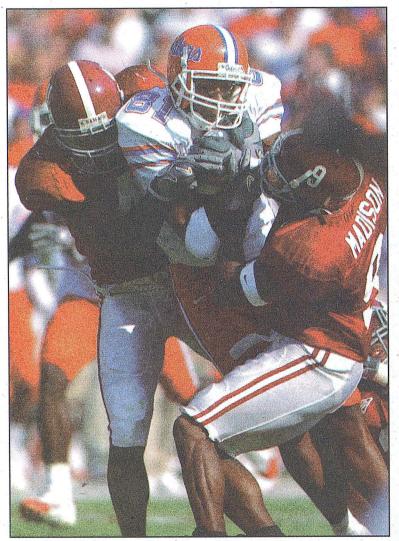


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ALABAMA 31 **Crimson Tide roll Gators**



Tricia Coyne / Alligator Staff UF's Dallas Baker makes a reception between Alabama defenders Roman Harper and Anthony Madison during UF's loss Saturday.

By LOUIS ANASTASIS Alligator Staff Writer

TÚSCALOOSA, Ala. — The Spread 'n' Shred was put to bed.

Gators lost Southeastern Conference No. 1 defense at the Birmingham airport, or in Gainesville, or somewhere in

UF's rose petals, dreams of Pasadena, of a national title, have all but wilted.

In an unforeseen, unimaginable collapse of monumental proportions, the Gators were whacked by Alabama 31-3.

"It's embarrassing," linebacker Brandon Siler said, "disappointing ... It lets you know that you're not invincible."

While this is not the end of the world for Gator Nation, no one anywhere saw this blowout coming.

This was supposed to be a battle of defenses. UF's never showed up.

Everyone anticipated the sexy quarterback matchup between Alabama's Brodie Croyle and UF's Chris Leak.

Leak completed just one pass during the first quarter. For one yard. He was intercepted for the first time this season. He was chased, hounded, flattened. There's nothing pretty about 16 of 37 passing for 187 yards. Four sacks. No touchdowns.

"If there's going to be any pointing fingers, it should be at the coaching staff," Coach Urban Meyer said.

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Election write-in votes run gamut

By DAVID COHEN

Alligator Writer

What do George Bush, Albert the Alligator, Donald Duck, "Gengis Kan," Your Mom, Derek Zoolander, Urban Meyer and every member of Led Zeppelin have in common?

They were all write-in candidates for Student Government Senate seats during last week's first-ever intranet election.

Some of the write-in candidates have resulted in ties, and Student Senate will be the deciding vote for the contested seats in districts D and E on Tuesday night, Senate President Pro-Tempore John

Boyles said.



There is still the possibility that eligibility of write-ins for District F will be discussed as well.

UF head football coach Urban Meyer received three votes — one vote each for districts A, B and C — one of the higher tallies for write-in candidates.

Senators are required to be full-time students with at least a 2.0 GPA, be in good standing with the university and live in the voting district they plan to serve as a senator.

Senator-elect Allison Cullin said this wasn't the first election with intriguing write-in entries.

"It's very interesting to see students taking democracy into their own hands," she said. "In the past, Curious George tended to get a few votes."

Curious George did not receive any nominations for Senate this year.

"Apparently, he went out of style," she said.

Cullin said some students may have been making a joke of the process with entries like "Your Mom."

Gator Party Senate candidate John M. Lloyd-Montgomery tied with Impact's Amanda Kane for one of the 13 District D seats.

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Campuswide walk funds premature-birth research

THE ANNUAL 3.5-MILE GATOR-WALK RAISES MONEY FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES.

> By CHERYL CLARKE Alligator Contributing Writer

Eight months ago, Kailan Foster was born 13 weeks early and weighed only 2 pounds, 2 ounces.

At two months old, her dad's wedding band fit around her wrist.

After 11 weeks in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and gaining more than 2 pounds, Kailan was able to go home.

Kailan, who now weighs 13 pounds, was held by her mother, Melissa Foster, at the second annual GatorWalk on

Foster spoke to approximately 320 participants at GatorWalk and told the group that thanks to research done so far, Kailan is healthier.

One baby out of every eight born will be premature — Kailan Around was just one of many. Gainesville

About 50 UF organizations, including 21 Greek

organizations, participated in GatorWalk, a 3.5-mile walk across campus to raise money for the March of Dimes' prematurebirth research.

GatorWalk's online fund-raising efforts totaled almost \$10,000 in three weeks to help with research, said Lynda Knight, executive director of March of Dimes' Gainesville chapter.

"We're not stopping there," said Devina Patel, president of the March of Dimes Collegiate Council at UF.

GatorWalk 2005 Chairwoman Meredith

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After suffering their worst offensive performance since 1992, Chris Leak and the No. 13 Gators have little room for error in order to remain in the hunt for an SEC title. See story, pg. 16.



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UF's Homecoming Week celebrations kicked off Sunday night with Soulfest, a night of food, music and performances to "keep diversity alive in 2005."

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Dentists welcome freshmen

The College of Dentistry set aside its drills and picks to take part in Mighty Molar 2005, a day of friendly competition for faculty, students and their families at Lake Wauburg on Saturday to welcome freshmen and the new school year.

"It's a good way to get stoked and forget about the branches of the trigeminal nerve," freshman Danny Bass said.

Despite golf putts and relay races,

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cal" raspberry glaze with her friend and classmate Rachel Hollander, 24. "After you eat it, immediate flossing is necessary," Oliver said.

- ADRIANNA C. RODRIGUEZ

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the fiercest competition of the day

took place on a picnic table set up

less chocolate cake with a "magi-

Elana Oliver, 23, baked a flour-

for the Mighty Molar bake-off.









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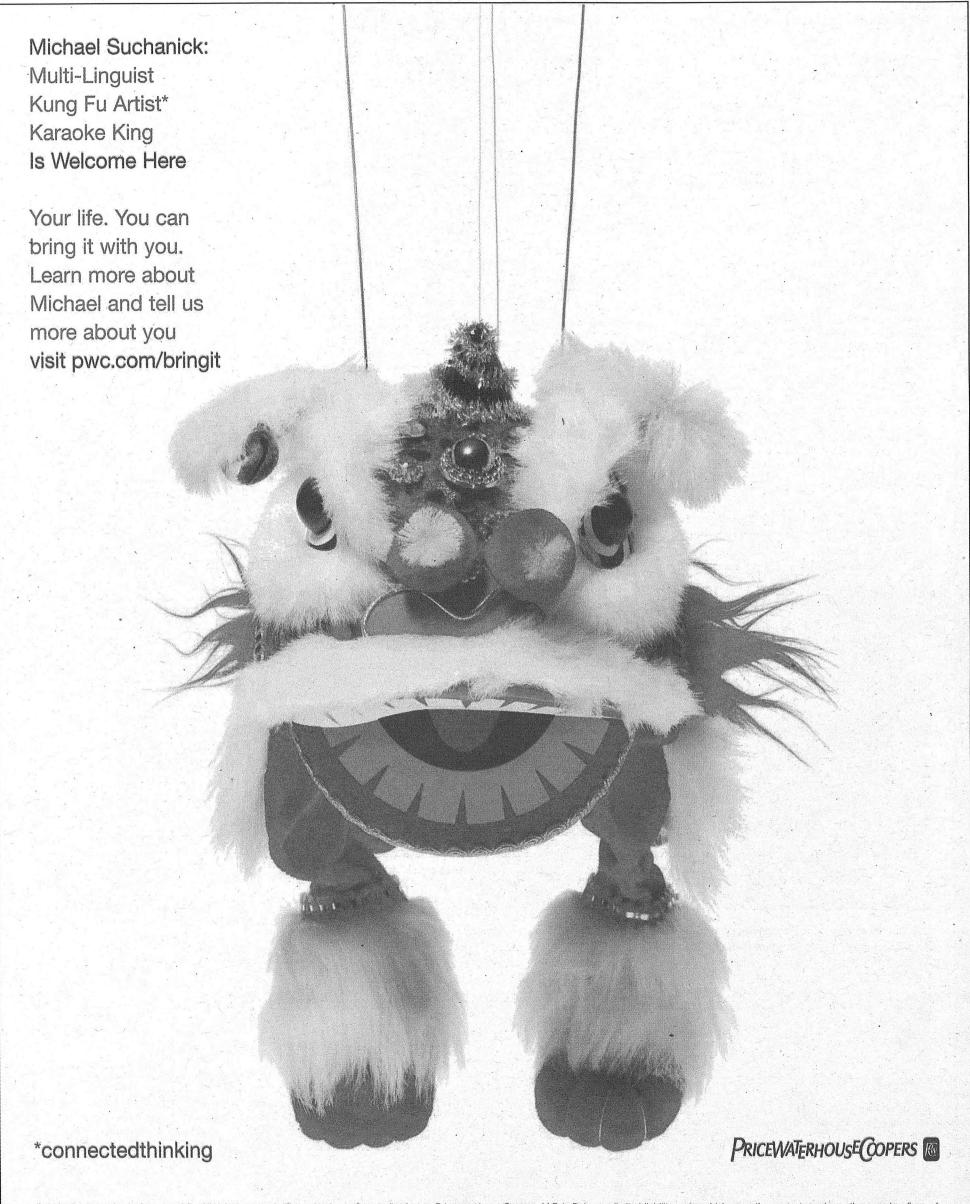
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Bike race raises bucks for VetMed

By EMILY KISER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students, faculty and friends of the College of Veterinary Medicine spent Sunday on their bicycles to raise more than \$25,000 in scholarships.

Team VetMed cycled 100 miles through Alachua and Marion counties for the Gainesville Cycling Club's Horse Farm Hundred, part of the 2005 Gainesville Cycling Festival.

"This is probably our biggest event of the year," said Christie Cichra, a senior in the college and captain of Team VetMed. "People have been training since summer for this ride.'

This is Team VetMed's eighth year participating in the event.

'Over the years, we've probably raised over \$125,000," said Joseph DiPietro, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "At the end of every year, we give out two Horse Farm Hundred scholarships."

Team VetMed had 65 to 70 members riding this year, DiPietro said, making it the largest team in the Horse Farm Hundred.

The ride, which started at Morningside Nature Center, 3540 E University Ave., took riders past horse farms and along the Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail before ending back at the nature center.

"It's a beautiful ride, a great day and good camaraderie. It's a great team event."

Joseph DiPietro

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

"It's a beautiful ride, a great day and good camaraderie," DiPietro said. "It's a great team event.'

Riders of all skill levels are welcome.

"There are lots of old bikers and lots of new bikers," Cichra said. "For some people, they bought a bike for the first time this year."

Cichra said Team VetMed chose to ride the course without racing in the interest of simply having fun.

"We have a good time talking, laughing and eating," Cichra said. "There is a great team support for students and

Each team member was asked to raise at least \$100 for the ride to earn this year's orange-and-blue Team VetMed

Cichra said the team is represented by the Canadian goose printed on the jersey's

"We follow the story about the geese staying in a formation," Cichra said. "They fly together, and we ride together."

Members of Team VetMed have the option of riding the full 100 miles, or opting for the shorter 25- or 55-mile rides.

Gainesville Cycling Club member and event volunteer Andrew Gill said an average race takes between eight and nine hours, although the record finish is just over four hours, with rest stops along the route and provided at the halfway point.

"Nobody gets left behind," Gill said. Support vehicles cover the course. They pick people up and help with flat tires."

Gandhi's birthday inspires

By DIANA MAZZELLA

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Volunteering and music commemorated Mahatma Gandhi's birthday and legacy of compassion Saturday.

Local student groups participated in the national "Be the Change" weekend that encourages community service embodying Gandhi's ideas of community and social action, according to the Web site of its sponsoring organization, South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow.

Members of the South Asian American Gainesville Student Alliance and

Delta Phi Omega Sorority handed out posters promoting reading to children and served pizza at Alachua County Library District's Family Literacy Festival on Saturday.

Delta Phi Omega Vice President Anusha Gandhi said the volunteering was appropriate because Gandhi advocated serving people.

Internationally recognized sitar artist Nishat Khan performed at the India Cultural and Education Center in front of a crowd of about 300 Saturday night in celebration of Gandhi's birthday.

Event organizer Dinesh O. Shah said Gandhi's birthday, the hurricane disasters and the support of different faiths and organizations in the community coincided to form what he described as the center's first multi-faith marking of Gandhi's birthday.

All money raised will be donated to help those affected by the hurricanes.

Shah said Gandhi's principles of love, truth, nonviolence and compassion are as relevant as they were 75 years ago when he worked for Indian indepen-

UF first-year medical student Kavita Rajasekhar said it was an honor to attend her first live sitar concert.

"I just thought, this is such a gift from God," she said. "I was really pleased that there was something like this to commemorate such a great man."

Khan said he enjoyed his visit to Gainesville, his first trip to Florida.

"I love the fact that everyone is open to this community feeling," he said.

GatorWalk sets \$100K fundraising goal for research

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Pelton said their goal is to raise \$100,000 for research.

A portion of Flavet Field preventing premature births was outlined with balloons and posters attached to bright orange cones that recorded achievements in

since 1938.

Walkers were accompanied by GatorWalk 2005 Honorary Chairwoman Chris Machen and UF mascot Alberta the Alligator at pre-registration.

Machen, who worked in a Nursery Intensive Care Unit for 25 years, said the unit at Shands Healthcare will benefit from the money collected by GatorWalk and the March of Dimes' Gainesville chapter.

A disc jockey from KISS 105.3 FM led the countdown to start the walk.

Not long after, however, the rain began.

Some walkers stopped after the rain started, but the majority of the participants continued.

Allyson Cooper, a UF freshman, said the rain only made the walk more refreshing.

"Overall, we all felt this was a great day," Patel said. "The rain did come, but we were encouraged to seethat the enthusiasm was not dampened."

She said winners will be announced at the awards ceremony Oct. 25 at The Swamp Restaurant after all proceeds have been counted.



UF mascot Alberta lines up for GatorWalk next to Melissa Foster and her premature baby. The event raised funds to help families with children like Foster's.

Meyer accepts blame after suffering first defeat in last 21 games

FOOTBALL, from page 1

Devastating, Meyer called it. Horrible, he

It was the first time Meyer lost a game in 21 tries. After the game he could hardly

"The best thing for me is to kind of eat it for a day and then early tomorrow watch some film," Meyer said.

It was the first time the Gators failed to score a touchdown since a 1992 game against Mississippi State.

"I kind of had a feeling that there's a lot of

work to be done," Meyer said. "We have to reevaluate, because that was unacceptable."

It was the first time Alabama had ever defeated a top-five opponent in Tuscaloosa.

Somewhere, Bear Bryant must have been

In UF's locker room, there were only inverted parabolas - mostly expressionless, empty looks, but yes, also plenty of frowning.

"It's hard, man because you thought you prepared so hard and you thought that you practiced so hard," Siler said. "Then you come out, and you don't know what happened."

Was this not the team that would, if any-

thing, always be prepared?

Not Saturday, when Meyer could not answer what had happened; he said he never saw any warning signs for the ugly, ugly loss. A loss that was the worst top-10 upset Alabama had delivered since defeating No. 6 Baylor 30-2 in the 1981 Cotton Bowl.

Nothing went right when, at the very least, the Gators should have competed with the Tide.

The No. 5 ranking is gone now, and UF must pace itself with Tennessee and defeat Georgia to retain SEC title hopes. Yet, how much of the loss is correctable and how much is it personnel? Could this loss lay the foundation for doubts regarding

Urban Meyer's schemes, both offensively and defensively?

Against Alabama, the Gators attempted as many fourth down conversions as some teams do in a season - five. UF converted two, but one failure was another of Meyer's gutsy red zone calls.

Faced with fourth and goal at the Alabama 1 on the first play of the second quarter, Meyer gave running back DeShawn Wynn the nod. Though Wynn appeared to cross the plane on replays, the referees gave Alabama the ball, UF losing a key scoring opportunity.

"If you want to [kick field goals], you hired the wrong guy," Meyer said.

Maland cited for election complaint

THE ELECTION COMMISSION'S JOB IS NOT YET OVER.

By JUSTIN RICHARDS

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In the early hours of Friday morning, the Student Government Elections Commission found Supervisor of Elections Daniel Maland in violation of SG election

The first conviction involved a lack of open polls during the required hours, and the second regarded disenfranchised

The codes require all polling locations to be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Several polls were not working until hours after 8 a.m.

"All the polling locations were open," Maland argued. "Students just couldn't vote at them."

Maland made paper ballots available on the second day of elections, but some commissioners advised him to have a backup plan in place from the beginning.

"In this election, there were problems. Unforeseen though they may be, that is not an excuse for not having a backup plan," said Impact spokeswoman Allison Cullin, who filed the complaint against Maland.

The commission also found Maland responsible for voting irregularities in the Broward and

Student Government. Rawlings dis-Elections

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, residents of the Rawlings district could only vote for Broward candidates, and 37 did so.

"You can't just say, 'Whoops, it was our first try - we'll try harder next time," Cullin said. "There should have been a backup.

Maland said the problems that occurred were "for the most part" beyond his control.

Because he is not a political party or candidate, the elections commission cannot impose a penalty on the supervisor of elections. But Cullin said she was not seeking a penalty when she filed her complaint.

"We just want to have it in public record that this election was flawed," she said.

Several other complaints were postponed until a follow-up meeting of the elections commission.

This week the commission will hear allegations that The Gator Party's Rawlingsarea candidate William Perry sexually harassed Impact candidates and a female student. Perry is also accused of battery of an Impact candidate.

Impact will seek Perry's disqualifica-

The commission will also hear about 15 complaints from Impact against houses on Fraternity Row.

Impact claims that banners hung in front of these houses violate SG election codes.

Cullin said the banners exceed the statutory size for on-campus campaign material and lack approval by the supervisor of elections, deeming them to be "illegal on every

Rosh Hashanah

Services, ceremonies and speeches will be hosted by Hillel at UF for Rosh Hashanah starting tonight.

Monday

- ◆ Candle lighting at 6:55 p.m. at Hillel
- ◆ Conservative services in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m.
- · Reform services at the Union's Rion Ballroom at 8 p.m.

Tuesday

- ♦ Conservative services in the Union's Grand Ballroom at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Reform services in the Union Rion Ballroom at 10 a.m.
- Presentation by Rabbi Yonah Schiller at 2
- Presentation by Rabbi Aaron Alexander at
- ◆ Tashlich Ceremony at the Union Amphitheater at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Conservative Services at Hillel, 2020 W University Ave., at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

- Conservative services at the Union Grand Ballroom at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Presentation by Rabbi Schiller at 2 p.m.
- ♦ Presentation by Rabbi Alexander at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.ufhillel.org. or

For information on services at the Lubavitch Jewish Center, visit www.lubavitchuf.com or call

Student Senate to decide contested District D, E seats

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Boyles said some students do not think allowing the Senate to decide the fate of the seat is fair.

"If the student body thinks it's not fair, there should be a change," he said.

Boyles said a runoff election would cost students more time and money. But a runoff is exactly what Lloyd-Montgomery said he thought was going to happen when he heard news of the tie.

"Sometimes, things may not be fair all the time," he said. "That's how it goes sometimes with the Senate and the House of Representatives. Things just happen that way."

Lloyd-Montgomery said he should win the seat because he would be proactive and would legislative crowd.

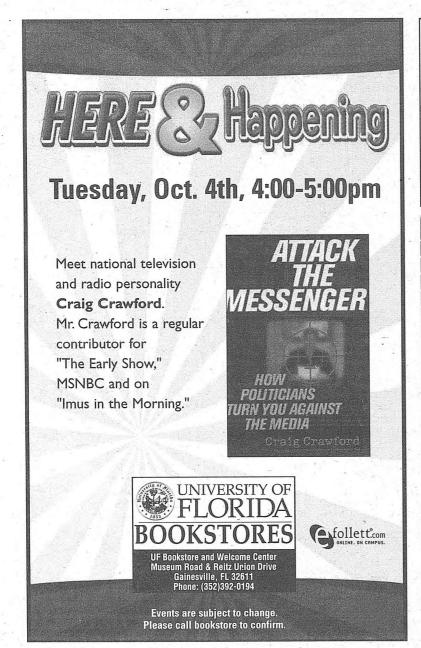
His opponent, Kane, said she should be the victor because she would speak for the recreational sports students, who she said are under-represented.

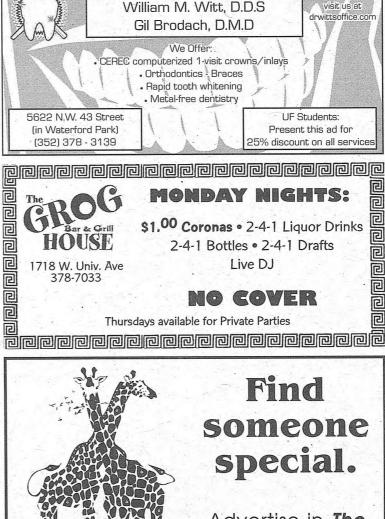
Senator-elect District A Lauren Asher received the most write-in votes for District E, and Interfraternity Council President John Dicks earned the

not just be another face in the most write-ins for District F, but neither can take their seats because they do not live there.

District E is labeled as all other zip codes not covered by A through D, but District F encompasses 20 zip codes. Boyles said F exists for students commuting to UF outside of Gainesville. However, he said E and F will be combined next year to form one district.

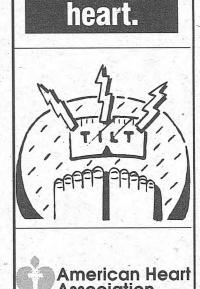
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Editorial

Feeble Growl

Pep rally officials must take fiscal responsibility

The Editorial Board is glad this week's classes will be cut short.

Gator Growl is Friday, and in true football fanaticism, the entire university gets the day off. We're all in support for a day of classes transformed into a day of drinking.

This year's line up has the potential to topple last year's failure. We actually want to see comedians Wayne Brady and Greg Giraldo.

But our excitement doesn't mean we support the means to Gator Growl's end.

This summer, Student Government subsidized 15,000 student tickets by donating \$140,000 to the event, which is run by Florida Blue Key, a private honor society. Those tickets will now be \$5, instead of the normal \$18.

At first, senators were ready to hand over more than \$300,000. Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin thankfully stepped in and vetoed that insane idea.

Furthermore, after asking SG for the money, FBK officials realized the \$25,000 they thought they had in their Growl account was actually more than \$100,000. It was lost within the PeopleSoft accounting software UF uses.

This doesn't exactly make us feel safe handing so much money to FBK.

In fact, the entire situation reeks of mismanagement and fiscal nonsense.

Attendance at last year's Gator Growl was low. So in an act of brilliance, SG gave student money to subsidize tickets students aren't going to buy.

The student tickets for this Friday's show weren't sold out as of Wednesday.

So to recap: SG uses students' money to lower the price of 15,000 tickets, and then students don't buy those tickets.

SG is getting in the way of economics. If Gator Growl appeals to people, people will go to Gator Growl. If ticket sales are low one year, then organizers need to find out what went wrong.

Instead, they simply ask SG for the money individual students won't give them.

This doesn't seem like SG is working for the students. It sounds like they're working for FBK. Is it a coincidence most senators are members of the organization?

Less money can ensure better acts.

Take last year's Gator Growl. Organizers paid Engvall \$90,000 for his performance, and his appearance was a failure. But the secondary performer, comedian Dane Cook, was paid \$45,000 and got students excited.

This year, with fiscal constraints, FBK is doling out \$65,000 to Wayne Brady, who appeals to more students and

is better known for quality stand-up.

If SG let FBK solve its own problems, the quality of Gator Growl might actually improve. Organizers would have to re-establish their reputations, rather than riding on the quality of Growls long gone.

And let's face it, Gator Growl hasn't lived up to its repu-

ation in years.

SG has had to bail it out before.

In 2002, SG gave the event \$200,000 because not enough student tickets had been sold. That brought Bill Cosby, but it didn't help subsequent Growls.

If FBK is truly separate from the university, and if it has most of the creative control over the event, then its organizers need to grow up and deal with their responsibility.

Otherwise, SG should insist on overseeing the event that students' money is supporting.

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Thus far, it seems as though they've thrown money at an event without asking for any accountability.

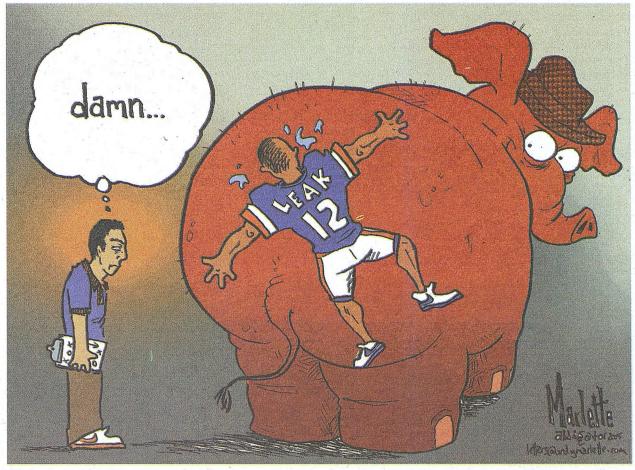
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Column

Media harps on negative news of Iraq

There are two types of people who criticize the news media for not providing more coverage from Iraq and Afghanistan lately: those who feel the media is disrespecting our troops by ignoring them and those who get grim satisfaction from any news that makes our troops look overwhelmed.

The people in the first category believe our troops are not being recognized for their accomplishments and that more coverage would help them. But even those rightwing nuts at Fox News don't waste time covering Army civil-affairs teams that build soccer fields, run women's centers or give Iraqis classes on entrepreneurship.

Liberals love to talk about how profit-driven media is the death of journalism, and when it comes to Iraq, they may be right. The only journalists who dig deeper than car bombs and constitutions are bloggers embedded with the troops or native Iraqis themselves.

The media is not the friend of the military or of good news anywhere right now. To think otherwise is naïve.

A psychologist and a talk-show host of a new television show in Kabul discuss problems facing Afghan women, a subject which has traditionally been taboo. The show strives to be the Afghan Oprah.

Did you hear about that? I thought not.

News like that stinks of progress, and progress doesn't sell.

In the second category are those who hate to see people being distracted by news from New Orleans. Their motto is, "Keep your eyes on the quagmire."

They believe more news coverage will show that our military is simply not cutting it. In their minds, America needs to pull out and leave the Iraqis and Afghans to sort out their affairs themselves.

These backward-looking chuckleheads would rather His column appears on Monday.



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talk about WMDs than the consequences of a premature pullout.

Maybe the problem we face in the Middle East is not the capacity to get the job done but the will to get the job done. Liberals want us to believe this operation is hopeless, and the media, with its constant images of death, is chipping away at our morale.

So I give three cheers for any controversy which takes America's minds off Baghdad and Kabul. Hurray for liberals attacking Tom DeLay and Bill Bennett! Hurray for John Roberts being confirmed as Supreme Court Chief Justice! Hurray for college football!

No news is good news, but news about petty politics and sports will suffice.

If you have no stomach for nation building, if you have no faith in the American military, if you don't believe the power of freedom will prevail in the end, if you don't believe God has things under control, if you're just a generally pessimistic person, then you are probably better off shutting up, grabbing a beer and watching "Family Guy."

But if you support our troops getting the job done and building the roots of democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan, remember that happy news doesn't sell. We're better off with no news rather than one-sided doom and gloom.

Since the media is incapable of presenting the good with the bad, let's be grateful most people who work in the news have short attention spans and are generally too lazy, cowardly and greedy to cover the Middle East much

Matthew Melone is a political science and journalism major. His column appears on Monday.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Are you going to Gator Growl this year?

Due to technical difficulties, the results of Friday's poll are unavailable.

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Guest Column

DeLay's past riddled with guilt

The House of Representatives just lost its idiot: Republican and former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

DeLay, who represented Texas in the House, was charged with conspiring with two men to use corporate money for Republican candidates in a state election. The representative had to resign temporarily as House majority leader.

DeLay called this fiasco the result of blatant political partisanship, according to CNN

Funny he would say that when he is known for his rigid conservatism.

Whether the congressman is guilty or not is anybody's guess right now. But when you look at DeLay's past, the evidence points to guilty.

Coincidentally, DeLay has opposed attempts to reform campaign finance. He may be the staunchest opponent of campaign finance reform, according to The Texas Observer.

Not only that, DeLay's view of money takes away from his plea of innocence.

He is quoted in the Congress Daily as saying, "Money is not the root of all evil in politics. In fact, money is the lifeblood of politics."

When I first read that quote, I couldn't decide whether I had read the words of a man who loves his country or the wisdom of a gangster.

If DeLay believes money must run poli-

U-Wire tics and that evil can't spring from it, we might see the congress-

man serving a couple of years in jail soon.

And if that happens, Americans should rejoice because DeLay is a man with skewed priorities.

Of course, I mainly laugh at his Neanderthal gargling of phlegm.

CNN and Fox News provided me with DeLay's game plan in the court: "My defense in this case will not be technical or legalistic. It will be categorical and absolute."

What is he talking about?

It doesn't matter what you believe in court. Courts work within a legal system; you must be legalistic in your case. DeLay should be lobotomized.

Although I don't mean to downplay DeLay's unfortunate dumbness, his arrogant statements and disregard for the American people shine through his expensive clothes as well.

The New York Times reported that after being asked by a waiter not to smoke on government property (in accordance with a no smoking policy), DeLay said, "I am the federal government." This guy should have been removed from his position a long time ago.

However, we can only hope DeLay will be convicted.

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Letter to the Editor
Gator fans mar UF's reputation

Although I'm an Alabama fan, I've never had anything against the Florida Gators.

I was actually a fan, of sorts, because I do not like Miami; UF was the Florida football team I could cheer for. If you guys were playing Auburn, Tennessee or Georgia I was actually your No. 1 fan. However, I have considered changing my stance.

I was in attendance at the UA vs. UF game Saturday. We showed up ready for a great game. I felt like this was a preview of the SEC championship, and I was excited. We are making a big comeback this season, and I felt Florida would be a great measure of how good we are.

Despite the score, your cheerleaders walked in front of the student section at halftime and began to talk smack. One of the cheerleaders made rude hand gestures to the student section and then began to point to the crowd. He made a number five with his hand and pointed to the Florida emblem on his uniform. We took that in stride.

However, that would not be the last hateful thing Florida would inflict upon the Tide.

We were playing well, and ya'll were putting up a great fight. Then,

in the fourth quarter, Tyrone Prothro broke his leg. He didn't just crack it. The area from his foot to about three inches above his ankle was not connected to the rest of his leg. It was very bad.

We waited and tried to see what had happened. A silence had come over the crowd of more than 81,000 when I heard a commotion coming from above the student section. I glanced up and saw several Florida fans, who looked like students, cheering and doing the Gator chomp.

They yelled all kinds of horrible things like "There goes your season," and "Quit being [an expletive] and get up." It was bad.

The student section became upset. Just before Prothro was carried off the field, we began to chant his name to honor him. Then, the same rude groups of guys began to yell at fans and make obscene hand gestures.

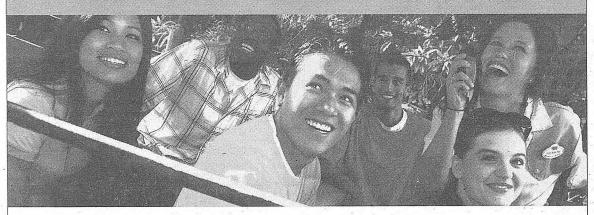
I am very disappointed your fans would do that in good conscience.

I hope the other teams you play this season will show more class to you all if a player is hurt.

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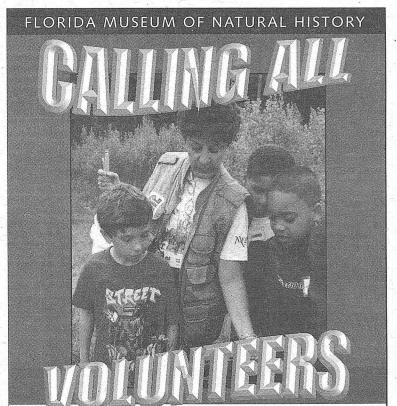
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Decisive victory revives Alabama

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Once upon a time, the word Alabama was synonymous with success.

But it's been a while since the Tide rolled a team of significance.

There was a 31-0 trouncing of Louisiana State at Death Valley in 2002. Then there was that Southeastern Conference-clinching 34-7 defeat of UF in 1999 after handing the Gators a rare loss at the Swamp two months earlier.

Neither of those routs live up to what the Crimson Tide did Saturday.

With the force of 1,000 elephants, No. 15 Alabama (5-0, 3-0 SEC) stampeded the Gators 31-3, injecting one of college football's most-storied programs with a sense of legitimacy once again.

"For all the people up north and on the west coast who don't really know about us, it really is [a breakout game]. Back in the day, they did know about us," Alabama safety Roman Harper said. "Maybe we'll get a little bit of love from around the nation. Maybe we'll get a little bit of respect."

Considering the lack of reverence some UF players verbally displayed for the Tide leading up to the game, that respect might come from a little closer to home.

As the stadium announcer roared, inciting pandemonium throughout the student section after Saturday's game, "This is Alabama football."

If they didn't before, perhaps the Gators realized the slogan's meaning after Tide quarterback Brodie Croyle rocketed a game-clinching 87-yard touchdown pass on Alabama's first play from scrimmage. Or maybe after Alabama defensive end Chris Harris intercepted UF quarterback Chris Leak, resulting in a 14-0 lead three plays later. Or when the crowd taunted the Gators with chants of "overrated" with the game out of hand

in the fourth quarter.

Whenever it was, Harper hopes UF and the nation now realize Alabama is back — because he has known all along.

"I came in and said we were going to win by 28," Harper said. "Brodie told me if we can score 30, we're going to win. How many did we score? Thirty-one. So he was right, and I was right."

"We've been through the rough times. We know what it feels like to be on the other side of it. We're not going to let it go to our heads."

Brodie Croyle Alabama quarterback

Harper might have been in the minority with his score prediction, but perhaps never again.

A week after trouncing South Carolina for what he called the biggest win of his career, Alabama's Mike Shula stood behind the podium as the first coach in school history to defeat a top-5 team at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Not much for theatrics, however, Shula dismissed notions of a Crimson-colored Renaissance, hoping his team just can cope with the newfound stardom.

"Obviously, we're going to get a little more recognition now," said Shula, a former Buccaneers offensive coordinator. "We've got to learn to handle that. I don't think we've really had that yet. I think we took a step today. The best thing is we took a step that took us to 5-0."

Considering the probation-riddled dark ages the Tide seems to be rising out of, Croyle believes his teammates will remain focused.

"We've been through the rough times," Croyle said. "We know what it feels like to be on the other side of it. We're not going to let it go to our heads."

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ALABAMA 31

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
UF	0	3	0	0	3
Alabama	17	7	7	0	31

Scoring summary First quarter

11:27 UA — Prothro, 87-yd. pass from Croyle (Christensen kick)

 $09:45~\mathrm{UA}-\mathrm{Castille},\,1-\mathrm{yd}.\,\mathrm{run}$ (Christensen kick)

05:52 UA — Christensen, 22-yd. field goal

Second quarter

07:32 UF — Hetland, 37-yd. field goal 07:22 UA — Prothro, 65-yd. pass from Croyle (Christensen kick)

Third quarter

11:59 UA — Prothro, 15-yd. pass from Croyle (Christensen kick)

Team statistics

	UF	ALABAMA
First downs	15	17
Rushing attempts	31	37
Net yards rushing	139	121
Passing yards	187	286
Total offensive yards	326	407
Fumbles: Number-lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties: Number-yards	9-85	8-60
Possession time	28:53	31:07

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Secondary	F
Special teams	B-
Coaching	D+

Quotable

"They are talented, but in my opinion Tennessee is still better." — DE Jeremy Mincey on Alabama

D Gators

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Wynn	12	48	. 1	47	0	16	3.9
Everett	. 1	32	0	32	0	32	32.0
Portis	3	17	0	17	0	8	5.7
Boateng	2	16	0	16	0	14	8.0
Jackson	3	15	2	13	0	12	4.3
Manson	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Totals	31	162	23	139	0	32	4.5

Passing	Comp-Att	YDS	TD	INT
Leak	16-37	187	0	2

Receiving	NO	YDS	TD	LG		
Jackson	8	- 50	0	15	1	
Baker	6	119	0	42		
Wynn	1	11	0	11		
Casey	1	. 7	0	7		
Totals	16	187	0	42		

Punting NO YDS AVG LG Wilbur 5 199 39.8 52

Crimson Tide

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Darby	15	103	2	101	0	33	6.7
Johns	8	25	8	17	0	.6	2.1
Castille	. 6	9	0	9	1	6	1.5
Prothro	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
McClain	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Coffee	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Totals	37	147	26	121	1	33	3.3

Passing	Comp-Att	YDS	TD	INT	
Croyle	14-17	283	3	0	
Wilson	1-1	3	0	0	
Totals	15-18	286	3	0	
Receiving	NO	YDS	TD	LG	
Prothro	5	134	2	87	
McClain	3	40	0	21	
Brown	2	83	1	65	
Darby	2	22	0	17	
Castille	1	9	0	9	
Bennett	1	3	0	3	

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Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	
Schatz	4	167	41.8	47	

SWAMP STUDS



Each Monday the alligatorSports staff will vote on the top three UF football performances of the week. The No. 1 player will receive five points, No. 2 player three points, and No. 3 player one point. At the end of the season, the player with the most combined points will earn the title of alligatorSports Player of the Year.

Leader Board

1. Chris Leak - 7 pts.

2. Chad Jackson/Chris Hetland — 6 pts.

3. DeShawn Wynn - 5 pts.



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We at alligatorSports couldn't possibly award any single player 5 points with a clear conscience, seeing how the Gators didn't even put that much on the scoreboard against Alabama. For the first time since the 1992 loss to Mississippi State, UF failed to score a touchdown. What's more, Saturday's margin of defeat, 28, was greater than Ron Zook's combined loss total of 19 last season. Look it up. For such a pathetic performance, no one player deserves a first-place finish that could significantly impact the Swamp Studs final standings.

HF· Ω TDs. 3 TDs allowed



Dallas Baker, WR, Jr.,

With Jemalle Cornelius falling off the face of the Earth after a breakout game against Kentucky, and Chad Jackson limited to 5-yard hook routes, Baker seemed to be the only working component of UF's offense Saturday. It might have been a good idea to let him pull down some jump balls earlier on, before the scoreboard looked like a display of a pinball game.

6 receptions, 116 yards



3



Earl Everett, LB, Jr.

Chris Hetland, K, Jr.

If Meyer is still searching for an every-down running back, perhaps he should look to the other side of the ball. With his end-around run on a fake punt, Everett became the Gators' leading rusher until DeShawn Wynn edged him out with a 15-yard run in the fourth quarter. As for Hetland...well, somebody had to take the goose egg off the board. If not for him, the Gators would've been shutout for the first time since the 1988 Auburn game.

1 run, 32yds., 2 solo tackles, 7 total, 1 for loss, lumble forced / 1 FGA, 1 FGM - 37 yds.

Offensive line leads conference in sacks allowed

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looked faster then we did today."

VOLLEYBALL: The Gators didn't get much

production out of their star player, but they

Southeastern Conference home-opener.

sub-par performance from senior outside

says really good things about our depth."

natch with 6 kills on .033 hitting.

hitter Jane Collymore, Collymore, a two-time

The No. 5 UF volleyball team swept Kentucky

(30-22, 30-24, 30-27) Sunday afternoon in its

The Gators won the match despite a rare

didn't need it.

The running back-by-committee approach Meyer has employed since the beginning of the year hasn't yielded the production he expected. On Sunday, he announced that a new player might be in the mix.

Redshirt freshman Markus Manson, who has had problems in the past with fumbling, is undoubtedly the fastest option of the bunch. His speed could reinvigorate the Gators' stagnant

Weekend Roundup

All-American and the reigning SEC Player of the Week, finished the

"Credit Kentucky on the job they did defending Jane," Coach

So, I think that for us to win 3-0 with Jane hitting below 10 percent

- BRYAN JONES

- SPENCER DAVIS-VANNESS

Jennifer LaBrie / Alligator Staff

Mary Wise said. "Jane didn't get a whole lot of really good looks.

SOCCER: Despite an 8-2-1 record moving into Sunday's match

The Gators' (7-3-1) 2-0 victory against the Bulldogs on Sunday

afternoon improved UF's all-time record against Georgia to 14-0-1.

"It wasn't a pretty game, but it definitely was a good win for us

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For what UF coach Becky Burleigh calls a major conference

After falling to Tennessee 2-1 Friday, a physical win was

exactly what the Gators needed. The game featured 33 fouls

ivalry, it's beginning to look a little one-sided.

that we needed after Friday night," Burleigh said

running game

"Markus is taking care of the ball better then he has, and he shows flashes," Meyer said. "Markus does have that speed to hit a hole, and this week in practice Markus is going to get an opportunity to carry the ball."

Still, after watching the film, Meyer admitted the offense as a whole is well behind what he desired while UF is still in the heat of a relentless SEC schedule.

"We have not functioned as an offensive unit in the '05 season yet, and it's shocking," he said. "It's disappointing, but we have some problems that need to be solved."

QB breaks 'Bama TD record

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gaudy statistics that included 283 passing yards and three touchdowns while completing 14 of 17

"They just threw the ball real well," Meyer said. "Those passes were right on the dime with a great release.

"[Croyle is] a terrific quarterback. I don't know much about him ... but I had heard good things about him. I watched him in warm-ups, and he's an NFL quarterback."

Few expected UF's defense to be the team's strength this season. But early in the season, unheralded players like 5-foot-8 cornerback Vernell Brown and defensive tackle Steven Harris led a dangerous defensive charge.

Even when star defensive end Ray McDonald went down with a partially torn ACL in his right knee, Joe Cohen and Derrick Harvey were right there to pick up the slack.

It all came to a crashing halt on

Saturday as Alabama totaled 407 offensive yards, embarrassing a Florida defense that will no longer be called the SEC's best. That title, of course, goes to Alabama.

"We think they were better prepared than we were," linebacker Earl Everett said. "They did a lot of things that we expected them to do, and we still didn't execute well."

A visibly shaken Meyer refused to single out anybody on the defense, saying he had to look at the game film to see what exactly went wrong. Defensive end Jeremy Mincey, who earlier in the week said Alabama's talent level didn't compare to Tennessee — a team that UF defeated 16-7 earlier in the season — refused to criticize the defense.

No player on UF's defense would come right out and blast a defense that let the game get out of hand in the first quarter.

"[We were hurt by] field position, man," Mincey said. "Our back was against the wall the whole game, and they just took advantage of that."

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Sorry, you haven't earned that right.

So here's the question of the week: Whom should the Gator Nation approach with pitchforks and torches? Who is responsible for this stinker of all stinkers?

Well, Urban Meyer, the honeymoon just turned into a quiet night of Scrabble with the wife. Sure, it's easy to blame the man on top, but forget the X's and O's for a moment. A game starts long before the players take the field, and isn't Meyer supposed to be the master motivator and king of preparation?

I don't know what Meyer said to his players during the week, but considering that Herring, Mincey and the gang didn't seem too concerned about a date with the Tide means that Meyer and the rest of the coaching staff failed to relay the danger of playing in Tuscaloosa.

Believe me, Bryant-Denny Stadium was louder on Saturday than the Swamp has been in a long time. The fans have waited years for this Alabama revival.

The Gators lost that game before it started. Remember that first quarter? Alabama's Mark Anderson slammed Chris Leak to the ground on UF's very first possession.

Meanwhile, it took a total of 12 seconds for 'Bama quarterback Brodie Croyle to find Tyrone Prothro for a touchdown on Alabama's opening possession. That's not just X's and O's. That's fear, shock and minimal preparation.

Speaking of shock, Meyer took the podium after Saturday's game looking like a shell-shocked war veteran fresh off a Vietnam jungle excursion. You're not alone Urb — everyone's a little shocked.

In the end, the Gators and Meyer ultimately will prevail, but it may not be this season. Suddenly, visions of Bloomin' Onions and the Outback Bowl have re-emerged.



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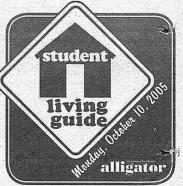
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UF offense crumbles against 'Bama



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Chris Leak passes just before an Alabama defender takes him down in the Gators' loss to the Crimson tide. By ERIC ESTEBAN

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — While the Gators left the state of Alabama with a few injuries, team doctors might have to rush and check the pulse of the Spread 'n' Shred offense.

UF's 3 points were the fewest scored since suffering a 45-3 loss at Tennessee on Oct. 13, 1990.

After failing to find the end zone, the Gators are nowhere near the second-year production Coach Urban Meyer asked for earlier this year.

"We just self destructed," Meyer said. "The first three series set the tone for the game, and we crumbled early."

Quarterback Chris Leak finished the game 16 of 37 for 187 yards and two interceptions, but it was the offense's inept performance at the beginning of the game that set the tempo.

After the Gators' first four series, Leak's only completed pass in five attempts was to Tide defensive lineman Chris Harris.

Harris returned the ball to the UF 2-yard line, setting up an eventual score that left the Gators trailing 14-0 with 6 minutes remaining.

"We got pinned back early, and we can't do that," Leak said. "When you play in the SEC, you're going to have to play against great teams, and they just played great."

Following a Kentucky victory that put a collective bounce in

the offensive line's step, the line took a big stride in the wrong direction against the Southeastern Conference's top defense.

Offensive linemen Jim Tartt and Tavares Washington missed time Saturday because of shoulder and elbow injuries, respectively, hampering a group that is still trying to gel only five games into the season.

The Gators lead the SEC in sacks allowed after letting Alabama's defense reach the quarterback four times.

Gators

Offensive line

(I think the big thing for [the offensive line]

is that the mistakes we are making are simple," center Mike Degory said. "It seems like everything is caving in, but we just have to come out and prepare more."

The offensive line's struggles only magnified the inability for any of UF's running backs to have any success in the trenches. If not for DeShawn Wynn's 15-yard run in the waning minutes of what already was an all-out trouncing, linebacker Earl Everett would have led the Gators in rushing with his 32-yard scramble on a fake punt.

For Meyer, who has said repeatedly that no running back has distinguished himself as the main guy, the effort on the ground would not suffice in an offense looking for answers.

"We had absolutely no run game," Meyer said. "And they

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Gators fail to see rising Crimson Tide

USCALOOSA, Ala. — Ouch. What words can possibly sum up UF's humiliating 31-3 loss to Alabama?

How about pitiful, painful and embarrassing, for starters?

You're right. I'm being too easy on the Gators. We - as in you, I, the Gators, Urban Meyer, the head janitor at Florida Field – all failed to see the warning signs. UF overlooked the Tide, plain and simple.

The Gators thought they could



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try and roll all over the Tide, spitting on Bear Bryant's grave in the process. Remember those comments from

'Bama coun-

strut

into

last week?

I've heard uglier trash talking in my day, but usually teams can back it up. Jeremy Mincey predicted either "a regular victory or a blowout." Good call, Mince — it sure was a blowout.

Jarvis Herring only called the matchup between the nation's No. 5 and No. 15 teams a big game only because "the Gators are coming to town." Oh yeah, and remember when Herring said he didn't care about Bear Bryant?

Well, the last laugh belongs to the big Bear in the sky who can proudly sip a 30-year-old bottle of scotch and ask, "Wait, who the hell is Jarvis Herring?"

The Gators — who I still believe are one of the more talented teams in the nation — were in no position to overlook a team like Alabama.

Not after three consecutive 7-5 seasons. Not with a first-year coach who is still adjusting to the Southeastern Conference.

If you're name is Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush or Pete Carroll, then fine, overlook a few teams while you pillage the college football universe. But Mincey and Herring?

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SEC's No. 1 defense collapses to Tide

By ANDREW ABRAMSON Alligator Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Maybe it wasn't that bad. It's not like Alabama scored its first touchdown in under 10 seconds.

No, it took the Crimson Tide a grand total of 12 seconds on their first possession to reach the end zone.

The Gators never recovered. Basically, in that single 12-second span, UF went from first in the Southeastern Conference in defense to the first top-5 team to ever fall in Tuscaloosa.

If defense wins championships, even a SEC title suddenly looks far-fetched. And if

0-3

6. South Carolina

"[We were hurt by] field position, man. Our back was against the wall the whole game, and they just took advantage of that."

Jeremy Mincey defensive end

that's the case, maybe it was that bad.

3-1

"We are a man-coverage team," UF coach Urban Meyer said, "and we were exposed."

UF quarterback Chris Leak entered the game a Heisman candidate, but it was Alabama quarterback Brodie Croyle that crushed the opposing defense with a nearly flawless pass attack. On that first Alabama drive, Croyle stunned the Gators with an 87-yard touchdown pass to Tyrone Prothro.

It wasn't Alabama's only one-play drive that led to a touchdown.

Croyle would repeat the feat with 7:22 remaining in the second quarter, when his 65-yard pass to Keith Brown gave the Tide a 24-3 lead.

In the process, Croyle broke the school record for career passing touchdowns, eclipsing the former record of 35 shared by Alabama coach and former quarterback Mike Shula and Andrew Zow. Croyle finished with

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SEC EAST STANDINGS APTOP 10 1. USC 1. Georgia 2-0 4-0 5-0 7. Alabama 8. Tennessee 2. Vanderbilt 2-0 2. Texas 4-0 3-1 3.UF 2-1 3. Va. Tech 5-0 9. Miami 3-1 4. Tennessee 2-1 4. FSU 4-0 10. California 5-0 5-Kentucky 0-1 5. Georgia 4-0 13. UF 4-1

6. Ohio State

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1987: UF's first appearance on ESPN goes awry as the No. 19 Gators fall to No. 7 Louisiana State, 13-10, on the road in Baton Rouge. The Gators finish an even 6-6 on the season.

NFL	
Bucs	17
Lions	13
Broncos	20
Jags	7

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