



Next UF prez may be picked by next week

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After five months of searching, UF hopes to announce its 12th president Oct. 15.

The selection process will begin Monday and end Wednesday. There are currently 15 applicants.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said applications are not closed, but if an applicant wants to be considered, his or her application has to be submitted by Monday.

"Monday will be the applicant review, and the search committee will narrow the list of applicants," Sikes said.

She said after reviewing every application based on the qualifications found under the search criteria, the committee will invite between three and five individuals to campus Tuesday for interviews.

Applicants include UF Provost Joseph Glover and Kamal Dean Parhizgar, professor of management and business ethics at Texas A&M International University.

After interviews with the search committee, select applicants will be referred to the UF Board of Trustees for interviews.

Split between Tuesday and Wednesday, each finalist will attend an open student community public forum on campus to meet students, staff and the greater UF community, Sikes said. There will also be a separate faculty assembly.

"I'm excited there is a lot of interest in this position and am looking forward to meeting the candidates next week," Student Body President Cory Yeffet wrote in an email. "I'm hopeful there are distinguished academics who are also great leaders with diverse experiences, and we are able to select an incredibly

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Trekkie Takei talks democracy, LGBT

► THE ACTOR-TURNED-ACTIVIST GOT SERIOUS ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES.

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George Takei stepped onto the University Auditorium stage Tuesday evening to thunderous applause.

"This is a really spectacular place — it deserves an 'oh my,'" he said.

The activist and "Star Trek" actor was brought by the Accent Speaker's Bureau, Pride Student Union and Asian American Student Union to share his message on democracy and the connection between minorities at 8 p.m.

"Throughout the year, we celebrate the diversity in America," Takei said. "Because central to the vitality of this nation is the fact that we are diverse, and we celebrate the various histories, cultures, experiences that make up this great country. And as Americans, we are diverse. Infinite diversities, infinite combinations. And the Trekkies recognize that."

Takei took the audience back to 1941: the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was 4 years old, and it was the beginning of his politically active career as a Japanese-American. His family was taken from their home and forced to live in a horse stall before being transferred to an Arkansas internment camp. His father was labeled an enemy non-alien, even though he enlisted to fight for America. Takei said he was too young to understand and feel the pain.

He then became active in campaigns such as the civil rights movement, where he marched alongside Martin Luther King Jr.

But Takei didn't just feel different because of his face, he said. At 10 years old, he knew he was different when he had feelings for boys rather than girls.

As a budding actor, he said he stayed closeted and felt alone. He saw innocent gay men and lesbians get incarcerated due to ignorance, connecting it to his childhood as a Japanese-American. He has been an LGBT activist since 2005, when the bill for equal rights was banned in California.

But Takei said there is a reason to celebrate

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Gabriella Nicholas/Alligator Staff

Actor and activist George Takei speaks at the University Auditorium on Tuesday night as part of the Accent Speaker's Bureau series.

LOCAL

Hawthorne will extend 16-mile bike trail, add bike lanes

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While Gainesville is used to the hectic swarm of students and residents, the City of Hawthorne is more acquainted with the sound of nature and the sight of familiar faces.

Downtown Hawthorne is roughly 1 square mile and houses about 14,000 residents, said Ellen Vause, Hawthorne's city

manager.

Hawthorne enjoys its small town charm, but Vause said the city is eager for tourists to view its nature trails and parks, as well as Main Street.

In an attempt to revitalize the downtown area and spur economic development, the city plans to extend its 16-mile bicycle trail. Hawthorne's previous city planner asked the Florida Department of Transportation for a renovation grant three years ago, and

the city recently announced the project is now underway.

"We need the people," Vause said. "We need the visitors."

The .7-mile project will extend the Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail, one of the top 10 trails in Florida, from just west of U.S. 301 along Southeast 71st Avenue and Southeast 221st Street to the new trail end at State Road 20.

The project will start in summer 2016 and

cost about \$420,000, said Rebecca White, a spokeswoman for the project. It will take about six to eight months to complete.

The FDOT and the Hawthorne City Commission held an open house informational meeting Tuesday in the Hawthorne City Hall Auditorium to discuss the trail's extension.

The proposed project will include repaving, widening of road lanes and pavement

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Opportunity for students interested in business

The Florida Business Leadership Society meets every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in Stuzin Hall, Room 103. 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.

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 closes Thursday at noon. The season begins Tuesday. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu/intramural-sports/fall-schedule/.

Sexual Violence Bystander Intervention Training

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

Moth Madness in the Butterfly Rainforest

Visit the Butterfly Rainforest

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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.

Self-defense lessons with UF Kickboxing Club

Interested in a unique team-building activity for your club or organization? The UF Kickboxing Club is offering free self-defense and kickboxing lessons to local groups. Please contact Genevieve at genvcomeau@gmail.com for more information.

Matheson Museum Family Tree

Join us this Fall in commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the Matheson Museum and more than 140 years of family history that helped shape it. From the building of the 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 mission of the Matheson family for future generations. The Matheson Museum is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30

a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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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:

An article about peanut allergy research, which ran on Tuesday, incorrectly stated that peanut allergies are airborne. According to the National Peanut Board, only skin contact or ingestion can cause an allergic reaction.

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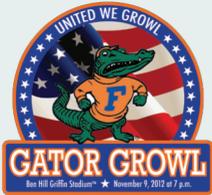


WHERE'S ALBERT? HOMECOMING 2014

This week, Albert and Alberta are taking a tour of the University of Florida campus. See how well you know the UF campus by figuring out where each photo was taken.

Track Albert and Alberta's stops along their tour by entering each of the five locations into the photo log below. Completed and correct entries will be entered into a drawing for Gator Growl tickets and more!

Once completed, deliver or mail your form to The Alligator. All entries must be received by 4 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2014 to be considered for the prize drawing.



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PRIZES

Grand Prize
4 Gator Growl tickets

First 4 Runners-Up
2 Gator Growl Tickets

DAY ONE



Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Deliver your entry: The Alligator, 1105 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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5 winners will be randomly drawn from correct entries on Thursday, October 16th, 2014. Entries must be received by 4 PM Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Of the 5 winners, one winner will be drawn for the Grand Prize. Winners will be announced in the Alligator's 2014 Homecoming Souvenir Edition, published Friday, Oct. 17th 2014. Please do not call to inquire concerning the contest or the results. Picture ID required to collect winnings. Winners will be selected by random drawing, with odds of winning dependent upon the number of correct entries. One entry per person. Officers, directors, employees, their family members of The Alligator, Homecoming and Gator Growl are not eligible to enter. No purchase necessary. You do not need to be present to win. Prizes will be awarded only to winners and cannot be sold. Certain restrictions apply. Subject to availability.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Goodbyes and new beginnings at Student Senate meeting



Ashley Miller-Shaked/Alligator

Members of the new 2014-2015 UF Student Senate are sworn in at Tuesday's meeting.

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Tuesday night's UF Student Senate meeting was the last for some and the first for many.

In the first half of the Senate's double-header meeting, senators said their goodbyes, thanked their peers and gave advice.

"Don't be a Tuesday night senator," said Sen. Bradley Bean, who encouraged new senators to leave their mark and get involved in committees in the Senate.

Sen. Michael Christ, the outgoing and last Students Party senator, advised the new generation of senators to speak their minds.

"Your time in here is very, very short," he said. "Remember why you came here."

The meeting then moved on to approve the 2014 Student Government election results and address the issue of District E's Senate seat.

Senators voted to certify the election results presented by UF Supervisor of Elections Hans Rojas. The Elections Commission recommended validation for the vote totals for all seats except District E, Commission Chairman Harold Holder said.

No candidate qualified to campaign as a District E senator, yet 11 write-in votes — a majority — were cast for "Swamp Party." The seat of District E, Holder said, will not be granted to the Swamp Party because it is not a candidate. According to the SG elections codes, a "write-in candidate" is defined as any person who could have met the qualifications of the office.

Before the first meeting concluded, Christ and Sen. Jason Richards were nominated for the John Michael Stratton Memorial Award, and Senators Davis Bean, Joseph Michaels and Leah Miller were nominated for the Paul Clark Memorial Award for Outstanding Committee Chairperson.

As the old senators filed out of the chambers, new senators were quickly sworn in by Chief Justice Marshall McDonald, followed by nominations for Senate President and Senate President Pro-Tempore.

Michaels was nominated and unanimously voted in as UF Senate President, as was Bean for Senate President Pro-Tempore.

"I'm very thankful for the Senate for entrusting me with leading the Senate body," Michaels said.

Pride History Week asks students to reflect on LGBT history

► FRIDAY IS NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY.

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The Pride Student Union is asking UF students to peer through the looking glass to learn more about the LGBT community's Pride History Week.

With each day coinciding with a decade in the LGBT history, the Pride Student Union has planned a series of events to acknowledge its past and celebrate National Coming Out Day on Friday.

"I want this week to expose the extensive

national history of the queer community beyond the mainstream gay rights movement that many are already aware of," said Damian Gonzalez, internal vice president for Pride Student Union.

The week kicked off Monday with a discussion on being queer and religious, he said. Taking each day decade by decade, the Pride Student Union will use the rest of the week to explore other identities and topics from HIV and AIDS to dressing in drag.

Gonzalez, a 20-year-old journalism and political science junior, said the week is about breaking down the stigma associated with HIV, bridging the gap between religious and queer individuals and dismantling the gender binary.

The group is providing an HIV/AIDS workshop led by the the Gainesville Area AIDS Project and Queer People of Color United. There will be free HIV testing by WellFlorida. The workshop will take place in Little Hall, Room 217 at 8 p.m. today.

The organization is also hosting an event called Drag Ball: Rio Carnival on Thursday at 8 p.m. inside the UF Hillel, where guests are encouraged to dress in drag, he said.

"We want to acknowledge the oppressive forces, but we also want to recognize how vibrant and flamboyant and warm and exciting this community and culture can be," said Collin Vernay, Pride Student Union president.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Pride Student Union and LGBT Affairs will host an inter-

active art gallery on Plaza of the Americas, which is devoted to the experience of coming out, the 21-year old psychology and sociology senior said.

This year, the coming-out event will showcase positive remarks UF students, alumni and faculty have heard when they came out.

There will be two walls with pictures of students holding a whiteboard. On one side will be the discouraging statements and the other will show positive quotes, said Tessa Arthur, a marketing sophomore and ambassador for LGBT affairs.

"These events are so important to the UF community because many scared, closeted high schoolers come to UF, hoping for more inclusion and acceptance," Arthur, 20, said.

He spoke about life in internment camp

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as federal courts recently struck down gay-marriage bans.

"More than 60 percent of the U.S. will now have marriage equality," he said. "However, it's not about percents. And when I pledge allegiance to the flag, I pledge allegiance to the United States of America. And I know that within, at most, two

years, we will be celebrating, and we will be pledging allegiance to the United States of America — all 50 states, including Florida. It's coming, Florida."

Students in the audience had a positive response to the connection between Asian American history and the LGBT movement.

"It was wonderful to have the intersection," said Damian Gonzalez, a 20-year-old UF journalism and po-

litical science junior and Pride Student Union internal vice president. "It's a dialogue not promoted often and is usually separated."

Takei's final thoughts shared views on the vibrancy of America's history and future, resulting in a standing ovation.

"Throughout history, it's the changes that made this country more of a democracy," he said. "Activists make changes."

Trail renovations will cost \$420,000

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marking.

Two 13-foot bike lanes will be added to Southeast 71st Avenue, which will be widened by 8 feet.

The bike route enhancements will make use of shared lanes that indicate where a cyclist has the right to ride. Under Florida law, bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles, said Leigh Ann Bennett, the FDOT's project manager.

"Bicycle riders, if they chose to, could take the whole lane," she said.

These bike lanes will be marked with a "sharrow" symbol, which is the designated symbol for shared lanes.

Future plans for Hawthorne include extending the trail along State Road 20 into Palatka and renovating the downtown area with a community center, restaurants and boutiques.

John Dee, the design project manager, said there will be lane closures, but no road closures.

"No detours or anything, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

The selection is a three-day process

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qualified individual to lead the University of Florida."

On Wednesday, the final day of the search, the Board of Trustees will interview the finalists and elect the next UF president.

Then the president-elect will be ratified by the Florida Board of Governors at its next meeting, wrote UF President Search Committee Chairman Steven Scott in an email to the UF community Monday.

The questions asked at the campus and faculty assemblies will be those developed during the 2012 searches as

well as recent public input.

The schedule is still being formalized and will be posted on the search website later this week, Sikes said.

"There absolutely will be a student community public forum on Tuesday evening," she said. "We will want them to participate. We want students to be part of the process. We know choosing the next president affects them as well."

Sikes said Scott's email began with extreme optimism.

"We are pleased with the response nationwide," she said. "And we are confident that we will have a qualified applicant pool to consider on Monday."

UF RESOURCES

UF starts up the first Student Tech Fair: Friday outside Marston

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Students can take a break from their classes Friday and jump into a tech playground in front of the Marston Science Library.

Beats by Dre headphones, 3-D printing and laptop GPS trackers will be on display at the first Student Tech Fair on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is hosted by UF Information Technology and Smathers Libraries.

Jameson Johnston, IT manager for UFIT, said about 20 on-campus organizations will participate in the event to showcase the services available to students.

"Students aren't aware of all the different types of services available to them, whether

it's the UF Help Desk or the computer labs across campus," he said. "We want to make sure that students are aware of the technology offered." UFIT, along with the UF Bookstore, computer labs and libraries will be in attendance.

The idea for the fair came from Chloe Finch, a 21-year-old journalism senior and employee at UFIT, said Bobby Brito, a political science, history and international studies senior and member of the Tech Fair planning committee.

The fair will highlight Library West's one-week iPad rentals, the Collaboration Commons study space in Marston Science Library and UFIT's Adobe Creative Suite 6 labs.

Brito said he is looking forward to seeing students embrace UF's free technology.

"I'm not a STEM major, so it's nice to see what services are offered through the university that I can use," Brito, 21, said.

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Bobby Brito

UF political science, history, and international studies senior

University Police will introduce the FrontDoorSoftware Laptop Loss and Recovery program that allows students to re-

motely lock and track their laptops in case of theft.

Lynda.com and UFApps, a software application that provides students with free access to Microsoft software and AutoCAD 2014, will also be promoting their tech services.

Tracy Gale, UFIT communications manager, wrote in an email that the goal of the fair is to bring campus IT services together in one place.

Johnston said only a small portion of the tech services at UF are not used by students.

"We're looking to get feedback about our services and see what else we can offer the students," he said.

Church hopes to send million copies of Bible to Cuba

► IT HAS PURCHASED 20,000 SO FAR.

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Through a project known as "Cuba: Million Bible Mission," The Rock of Gainesville Church is trying to raise more than \$5 million to send a million Bibles to Cuba.

The Bibles cost \$5.40 each and, so far, the Rock has raised more than \$100,000 and purchased 20,000 Bibles.

All of those will be distributed by the United Bible Society, the Council of Churches and the Rock in November.

The project began in June in partnership with the United Bible Society. The Rock expects to reach its million-Bible goal by 2017 or 2018, said church spokesman Oscar Candelaria.

According to Candelaria, the Rock and the United Bible Society have received permission from the Cuban government to distribute the Bibles in the country.

The Bibles are in "an easy-to-understand translation," said Candelaria, who was born in Cuba.

According to the Rock, about 77 percent of Cuba's population is Christian.

The church said Christianity is growing by about 15 percent each year in Cuba.

While some people, like Kevin Cauthen, a 17-year-old dual-enrollment Santa Fe College student, think what the Rock is doing is a good

thing, some people, like Jonah Stokes, believe differently.

"Why a million Bibles for Cuba?" the 18-year-old musical theater freshman at Santa Fe asked, laughing. "Aren't Cubans already religious? They aren't a godless nation."

Sequoia Cervone Buzzella, a UF sustainability freshman, said she thinks that the \$5 million could go towards other things.

Tabitha Odabe, a senior at The Rock School who also attends the church, said she disagreed.

"It's a good thing," she said, referring to the mission, adding that "there are people who want to know God more and want to read God's Word," but they don't have access to it.

Candelaria said people criticizing the effort to bring Bibles, rather than aiding the poor and in-need, just don't have the right perspective.

"Most people in the U.S. don't have any idea what it's like to live in a country where you're persecuted," he said.

"Where everything is illegal, where you can't raise your own food without giving most of it to the government."

He continued, "And so, it's easy to criticize this project of bringing in a million Bibles to Cuba, thinking you could use this money for something else."



Gabriella Nicholas / Alligator Staff

A Blunt Opinion

Jon Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, explains his position on medical marijuana and its potential uses for epilepsy patients Tuesday night at the Levin College of Law.

Gainesville ranks high for housing

► IT'S THIRD FOR BEST RENTAL PROPERTIES.

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Whether you're looking to buy a rental property or flip a house, Gainesville is one of the best cities in the country to do it.

The city ranked in the top 10 college towns for both categories — third for buying rental property and sixth for flipping houses.

The rankings were compiled by RealtyTrac, a real estate information company based in California.

"This is our first time doing this kind of report," said Ginny Walker, RealtyTrac spokeswoman. "What we liked about UF is that it appeared on both lists."

Data was also collected from the National Center for Education Statistics, Walker said. The top college-town rankings for buying rental properties were based on annual

gross rental yield, she said, while the top college towns for flipping houses were ranked based on the average gross return on investment percentage for the first eight months of 2014.

Terry Martin-Back has been in the business of flipping houses for about 30 years. He is the co-owner of the Exit Realty franchise in Gainesville and a general contractor.

"I enjoy going into houses that nobody else wants and then turning them into something that someone can enjoy again," Martin-Back said.

The main reason for flipping houses is money, he said.

"Students are buying older condos and apartments because they are affordable," Martin-Back said. "Right now we have about 2,500 new apartments and condos coming in."

Holly Linville, a 21-year-old UF communication sciences and disorders senior, has lived in a more affordable house behind Midtown for two years with two roommates.

"The location of my house is great," she said. "It is near the heart of campus, and I am close to the stadium, restaurants and classes."

Top 10 for buying rental properties:

- University of Akron
- Thomas Edison State College
- University of Florida
- University of Cincinnati
- Ohio State University
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Kent State University
- University of Nebraska
- Broward College

Top 10 for flipping houses:

- University of Minnesota
- University of Washington
- University of Nebraska
- San Francisco State University
- Thomas Edison State College
- University of Florida
- University of Colorado
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Akron
- North Carolina State University

Source: RealtyTrac

Editorial

Other proposed state amendments deserve attention

Those following the media's coverage of the upcoming November election might be forgiven for believing that Florida will only have one proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot this year. The media have featured wall-to-wall coverage of Amendment 2, which would legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes in the state of Florida.

It's not surprising that the media have chosen to focus so heavily on Amendment 2. Medical marijuana is a controversial issue — one that has been debated extensively and fiercely at both the state and federal level.

However, there are two other amendments that Florida's voters will decide on this year that are arguably more important than the medical marijuana issue.

Amendment 1, the Water and Land Conservation Amendment, is a proposal that would dedicate a permanent source of revenue to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, a public trust that purchases Florida land for parks and other conservation efforts. The funding would come from the documentary stamp tax, a tax primarily assessed on real estate transactions.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature have decimated spending on environmental conservation in recent years. The fact that Scott has responded to questions about climate change by saying that he is "not a scientist" demonstrates that he does not take environmental issues seriously.

The passage of Amendment 1 would ensure a permanent source of funding for environmental conservation that would not be subject to politically expedient budget cuts.

Amendment 3 relates to the process by which seats on the Florida Supreme Court and the state district appeals courts are filled. Passage of the amendment would allow an outgoing governor to fill any judicial vacancies that are created on the first day of a newly sworn-in governor's term.

If Amendment 3 passes, it could allow lame-duck governors to fill the courts with appointees of their choosing just before a new governor is set to take office.

This particular amendment may seem somewhat arcane and insubstantial, but it could have significant consequences for the future makeup of the Florida Supreme Court and other lower courts.

Amendments 1 and 3 might not be as sexy and topical as Amendment 2, but they are both just as important to Florida's future, if not more so.

The League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund has created a fantastic resource for this year's election, bereadyto-vote.org. The website includes a comprehensive, nonpartisan explanation of all the statewide races and constitutional amendments that will be on the Florida ballot this year.

The outcome of the votes on Amendments 1 and 3 will have serious consequences for the future of Florida's environment and judicial system.

Florida voters must have an opportunity to educate themselves about these important issues and make an informed choice.

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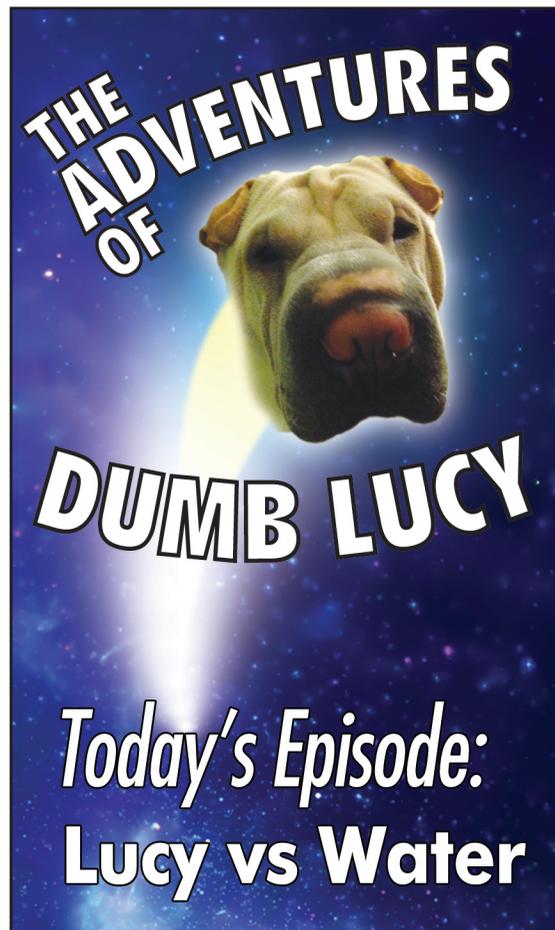
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Column

Scott, Crist: not leadership Fla. needs

As you venture around Gainesville, political signs are a ubiquitous sight on street corners. However, as far as the eye can see, there's hardly a sign in sight for either Gov. Rick Scott or democratic candidate Charlie Crist. Perhaps the campaigns are simply eschewing campaign signs for other means of advertisement, or perhaps it's a sign that voters are just not that excited for the gubernatorial election. With less than a month until Election Day, campaign fever should be sweeping Florida. But if it's happening elsewhere in the state, it's certainly not happening in Gainesville.

Crist recently visited Gainesville to open a campaign office, but few politicians seemed to care, despite the candidate himself showing up to christen the office.

If there's one campaign tactic seen by Floridians everywhere, it's the attack ads eating away at our hearts and souls. Charlie Crist loves President Barack Obama, Rick Scott steals money like Dr. Evil, and both candidates are going to eat your children. Perhaps the last ad isn't real, but at this point, would you put it past either candidate to make such a horrific claim?

Generally, I consider campaign signs to be nothing more than litter that decorates our yards, street corners and abandoned businesses during campaign season, but seeing an entire town nearly bereft of Crist or Scott signs during such a close election is quite surprising.

It's true that Gainesville is not exactly the main battleground for control of the governor's mansion, but you have to wonder if voters in South Florida and along the Interstate 4 corridor feel the same way. They have a choice between "Lord Voldemort" or "Two-Face," and neither option seems particularly appealing.

Rolling Stone picked up on the current state of the gubernatorial campaign last week, publishing an article entitled "The Florida Farce," that chronicles why voters should not support either candidate. Nothing in the article was particularly revelatory as they lambasted Scott for his actions while he was CEO of Columbia/HCA and exposed Crist for the flip-flopping, political opportunist that he is.

While we're abundantly aware of the candidates' downfalls, now is the time for us to look in the mirror and ask our-



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selves if this is the best we can do. Democrats are so desperate for the keys to the governor's mansion that they welcomed Crist into the party with open arms giving him more than 74 percent of the democratic primary vote. For a man who once wanted to bring back prison chain gangs — earning him the nickname Chain Gang Charlie — it was a stunning turnaround. Crist was a Republican just four short years ago, but Democrats don't care; they just want to win.

Republicans seem fine with Scott, who famously used his Fifth Amendment right not to self-incriminate a whopping 75 times. His company was fined an extraordinary \$1.7 billion for Medicare fraud, but again, Republicans seem to have no qualms giving this man another four years in Tallahassee.

Are we truly scraping the barrel so deeply for good politicians in both parties that Democrats and Republicans must settle for political opportunists like Crist or fraudsters who look like Lurch from the Addams Family?

As discussed in the Rolling Stone piece, Florida has immense problems to tackle, from climate change — if you haven't noticed, Miami's starting to drown — to the future of health care in a state where nearly 19 percent of the population is over the age of 65.

Scott seems only able to toe the Tea Party line, while Crist will say just about anything to get elected and then may not do anything once in office. The prospect of either man spending the next four years running Florida should terrify us all into finding real leadership between now and 2018.

We have to deal with the effects of climate change now, advance the state's aging infrastructure that can no longer handle the swelling population and finally bring an end to the corruption that envelops Tallahassee like fog on a humid morning. Can this be done with Scott and Crist?

Only time will tell, but don't hold your breath. Joel Mendelson is a UF grad student in political campaigning. His columns appear on Wednesdays.

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

Column

Fla. Amendment 2 medical marijuana regulations, restrictions just don't cut it

Election Day is quickly approaching. On Nov. 4, Florida voters will decide whether to enact Amendment 2: The Florida Right to Medical Marijuana Initiative.

The initiative's passage allows for the medical use of marijuana, administration of marijuana by caregivers, recommendations by licensed physicians and the sale of marijuana by medical marijuana treatment centers.

As discussed in last week's column, Amendment 2 is deeply flawed. To restate my stance, I support the legalization of medical marijuana but disapprove of Amendment 2. This opinion is supported by the effects of medical marijuana legalization in California and by analyses of Amendment 2's fine print.

The way to determine the potential effects of Amendment 2 is not to simply hope its passage will turn out well. Instead, let's examine the effects of similar laws in other states.

California passed a medical marijuana amendment similar to Amendment 2 in 1996. Greg Warmoth, a reporter for Orlando's Channel 9, investigated its effect on California in November 2013.

Warmoth easily secured a physician's certification for medical marijuana after telling the doctor, a gynecologist who opened a "pot doc" shop on the side for extra money, that he had trouble sleeping.

Because the fine print of Florida's bill includes "other conditions" outside of debilitating diseases as valid qualifiers for medical marijuana certification, people can get medical marijuana for even small ailments like "trouble sleeping."

Because California's and Florida's amendments are so similar, possession in Florida will be an easy process, and the amendment's medical purposes may be abused for recreational uses.

Furthermore, Amendment 2 gives the Florida Department of Health a large role in creating regulations related to medical marijuana. While it is reasonable to assume FDOH will supply ample regulation to close any loopholes allowing for misuse in the amendment's text, the amendment does not commission FDOH to create regulations to its needed extent.

Within Amendment 2's full text, FDOH is responsible for issuing identification cards to patients and caregivers, creating standards of renewal for ID cards, creating health and safety standards for medical marijuana treatment centers and creating a regulation for how much marijuana can be purchased.

FDOH is left with no responsibility to create standards for where one can smoke medical marijuana or where one can open a medical marijuana treatment center.



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Since there are no stipulations for the location of such treatment centers, a "pot doc" can open up shop next to a school or in a residential community. This, coupled with no regulation for where medical marijuana can be smoked, will create numerous problems.

Comparing marijuana to products like alcohol and cigarettes is not a valid comparison

because alcohol and cigarettes have regulations on where they can be sold and where one could drink or smoke. Medical marijuana would have neither of those regulations under Amendment 2.

The issue of medical marijuana is personal for me. My mom has had chronic, progressive multiple sclerosis for more than 20 years. It is impossible for anyone who has not experienced it firsthand to conceive of the pain this disease causes. The effects of multiple sclerosis can be completely debilitating.

I have seen my mother go from walking upright to using a walker to relying on a wheelchair. I have seen her body cripple and wither under the effects of this disease.

I know the side effects of the countless medications she has used for treatment: sleepiness, foginess, and in other cases, digestive and liver problems.

By any definition, multiple sclerosis qualifies as a debilitating disease. If Amendment 2 passes, my mom would be eligible to use medical marijuana for relief.

As unusual as it is for me to consider my mother lighting up a blunt and taking a puff, if that's going to give her relief, I want her to get it.

However, I can't support the legalization of medical marijuana just yet. Amendment 2 is simply too vague.

If the amendment passes, legislation following it will be reactive instead of preventative. State lawmakers are going to be kicking themselves to push out new laws that will curve the unintended consequences of Amendment 2, like the ability for people to open a medical marijuana treatment center anywhere and the ability to smoke marijuana anywhere.

Medical marijuana should be legal, and voters should be able to compassionately allow the choice for relief through medical marijuana. However, that choice should not come until a more revised and more restrictive form of Amendment 2 is proposed.

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UWire

I'll take stereotypes for 200, Alex

What do women want? It's a question both women and men have been asking themselves for years. To some, the answer might be equal pay in comparison to male counterparts; to others, it might be control over reproductive health. However, this week, "Jeopardy!," the popular Q-and-A style game show whose run has spanned 50 years, took it upon itself to finally answer the question that has been left unanswered for years.

This past Monday, "Jeopardy!" included a category called "What Women Want" in its first round. The name of the category seemed innocent enough — until the clues were read aloud. While the vaguely named category could have taken many forms, it caused nothing but controversy. Instead of taking a progressive look at women, the category deferred to female stereotypes, as if the year were still 1950.

With answers like "Some help around the house; would it kill you to get out the Bissell bagless canister one of these every once in a while?" or "A pair of jeans that fit well, like the 525s from this brand," female viewers were absolutely offended. Sure, some women may want a new vacuum or time to relax and do a crossword, but to say that these are the only things women want is absurd.

These answers put forth the idea that women are too simplistic and naïve to want anything more than a pair of jeans, and even if they do want things like equality, it doesn't matter because vacuums are for women, and equality is for men.

"Jeopardy!" not only generalized all women but also implied that the only thing women want (or should want) is to have a pleasant, domestic life and, of course, a nice pair of jeans. Never mind that 66 million women in the U.S. have full- or part-time jobs, or the fact that women make up 47 percent of the workforce.

Women who viewed this episode of "Jeopardy!" quickly took to Twitter and started the hashtag #whatwomenwant to show that, despite what people may think, women want more than just vacuums. Women all over the U.S. called out the game show writers and let them know that they weren't interested in just having time to relax and do some crossword puzzles.

Bringing up issues like putting an end to rape culture, receiving equal pay and recognition of female efforts inside and outside the home, women were not shy about showing how disappointed they were with the category.

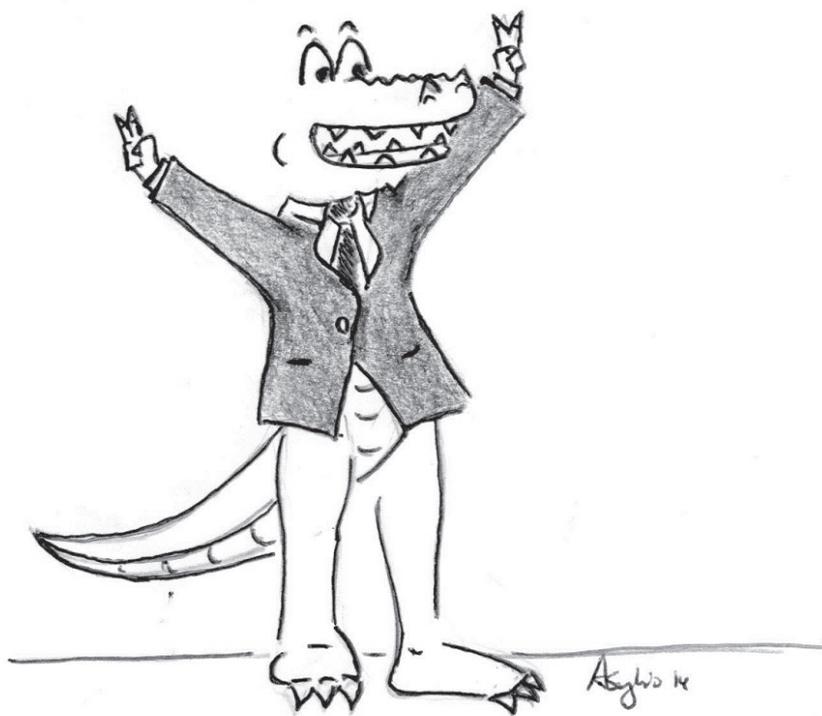
One Twitter user even created her own parody question to show just how ridiculous the category was: "A clean house, a satisfied husband, and lots of shoes! What are outdated stereotypes?" Even actress Sophia Bush commented on the show, saying "Jeopardy, for a smart show you just got srsly stupid." As of Sunday, "Jeopardy!" has yet to respond to any of these comments.

While it may be difficult for the staff at "Jeopardy!" to believe, women want more than time to do pilates or drink Sleepytime tea. The needs and desires of women are not the same as they were 60 years ago and have evolved to include more than just domestic matters.

"Jeopardy!" missed the opportunity to make social commentary and bring attention to the real needs of women, but instead, chose to defer to stereotypes. By confining women to these sorts of stereotypes, we are backtracking on all the progress feminist movements and women everywhere have made in the past several decades.

Madeline Gallegos writes for the Rocky Mountain Collegian. This story originally appeared on UWire.

"I am not a Croc!"



UF scholars to host discussion on Ebola virus in Pugh Hall today

► IT'S AT 5:30 P.M.

ASHLEIGH HICKS

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF scholars will come together at Pugh Hall to address Ebola virus concerns today.

The panel discussion on the virus will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ocora Room.

The event, "The West African Ebola Epidemic: A UF Faculty Discussion & Research Poster Session," will feature a panel of UF faculty who will discuss the disease and its sociocultural effects.

UF professor Leonardo A. Villalón, dean of the International Center, will moderate the panel.

"The point is to sort of tap into our expertise here at UF about an issue that is a very key and current concern," Villalón said.

The panel will include Dr. Paul Psychas from the UF Community Health and Family Medicine and Emerging Pathogens Institute and Sharon Abramowitz, assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Center for African Studies.

Abramowitz said the crisis is not as detrimental as the media have led people to believe.

"We have a very robust health system and strong containment measures whenever they are activated," Abramowitz said. "It would appear that the public health system is working very actively to prepare itself."

"We have a very robust health system and strong containment measures whenever they are activated."

Sharon Abramowitz
UF assistant professor

The panel aims to address growing health concerns among Americans and within the campus community.

The event will be followed by a research poster session presented by undergraduate students in the UF Ebola virus research group.

Sponsors for the event include the Health in Africa Working Group at UF's Center for African Studies, the UF International Center Global Health Council and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.

"I think the best strategy is to throw as many American resources as possible into containing it at the site where it's most prevalent right now, and if we address the problem at its source, we won't have to worry about issues of a broader pandemic," Abramowitz said.

Tarantulas and more at TailGATOR

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The rivalry football game against Louisiana State University on Saturday might not be the scariest part of gameday for some Gator fans.

Students and alumni attending the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences TailGATOR event Saturday will get the chance to pet a tarantula in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

The 18th annual TailGATOR event hosted in partnership with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will also feature a student in a cockroach costume, baby alligators and take-home space plants.

Curtis Snyder, the academic student services coordinator in the horticultural sciences department, said the event will have an interesting mix of attendees.

"It's a chance for the college to thank alumni, to

show them what we've done in the past year and the changes we're making and how we're making an impact both in Florida and students' lives," he said.



Carr

Cathy Carr, director of alumni and career services of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said 600 to 700 people are expected to attend the tailgate. Face painting, a barbecue and a silent auction, which raised about \$3,300 for scholarships last year, are highlights of the annual event.

About 35 interactive displays from IFAS-related organizations will educate and entertain attendees, she said.

"It's a great opportunity for students to interact with alumni and professionals who may be in their career area of interest," Carr said.

TailGATOR starts three hours before kickoff, and advance tickets cost \$12.50 or \$15 at the door.

CAMPUS

Florida Gym celebrates 65 years

DAMARIS LOPEZ

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The Florida Gym will celebrate its 65th anniversary on Oct. 21 with a luncheon for staff, faculty and students.

"I was looking through some old papers and realized that this year would be the 65th anniversary," said Christine Coombes, director of communications for the College of Health and Human Performance, "so I talked to the dean, and he thought it would be a good idea to celebrate."

In addition to the luncheon, the college will host a birthday party-themed tailgate before the Florida versus Missouri game

Oct. 18. Florida Gym courtyard bricks will also be on sale for a discounted price of \$65 in honor of the 65-year mark.

"A lot of the things we do in the O'Dome today, we used to do at the Florida Gym back then."

Carl Van Ness
UF archivist

The tailgate will include a display of black and white photographs of the gym from the '50s around the courtyard. The dean of the college, Michael Reid, will also be saying a few words in honor of the anniversary, Coombes said.

The Florida Gym was built in

1949 and has held several events since, including performances by Johnny Cash and speeches by John F. Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey and Lyndon B. Johnson, said Carl Van Ness, an archivist at UF's Smathers Library.

The Florida Gym houses the College of Health and Human Performance, where 52 faculty members teach more than 1,900 students, according to the college press release.

"A lot of the things we do in the O'Dome today, we used to do at the Florida Gym back then," Van Ness said.

Students can join the celebration by attending the tailgate at the Florida Gym courtyard at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18.



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Fairies and Gnomes and Fun — Oh My!

From left, Alachua County Library District staff Odette Henson, Kerry Dowd and Erin Phemester pose with participants at the Fairies and Gnomes and Fun — Oh My! craft day Tuesday at the Headquarters Branch Library.

News briefs: Man accused of burglary offers heroin as apology

Gargoyles missing from church

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Burglar caught in the act offers to share heroin

BILLINGS, Mont. — Prosecutors in Montana said a man caught leaving a house he had apparently burglarized apologized to the homeowner and offered him some heroin.

The Billings Gazette reported that

Christopher Dayell Bittner made an initial court appearance Monday on felony burglary and drug possession charges.

Authorities said the homeowner and his 7-year-old son came home as Bittner was leaving Saturday. Yellowstone County Attorney Paul Adam said Bittner apologized and offered the drug. He was found nearby, and court records said a search of his backpack turned up 31.5 grams of heroin,

drug paraphernalia and items belonging to the homeowner.

Public defender Roberta Drew asked that Bittner be released without bail because he wanted to attend his father's funeral. Bail was set at \$7,500, but Bittner was allowed to attend the service.

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Hunt on for 1.5-ton gargoyles missing from church

WORCESTER, Mass. — Church officials and preservationists are trying to figure

out what happened to several 1.5-ton gargoyles from a Massachusetts church.

The church in Worcester is a one-fifth scale replica of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris built in the 1980s. It now is owned by an Assembly of God congregation and is on the market for \$2.5 million.

The group's director told The Telegram & Gazette the 3,000-pound gargoyles were removed for safety reasons by a construction company that went out of business. The company's assets were sold at auction, and they fear the gargoyles were sold.



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Wired

UF electrical engineering junior Lisdelys Garcia, 20, works on her LED circuit board for her class Tuesday night.

New One Love Cafe to bring wide variety to Beer Fest in Gainesville

► PROCEEDS FROM THE BEER FEST WILL GO TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ALACHUA COUNTY.

MEGAN STENNES

Alligator Contributing Writer

In a small building toward the back of Magnolia Parke, a new restaurant has something brewing.

On Oct. 25, One Love Cafe is bringing Beer Fest to Gainesville.

The cozy restaurant has been in operation for about a month and sits on a three-acre park.

Tickets will be \$25 in advance for the event and \$35 at the door, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County.

Guests will be provided a wristband, enabling them to sample about 40 to 80 types of beer and a handful of food items.

The cafe will also be open, said Juli Denney, one of the co-owners of the cafe. Guests can choose to sit inside or take advantage of outdoor seating.

"I try to make everything healthy and fresh. Nothing is processed. It's American comfort food with a unique twist, and it still tastes good."

Juli Denney
co-owner

Just outside of the restaurant is a large projector screen, where guests can watch NFL football games on Thursdays, and guests can watch college games on Fridays and Saturdays.

"I wanted them to have something like a beer fest because they have the space for it," said Joshua Lane, a regular at One Love Cafe.

All of the cafe's food is made in-house, Denney said, including

the fresh ground-beef hamburgers and the sauces and dressings she prepares personally.

"I think that sets us apart because we make almost everything from scratch," Denney said.

Vegan and vegetarian dishes are also available.

Despite the name of the cafe, Denney said it does not serve Jamaican food or have any ties with the late Bob Marley. Instead, the name reads like the engraving on the inside of her and her husband's wedding rings — "One Love."

Currently, the cafe is only open three days a week, Thursday through Saturday, but Denney said she plans to increase its hours once the restaurant has better stability.

"I try to make everything healthy and fresh," Denney said. "Nothing is processed. It's American comfort food with a unique twist, and it still tastes good."

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Mornhinweg, Willis fight over cleats No charges were filed

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The same day news broke about the Treon Harris sexual assault allegations, two UF football players – quarterback Skyler Mornhinweg and defensive lineman Gerald Willis – got into a fight over a pair of cleats.

University Police officers responded to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium shortly after 7 p.m. Monday after being notified of a fight in progress.

However, the fight had already been broken up before law enforcement arrived.

Upon arrival, the responding officer spoke with defensive backs coach Travaris Robinson who advised the officer the team would deal with the issue internally, a report said.

When officers made contact with Mornhinweg in one of the stadium training rooms, they noticed small lacerations on Mornhinweg's lower lip, according to the report. Mornhinweg advised the officers he was injured in the fight with Willis.

Mornhinweg told officers the fight escalated when he approached Willis about a pair of missing football cleats. Mornhinweg told Willis he found his

missing pair of cleats in Willis' locker, but Willis told Mornhinweg he grabbed the cleats in a rush to get to practice, according to the report.

Willis was unavailable for comment Monday, but contact was made with him Tuesday and he also confirmed that the fight started over the missing pair of cleats. Willis told officers he was eating dinner outside of the stadium before Mornhinweg approached him. The two exchanged words before Willis pushed Mornhinweg.

He said Mornhinweg then struck him on the chin before he punched Mornhinweg in the face. A small cut was visible on Willis' chin, police said.

Mornhinweg was taken to UF Health Shands Emergency Room for the cuts on his lip. Willis did not need medical attention, according to the report.

Neither party wished to press charges. They were both referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

"Based upon the complaint withdrawals, there will be no criminal charges on either individual," said UPD spokesman Major Brad Barber.

Mornhinweg started Florida's final three games last season following season-ending injuries to starter Jeff Driskel and then second-stringer Tyler Murphy, who transferred to Boston

College after the season ended.

The Philadelphia native threw for 344 yards, three touchdowns and one interception on a 69.8-percent completion rate in those three games — losses to South Carolina, Georgia Southern and Florida State.

With backup quarterback Treon Harris suspended indefinitely due to an accused sexual assault early Sunday morning on UF's campus, Mornhinweg is expected to be Driskel's backup when UF (3-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) faces LSU (4-2, 0-2 SEC) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Will Grier (back spasms) — a true freshman and five-star recruit — was cleared to practice this week but has sat out the past two weeks.

Willis, a five-star recruit out of New Orleans, has seen limited action so far in his true freshman season but showed off his athleticism during training camp.

The 6-foot-2, 255-pound defensive lineman has played in two games in his freshman season (Eastern Michigan and Tennessee), recording four total tackles, a half tackle for loss and one quarterback hurry.

Florida football coach Will Muschamp is scheduled to speak with media for the first time since Harris' suspension today. He will be live on the SEC teleconference at 11:20 a.m. and then will speak with local reporters at 11:30 a.m.

AIR JORDAN

Five points: What UF needs to do on the field against LSU

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Even in the midst of backup quarterback Treon Harris being accused of sexual assault against a UF student on Sunday morning, as well as reserve quarterback Skyler Mornhinweg and defensive lineman Gerald Willis fighting over a pair of cleats on Monday, Florida still has a football game against LSU to worry about this week. Here are five points the Gators need to focus on heading into their game against the Tigers on Saturday night at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.



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1.) Florida needs to run the ball — and run it a lot:

The Tigers are ranked dead last in the Southeastern Conference in run defense, giving up an average of 184.3 yards on the ground per game. LSU has surrendered 600 rushing yards in its two SEC games — losses to Mississippi State and Auburn.

While Florida fans want to see the excitement in the offense that comes with the passing game, this is the opportunity for running back Matt Jones — who already has two games with at least 100 rushing yards — to have another breakout performance and for sophomore Kelvin Taylor to come out of his early-season slump.

2.) The Gators have to stop the Tigers' run game:

LSU is arguably as deep at running back as any team in the SEC. The Tigers have utilized a four-headed monster in the backfield with Leonard Fournette, Kenny Hilliard, Darrel Williams and Terrence Magee. All four have at least 37 rushing attempts and 167 yards this season and have accounted for 13 of LSU's 27 touchdowns on offense.

But in LSU's three games against teams with top-25 run defenses this year (Wisconsin, 22nd; Mississippi State, 11th; Auburn, 13th), the Tigers have been limited to just 142.7 yards per game.

The Gators come into the game with the 15th best run defense in the country, giving up just 103 rushing yards per game.

Outside of its 42-21 loss to Alabama, during which the Crimson Tide tallied 223 yards rushing alone, Florida's opponents have been held to no more than 81 yards on the ground each game.

3.) Dural has to be contained: Travin Dural has excelled early on in his third year with LSU. After

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UF quarterback Skyler Mornhinweg (17) attempts a pass during Florida's 37-7 loss to Florida State on Nov. 30 in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.



Maria Torres looks to build on her freshman-year success in her first fall tournament. *Read the story on Page 14.*

Florida soccer cracks top 5

The UF soccer team moved up one spot to No. 5 in the NSCAA poll, released on Tuesday. Florida swept its two road matches this weekend, defeating Texas A&M 1-0 on Friday and Arkansas 3-1 on Sunday.

UF Volleyball still in top 10

After winning two road matches this weekend, the Florida volleyball team remained at No. 9 in the AVCA poll, which was released on Monday.

Brasure named SEC Women's Freshman Runner of the Week

She has UF's ninth-best 6k ever

BEN MURPHY
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Florida freshman Lauren Brasure hasn't wasted any time bursting onto the 2014 cross country scene.

After finishing as one of the top two Florida runners in her first two appear-

ances, Brasure continued to make a significant impact for the Gators this weekend at the Paul Short Run at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Lauren landed the top freshman spot at the meet alongside a 16th place finish after running an all-time Florida freshman best 20:26.5 6k.

Brasure's 6k time also puts her ninth in school history.

UF Cross Country

As a team, the Gators finished eighth at the meet, the highest placing of the four Southeastern Conference schools that competed in the race on Saturday.

For the second time in three weeks Brasure was announced as the SEC Women's Freshman Runner of the Week after post-

ing the SEC's second-fastest 6K time this season.

She is the first Gator freshman to earn the honor since Julie Macedo in 2012.

Brasure is no stranger to prestigious accolades as she was named the state of Michigan's "Ms. Cross Country" in her senior season back in 2013.

Brasure and the rest of the women's team will be back in action on Oct. 17 at the Wisconsin adidas Invitational.

Torres prepares for first tourney, looks to build on freshman season

► SHE DID NOT COMPETE IN UF'S FIRST TOURNAMENT THIS FALL.

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After not being able to compete in the opening tournament of the season, sophomore Maria Torres is ready to begin her second year for the women's golf team as it prepares for the Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Torres is coming off a freshman campaign in which she was named to the 2014 Southeastern Conference All-Freshman team.

She was also named the SEC Freshman of the Week following her performance at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

She combined for five top-25 finishes and two top-10 finishes, which were both second on the team.

Even though Torres collected several accolades in her first season, she worked over the summer to improve all aspects of her game.

"I was working with my swing coach and working with all of my team back home, working on ev-

ery aspect, so I can get better and my mental aspect and trying to be physically ready for everything," Torres said.

The Puerto Rico native competed at the World Amateur Team Championships held in Karuizawa, Japan.

Torres, along with junior Ursa Orehek and sophomore Karolina Vlckova, were three players from the team who competed in Japan.

Torres was the best player among the group, finishing at 3-over-par in the tournament. The experience of competing with players from around the world is something Torres was excited about.

"It's amazing, you representing your country is a great thing, it's a good feeling," Torres said. "All the best players in the world are competing and it makes you feel good, in a sense that you're part of that tournament."

Not being able to compete at the Cougar Classic was hard for Torres as she wasn't able to lend a helping hand for the team, but she's looking forward to helping out the team as they head to UNC.

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Maria Torres hits the ball during the SunTrust Gator Women's Golf Invitational on March 15. Torres is set to play in her first tournament for UF this fall after sitting out the Cougar Classic.

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UGA-Mizzou, Auburn-Mississippi State highlight Week 7 matchups

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Last weekend five of the AP Top-10 teams fell, including Oregon, Alabama, Oklahoma, UCLA and Texas A&M.

Saturday also gave one of the greatest days in sports history in the state of Mississippi with No. 11 Ole Miss defeating No. 3 Alabama and No. 12 Mississippi State's 48-31 rout of No. 6 Texas A&M. But fear not college football fans, week seven has games you won't want to miss.

Texas vs No. 11 Oklahoma, Noon, ABC

The Red River Rivalry has lost a little bit of its luster thanks to the Longhorns' struggling to catch a break this season, but keep in mind an unranked Texas surprised everyone last season and beat the then-No. 11 Sooners handily 36-20.

OU is coming off a tough road loss to TCU, which could make the Longhorns fall victim to a rebound beat down.

No. 13 Georgia @ No. 23 Missouri, Noon, CBS

Although all the talk in the Southeastern Conference is about the Western division, this week's matchup could be pivotal to the SEC East race.

Missouri leads the East standings, but running back Todd Gurley comes to town with more than 700 yards rushing and eight touchdowns, as well as the best chances to win the Heisman Trophy with his odds at 8/5.

No. 2 Auburn @ No. 3 Missis-

issippi State, 3:30pm, CBS

This matchup features one of the best quarterback battles we'll see all season with Auburn's Nick Marshall and Mississippi State's Dak Prescott.

Both are dual threat guys, but Prescott has the edge in the air with over 1,200 yards passing and 13 touchdowns on the season. Mississippi State's defense was impressive against Heisman hopeful Kenny Hill by sacking him four times. Both these western teams are undefeated, but Mississippi State could get the edge by having back-to-back home games. Not to mention ESPN's College GameDay will be in Starkville, Miss., for the first time in the show's history.

No. 9 TCU @ No. 5 Baylor, 3:30pm, ABC/ESPN2

This one's a huge Big 12 matchup that additionally has major college football playoff implications. TCU is coming off of an upset victory over Oklahoma but travels to Waco, Texas, to take on Baylor which boasts the country's second ranked total offense. Whichever team wins this matchup could very likely end up winning the conference, and if the winner runs the table they could find themselves with a playoff bid come December.

No. 12 Oregon @ No. 18 UCLA, 3:30pm, FOX

This game would have been the marquee matchup of the weekend. That was before both Oregon and UCLA lost to unranked teams last week. It's a cross-divisional PAC-12 game, but will affect who makes it to the title game if we have a tie-

breaker situation in either divisions. Whichever team's quarterback has the better day between Oregon's Marcus Mariota or UCLA's Brett Hundley should get the edge on Saturday.

No. 7 Alabama @ Arkansas, 6pm, ESPN

The Crimson Tide are usually a force to be reckoned with after a loss, but if they dwell too much on the loss against Ole Miss, Arkansas

could catch them by surprise. If Bret Bielema could pull off the upset and get his first SEC win against the Tide, it would without a doubt be his biggest win of his career.

No. 3 Ole Miss @ No. 14 Texas A&M, 9pm, ESPN

Hugh Freeze is coming off of the biggest win of his career after upsetting Alabama, but the Rebels have a big test on Saturday night in College Station, Texas. Ole Miss quarterback

Bo Wallace put together the game-winning drive to put the Rebels on top of Bama late in the fourth quarter, but he gets to meet explosive Aggie linebacker Myles Garrett, who already has six solo sacks, a number good for sixth in the country. The Rebel defense isn't without playmakers either—the secondary has ten interceptions and ranks second in the country in pass efficiency defense.

HEISMAN WATCH

With the college football season reaching week 7, alligatorSports editors Jordan McPherson, Eden Otero and Richard Johnson along with staff writers Jonathan Czupryn and Morgan Moriarty placed their ballots for the 2014 Heisman Trophy based on player performance through the first six weeks of the season.



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Alabama



Marcus Mariota
Oregon

Heisman Leaderboard

	1st(5Points)	2nd(4Points)	3rd(3Points)	4th(2points)	5th (1 Point)	Total Points
Todd Gurley	3	1	0	0	0	19
Dak Prescott	1	2	1	0	1	17
Ameer Abdullah	0	1	1	1	0	9
Amari Cooper	0	1	0	1	2	8
Marcus Mariota	0	0	2	0	1	7

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Czupryn	Dak Prescott	Todd Gurley	Marcus Mariota	Ameer Abdullah	Amari Cooper
Johnson	Melvin Gordon	Ameer Abdullah	Shane Carden	Amari Cooper	Dak Prescott
Otero	Todd Gurley	Amari Cooper	Dak Prescott	Nick Marshall	Marcus Mariota
McPherson	Todd Gurley	Dak Prescott	Ameer Abdullah	Everett Golson	Amari Cooper
Moriarty	Todd Gurley	Dak Prescott	Marcus Mariota	Bo Wallace	Everett Golson

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Secondary needs to contain Travin Dural, third down will be major factor

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recording 7 catches for 145 yards and two touchdowns in 2013, the redshirt sophomore wide receiver leads the Tigers with 574 receiving yards, which is second only to Alabama's Amari Cooper in the SEC. Florida's secondary, which limited Tennessee to just 205 yards through the air on Saturday, will need to do more of the same against LSU.

The combination of Vernon Hargreaves III and Jalen Tabor on the outside need to contain the vertical game like they did against the Volunteers, and the Gators need to improve in slot coverage.

4.) Third downs will be crucial: One game after converting just two third downs in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Florida improved on its third-down offense against Tennessee on Saturday, converting 35-percent of its attempts.

UF will need to continue moving the chains on third down and maintain drives against the Tigers.

In Florida's first two games of the season — a 65-0 win against Eastern Michigan and a 36-30, triple-overtime win against Kentucky to open SEC play — the Gators sustained 12 drives of at least 50 yards. In the two games since, Florida's longest drive went for 49 yards, a drive against Tennessee that set up Austin Hardin's game-winning field goal.

LSU is seventh in the SEC in opponent's third-down conversion (30.2 percent), so if Florida wants a chance to revitalize its up-tempo offense that seems to have been

lost as of late, now would be the time to see how it fares.

That success will rely, in part, on the Gators' receivers improving against the Tigers.

Between overthrown passes by Driskel and dropped balls by the receivers themselves, the connection needs to start happening.

Quinton Dunbar has just five receptions in the past three games after hauling in five catches against Eastern Michigan alone. Demarcus Robinson — who had a program-high-tying 15 catches against Kentucky — has only four total receptions against Alabama and Tennessee.

Those low totals can't continue if Florida wants success.

5.) The pass rush needs to keep its momentum from the Tennessee game going: UF found life on its defensive line against Tennessee.

Heading into Knoxville, Tenn., Florida's defense had just six sacks through its first three games of the season.

But after facing the Volunteers, the Gators' sack total doubled. Redshirt sophomore Bryan Cox Jr. set the pace for the defensive line, tallying a career-high three sacks and five solo tackles.

Florida put constant pressure on UT quarterback Justin Worley, and the six sacks tied for the most UF had in a single game since Will Muschamp took the program's helm in 2011.

The last time it happened?

Florida's 24-17 win against Ohio State in the Gator Bowl on Jan 2, 2012 — the only bowl game Florida has won in the Muschamp era.



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Quinton Dunbar (1) runs a route during Florida's 10-9 win against Tennessee on Saturday at Neyland Stadium.

SWIMMING

UF looking to continue momentum heading into LSU dual meet

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Following the Florida men and women swimming and diving teams' fifth consecutive win in the Pinch A Penny Invitational this weekend, coach Gregg Troy has a better grasp on the talent he possesses in both of his teams as both the men and the women prepare for their dual meet against LSU on Saturday.

"Great weekend to have an opportunity to swim a championship format very early in the year," Troy said. "I think it gives everyone a little idea of what you are going to see at the end of the year even though it's not until February or March, so good experience there."

"The women's meet was a little more competitive than the men. Having an opportunity to have a team like Cal come in and add a different caliber to the meet for the state was real helpful and it was good to see that the women already stepped up a little bit from Week 1. Having this being their second competition, they responded real well to the presence of Cal being there."

Troy's mention of the close competition the women faced was credited to California's team which challenged Florida by

coming within 100 points in the Invitational.

On the other side, the men's team looked sharp in its opening meet.

"I saw some really good

things. A lot of people competed with one another. We did a great job competing with FSU," Troy said.

"The men's meet wasn't quite as strong as the women's meet,

being there wasn't someone to challenge us, we did a really great job of racing with one another within the team which is a really good skill for us to have as we go forward taking into train-

ing."

As far as the relay teams for both squads, the men raced well this weekend after taking all five of the races, which goes shows the depth they have up and down the roster.

Freshman Caeleb Dressel and senior Matt Elliott, in particular, were two who stood out to Troy in the Invitational.

"Caeleb is a big-time talent," said Troy. "He's got great race instincts, good skills in all four strokes. ... When he's swimming in the finals with our guys with a little bit of experience, it was a great experience for him. Raced extremely well. Real pleased with where he's at the moment."

"Matt is coming off a great summer and he's kind of put the pieces together a little bit to start of the year. He's usually been a traditionally slow starter but he's been a real factor in training sessions to this point and showing a little more leadership skills."

Not so much can be said for the women's depth as they were missing five of their 19 athletes this weekend.

But Troy said junior Natalie Hinds will be a factor in everything the team does considering she is one of the best swimmers in the country.



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Freshman Caeleb Dressel jumps into the O'Connell Center pool during the 200-yard breaststroke event during Day 3 of the Pinch A Penny Invitational on Sunday.

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