Felipe Rios (1-6, 6-2, 6-0). Ranked No. 66, he pulled a win in consolation singles to Danil Zelenkov from George Washington (7-6 (1), 6-3).

"I think Elliott learned a good lesson knowing that he's always gotta go out there with a chip on his shoulder," Shelton said. "He's not the tallest guy in the world, but he's got speed and he's got toughness and he's got to rely on those two things as well as his ball striking to be successful out there on the court... When he's got all those things clicking in his favor, he's dangerous."

Shelton said the team didn't have great results, but the tournament was good for the team to be humbled early in the season.

"Go out there and take some losses, get that chip back on our shoulder where it should be," Shelton said.

As the third-year coach preps the team for the USTA/ITA Regionals in Athens, Ga., on Oct. 16, he said Florida is focusing on the importance of controlling the second serve.

"The person that wins the most points on second serve is usually the guy that wins the match," Shelton said.

VOLLEYBALL

Mallette dominant in road sweep

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In another weekend sweep of Southeastern Conference foes, Florida found solace in one player who has not played much this season.

Florida's (10-3, 4-0 SEC) wins over LSU (5-7, 0-3 SEC) on Friday and Mississippi State (5-14, 0-4 SEC) on Sunday left the Gators tied with Kentucky in SEC play as the only two undefeated teams in the conference.

But while Florida still battles for No. 1 in the conference, it was business as usual for the Gators, whose weekend ended more or less in the same fashion as it is previous weekend matches.

However, instead of freshman Rhamat Alhassan or junior Mackenzie Dagostino being the players to shine, it was outside hitter Gabby Mallette who took the praise.

"Gabby — right now — not only is she hitting in the high efficiency level, but she's making really good hitting choices," coach Mary Wise said. "Her hitting, we call it a hitting cone, has really expanded. She is an excellent left-side blocker for us, so to see both parts of this game continuing to get better and better, I really like the physical presence she brings to the court."

Against LSU, Mallette had time in all four sets and made 12 kills on 21 attempts with only one error, completing the match with a .524 hitting clip. Defensively, the junior had one dig and one block assist.

Her play against Mississippi State on Sunday was just as good, if not better.

Mallette finished the match with nine kills on 19 attempts with three errors and finished with a .316 hitting percentage in just three sets. Again, defensively she provided much needed blocking for Florida with two total blocks — one block assist and one solo block — and added two digs in the match.

While Mallette made more errors in her outing against Mississippi State than against LSU, Wise said Mississippi State was able to effec-

tively block Florida's kill attempts.

"The right-side hitters or the middle-hitters hitting behind the setter have to really take into account how much space she takes up," Wise said. "So whether they choose to set away from her or maybe alter the shots, either way she helps us with her presence."

Mallette has seen less time on the

court this season because of Florida's depth in its roster.

Last season, Mallette was an integral cog in the Florida volleyball machine. She finished the season having played in 31 of 32 matches with 2.41 kills per set.

She was second in solo blocks with 16 behind former Florida player Chloe Mann (17).



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Junior Gabby Mallette swings for a kill attempt during Florida's 3-0 win against Ole Miss on Sept. 28 in the O'Connell Center.

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Dagostino wrote about Harris accusation

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portant.

I have yet to hear any athlete's opinion on the matter, which is fine, but when they do speak out, it's like a breath of fresh air. For once, journalists and just people in general aren't getting a watered-down bullshit answer saying, "I'm just doing it for my team."

So here's the deal, Mackenzie Dagostino, props to you for doing what no other athlete has done. Speaking out (maybe not by outright condemning the action), but saying that you're just like other students — other average Joes — is something that fans and critics need to start understanding.

A sexual assault doesn't exempt you from consequences.

Dagostino asks a good question in her post: Why? Why do some athletes feel they are exempt from inappropriate behavior?

I'll leave you with my answer: because until recently, football and the wins associated with a team have trumped the violation of basic human rights, and until something is done and a statement more than suspending a player for a game is made, it will never change.

Cooper had four catches, touchdown versus Rams

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back Jaylen Watkins was inactive.

Closer to Gainesville, Louis Murphy had three receptions for 35 yards and a 20-yard touchdown catch on Sunday for Tampa Bay. The wide receiver's efforts were not enough to secure the win for the Bucs, as they were defeated by the New Orleans Saints in overtime 37-31.

Former Gators cornerback Major Wright notched four tackles and one pass deflection while wide receiver Solomon Patton returned three tackles and one pass deflection.

One of the Swamp's most recent exports — New England Patriots defensive end Dominique Easley — made his first professional start on Sunday. He recorded one tackle in New England's 43-17 win against the Cincinnati Bengals. According to the Boston Globe, Easley left Sunday's game with a shoulder injury in the first half.

Not so much contact: Four of the 40 former Gators currently in the NFL did not record any stats this past week. The Denver Broncos' Andre Caldwell, Indianapolis Colts' Loucheiz Purifoy, Kansas City Chiefs' Frankie Hammond and St. Louis Rams' Marcus Roberson made no significant impact on the field for their respec-

tive teams.

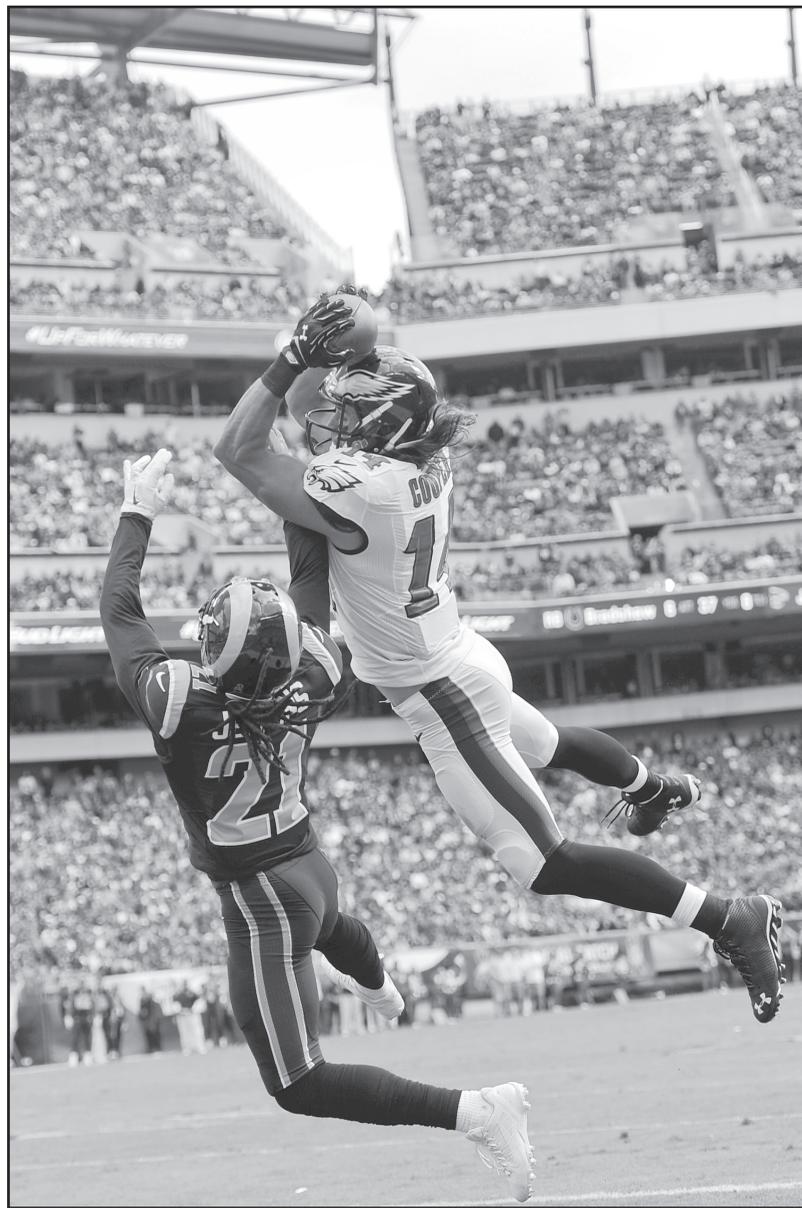
No Gators contributed to the Denver Broncos' 41-21 win against the Arizona Cardinals.

Coming up short: Former Gators linebacker Jon Bostic recorded four tackles for the Chicago Bears, but it wasn't enough. The Carolina Panthers defeated the Bears 31-24 on Sunday at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

Viking defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd recorded two tackles, one sack and two quarterback hits on Thursday. The former Gators efforts were not enough to carry the Vikings to a win. The Green Bay Packers went on to defeat the Vikings 42-10.

Former Gator David Nelson notched one tackle and one reception for nine yards for the New York Jets on Sunday while fellow Florida teammate Jermaine Cunningham remains on injury reserve with a torn Achilles. Cunningham is expected to miss the entire season to recover from his injury. The Jets could not manage a single touchdown or field goal against the San Diego Chargers, who scored 31 points at home.

Jacksonville defensive back Josh Evans recorded two tackles but the Jaguars ended up being defeated by the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-9.



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Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper (14) pulls in a touchdown pass against St. Louis Rams cornerback Janoris Jenkins (21) during Philadelphia's 34-28 win on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Jordan scored goals against Texas A&M, Arkansas this weekend



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Monday.

Sophomore forward Savannah Jordan was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week for the second week in a row and senior defender Tessa Andujar was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week.

Jordan had two goals last weekend, one against Texas A&M and one against Arkansas.

It was the second week in a row that Jordan scored two goals. Her goal in the 84th minute against Texas A&M was the only goal of the game.

Jordan has scored in four straight games and leads the Gators with nine goals this season. It would be safe to say that she has found her mid-season groove.

For Andujar, her weekend was strong on both the defensive and offensive sides of the ball. Andujar's specialty is quickly playing the ball up the field from the defense and cre-

ating scoring opportunities for the offense.

One way to do that is to score yourself, which is what Andujar did on Sunday against Arkansas — her first goal of the season. She also registered an assist in each game last weekend and leads Florida with seven this year.

Sunday was Andujar's first game in her Gator career that she recorded both an assist and a goal in the same game. She has started all 12 games this season for Florida and continues to consistently contribute both defensively and offensively from her outside back position.

As Florida continues to slash its way through SEC competition, Burleigh says the team is in no rush to reach the postseason. They are taking the remaining schedule one game at a time and not worrying about anything else.

"This group really wants to sort of savor every moment of the season," Burleigh said.

Savannah Jordan chases the ball during Florida's 2-1 win against Georgia on Sept. 26 at James G. Pressly Stadium. Jordan was named the SEC Offensive Player of the Week on Monday after scoring two total goals against Texas A&M and Arkansas this weekend. Florida won both of the matches.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Tomlinson, Grassel playing big roles for UF early in season

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Freshman Taylor Tomlinson and sophomore Kelly Grassel might have taken different paths to becoming athletes on the Florida women's golf team, but after the team struggled to a 12th place finish at the Cougar Classic, both of them are standing out for coach Emily Glaser.

"We're coming off a mediocre finish at the Cougar Classic, didn't play great up there, but we left still with some positive vibes," Glaser

said. "We learned a lot from the tournament, especially with the new girls, who we hadn't seen compete up close yet and so we got some good feedback from them."

Tomlinson decided to stay close to home when it came time to pick a college to play golf. The Gainesville native completed her first tournament at 11-over-par, but she saved her best for the final round of play when she shot an even-par, 72. The freshman comes into UF with high expectations, after a high school career in which she was ranked as the No. 2 player in the state of Florida and No. 10

in Golfweek's girl's junior ranking for the class of 2014.

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UF coach

For Grassel, her path to UF was a little bit different. Originally playing at Michigan State her freshman year, Grassel decided to transfer to play under coach Glaser, who coin-

centally played for the Spartans herself. Grassel was successful in her only season in East Lansing, as she had the lowest scoring average by a freshman in the school's history with an average of 75.40.

But Grassel is now at UF and at the Cougar Classic as she finished as the best player on the team with a score of 5-over-par. Grassel's best day came in the opening round when she shot an even-par, 72. Over the next two rounds, she was able to stay consistent and her overall score was good enough for a tie for 38th place.

Tomlinson and Grassel will be

counted on this year as the fall season continues. Even though they performed well in their opening tournament for the Gators, Glaser said both Grassel and Tomlinson had problems trying to do too much on the golf course.

"It's hard not to go in with some high expectations, and it's easy to get a little ahead of yourself, and I think both of them probably struggled with that a little bit," Glaser said. "But they did a good job throughout the week of managing that a little bit better every day and I think getting one under their belt is a big key for them in the fall."

Harris suspended indefinitely

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dence in relation to the Harris case.

Huntley Johnson, Harris' attorney, said they are "cooperating with the investigation fully," but would give no further comment.

The case is still being investigated, according to the release.

"We have no tolerance for sexual assault on our campus," UF president Bernie Machen said in a released statement. "The university is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for every member of the UF community. We must strive to protect all of our students from sexual harassment and assault, and do everything in our power to promote a safe learning environment."

Dan Apple, an assistant communications director at the University Athletic Association, announced via email at 11:10 a.m. Monday that Muschamp's weekly Monday press conference was cancelled. No explanation was given as to why the press conference was cancelled. Muschamp was not available for comment.

The press conference is being rescheduled for later in the week, according to the email.

Florida is coming off a 10-9, come-from-behind win against Tennessee on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. The Gators scored all 10 of their points against the Volunteers in the fourth quarter on back-to-back drives led by Harris, who replaced starter Jeff Driskel with eight seconds remaining in the third quarter.

On the season, Harris has completed four of his six pass attempts for 165 yards and two touchdowns. Both touchdown passes came against Eastern Michigan on his first two career attempts, going for 70 and 78 yards, respectively.

With Harris suspended, Driskel will likely be Florida's starter against LSU on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. True freshman Will Grier or redshirt sophomore Skyler Mornhinweg will serve as Driskel's backup against the Tigers.

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UF true freshman quarterback Treon Harris (3) talks with the offensive line during Florida's 10-9 win against Tennessee on Saturday at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn.

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