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'Family Matters' star does that to crowd



Jaleel White, famous for his role as Steve Urkel on the TV show "Family Matters," signs autographs for fans during his visit to UF on Thursday night at the University Auditorium.

NATIONAL NEWS **Experts doubted Miers**

By GABRIELLA VIGIER Alligator Contributing Writer

President Bush's acceptance of Harriet Miers' resignation letter has led some leaders at UF to question why she was selected.

Most are not surprised by the resignation, since Miers received criticism from both political parties

"She wasn't winning anyone over," said Juan F. Perea, professor of law at Levin College of Law. "She didn't seem to lessen people's skepticism."

Miers' resignation was also tied to the political image of the president.

Perea said it would have been almost impossible for her to continue in her nomination and damaging for the president to continue to support her.

"I think it would have been a bruising political fight for the president," he said.

Miers' resignation came after congressional members from both parties could not find documents from her role as counsel to the president, leaving many unclear of her judicial philosophy.

Democrats accused the president of being a radical right-winger for nominating her, whereas the Republicans questioned her purity to the party.

Even if Miers obtained the Supreme Court position, it would have been after much political mud-slinging and damage of public images, Perea said.

Brendan Moore, econopolitical chair of the UF College Democrats, said the resignation reflected on President Bush.

"Harriet Miers' resignation is a sign of a very weak president who does not have the political capital to get his

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By KIMBERLY GOUZ Alligator Contributing Writer

Jaleel White fought back tears when he described his last season on "Family Matters."

"That was the one year I didn't believe I was Steve Urkel when I hit the stage," he said, visibly shaken.

"I heard a snicker, but it's cool. I'll let you get away with that," White then said to one of more than 800 fans who flocked to see him.

Cameras flashed and fans screamed as White walked into a jam-packed University Auditorium on Thursday night, making his first public speaking engagement on a college campus.

Despite 25 years in the entertainment industry, White - remembered for his role as ubernerd Steve Urkel in "Family Matters" - seemed genuinely surprised by the turnout.

'Wow," he said smiling. "Did I do that?"

White, who entertained the

audience with clever anecdotes from his years on the show and beyond, said he is currently pursuing a career in writing.

"I don't have a zest for the limelight as much as I have a zest for the work." **Jaleel White** actor

But White hasn't let go of his roots. He still has big plans for his acting career.

"I'm ready to raise the ball," he said. "One aspect of my career that's missing is being able to go toe-to-toe in a scene with a guy like Denzel Washington, or comically, Eddie Murphy," White said. "I want to be able to give guys like them something to feed off of."

White began doing commercials at age 3, and auditioned for his first sitcom when he was 8 years old.

The role was for a boy named Rudy on "The Cosby Show,"

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Wal-Mart memo draws ire

By ALEXIS LLOYD Alligator Writer

As Wal-Mart officials plan to set their roots in East Gainesville soil, an internal memo to the company's Board of Directors surfaced Wednesday, creating a stir.

The memo, from M. Susan Chambers, Wal-Mart's executive vice president for benefits, proposed ways to keep down healthcare costs and other benefits while sustaining minimal damage to the company's reputation. The memo included such proposals as hir-

ing more part-time workers and discouraging unhealthy applicants from being hired. She suggested dissuading unhealthy applicants by having all employees participate in some form of physical activity, such as gathering carts.

Chambers also recommended reducing retirement plan contributions and offering education benefits, which, she wrote, may bring healthier and younger workers to Wal-Mart.

"This was just a working memo of what was currently going on within the organiza-tion," said Eric Brewer,

Wal-Mart community af-Around Gainesville fairs manager for Florida. "The company has to

look at all areas, and this is simply what the memo was for. At the end of the day, benefits were improved for all Wal-Mart employees, including myself."

Although some have praised this recent development, it has also received criticism

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Chris Leak scrambles against Alabama during the Gators' 31-3 loss in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Oct. 1. Coach Urban Meyer plans to adjust the offense in order to utilize Leak's strengths. See story, pg. 17.

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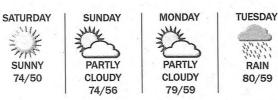
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Students get Hepatitis A Two Gators and a visitor from UCF have contracted hepatitis A, prompting university officials to suspect the illness was transmitted on the UF campus.

Director Phil Barkley of the Student Health Care Center said it is too early to tell where the disease originated, but students, faculty and staff should be wary.

symptoms that would be suggestive of Hepatitis A, don't ignore them," he said.

The disease affects the liver, and symptoms include fever, nausea, decreased appetite and abdominal discomfort. Jaundice - yellowed eyes and darkened



urine — shows several days later.

The disease can be spread by sharing a bathroom or sexual relations with a carrier, Barkley said. The SHCC can provide these "close contacts" with preventive

Hepatitis A is almost never fatal, Barkley said, and 30 percent of the population has contracted it at

He added that the three students, whose names are being withheld for privacy, are "doing very well."

– JUSTIN RICHARDS

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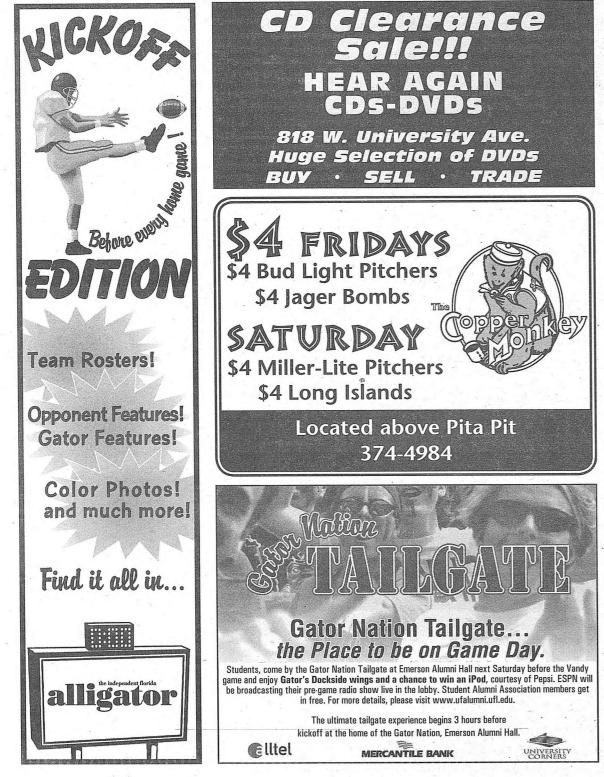
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Ghastly Gainesville

Halloween weekend expected to be mild | Police expect regular revelry

COOL WEATHER A BRIEF **RESULT OF TWO SYSTEMS.**

By CHRISTINA CHAMBERS Alligator Contributing Writer

Cooler weather has come and almost gone, teasing Gainesville with the prospect of winter, but at least one Halloween faithful said she is grateful for the warmer temperatures when it comes to being able to have racier costumes.

Amy Marin, a geology major, said she is glad it will not be as cold on Halloween because she is 'sticking to the traditional female Halloween costume of few clothes, lots of makeup and pizzazz."

She said she plans to dress as a "scantily clad absinthe fairy," but also lamented not having an excuse to stay home in her warm bed.

"I guess I will be going to class on Monday," she said. "Rats." David Marsh, chief meteo-

rolesist for local television station WE: I, said since it is the end of Octo r, the change in weather should come as no surprise. With the combination of Hurricane Wilma passing through Florida and a large high-pressure system in the Midwest, there was no doubt temperatures in Gainesville would drop

Hurricanes suck in warm, humid air and expel cool, dry air into the upper atmosphere. High-pressure systems tend to result in the air nearby sinking, which brought cool, dry days to the area.

Marsh, who has been covering Central Florida weather for 33 years, said warmer temperatures will return this weekend. Daytime highs should rise to within the high 70s; at night, it will fluctuate in the 50s, according to the National Weather Service Web site.

Meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Jacksonville Matt Zibura said temperatures are returning to "near-normal levels for this time of year."

The average temperature Thursday was a high of 79 degrees and a low of 56 degrees, he said.

Gainesville usually starts to

experience consistently colder temperatures in December, he said.

However, he added that Floridians can always expect warm spells throughout the winter.

Local All Hallows' Eve events

Alachua County Fairgrounds' 10th Annual Haunted House, open through Monday, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, to be donated to charity.

SFCC theater students present "Hotel Transylvania," featuring Fear Injection, at SFCC on Friday and Saturday. 9 p.m., \$3 for students.

All 608 residents of Hume Hall present "Haunted Hume" on Monday starting at 5:15 p.m. Admission is \$2 to benefit hurricane victims.

Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks: Children are invited to trick-or-treat along Panhellenic Drive on Monday.

Reitz Union: Costume contest, two scary movies Monday: "The Devil's Rejects" at 8 p.m. and "House of 1,000 Corpses" at 10:30 p.m. Free.

Reitz Union Game Room: Bowl-O-Scream on Monday, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$2 coupon for costumed patrons.

By STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ Alligator Writer srodriguez@alligator.org

Gainesville Police anticipate crime will not increase much due to this weekend's spooky festivities.

However, this month has seen 11 cases of criminal mischief so far, eight more than the same time last year.

GPD spokesman Sgt. Keith Kameg said he doesn't expect any crime out of the ordinary this weekend.

"We don't really get a lot of incidents during Halloween weekend," Kameg said. "I don't think that par-

ties are going to be an issue." Criminal mischief is a misdemeanor that includes egging and

noise violations. However, some students plan to throw large Halloween parties.

UF entomology major Ryan Welch, 23, said he's having a party

tonight starting at 10 p.m. What else is there to do on

Halloween other than get dressed up, get drunk and take off my roommate's pants?" Welch said.

For UF political science major Kevin Lewis, partying is about partying responsibly. Lewis, 21, said his party is going to be the biggest in Gainesville.

We have a bouncer because we know that police are cracking down on underage drinkers," Lewis said. "We are giving a bottle of Grey Goose Vodka to the person with the best costume."



For some students, activities might not be as crazy as Welch's or Lewis' parties, but good times are still on the itinerary. UF civil en-

gineering major Anna Rodriguez, 18, said she is unsure what her plans will be.

"I'm contemplating whether I should stay in town or go to Miami because of the hurricane," Rodriguez said. "I'm going to party and have a good time either way."

UF telecommunications major Marcus Thomas, 22, said he's going to the game to have a wicked time:

"I'm going to party like a rock star." he said.

Girls go bare; guys get pimped

BV ANTONIO GONZALEZ Alligator Contributing Writer

With Halloween coming up and many events around town already under way, UF students may be too old to trick-or-treat, but donning costumes remains popular.

Nina's Costumes, 1636 W University Ave., has been swamped with students this week, said sales associate Alexis Philpott.

'Girls want them short — real short," Philpott said. "And guys want to be flashy and showy.'

She said the most popular costumes for women this year have been Alice and the Queen of Hearts from "Alice and Wonderland." Guys prefer pimp and gangster outfits

Jerry Ford, owner and founder of Nina's, has seen costumes come and go for the past 33 years. In the '70s and '80s, men wanted hot pants, disco and hippie costumes, and women dressed as Marilyn Monroe, he said. Now women want to show a lot of skin while character costumes are more popular with men.

Philpott said the normal price of a costume is between \$30 and \$50. The most expensive costume in the store is a \$100 mermaid outfit.

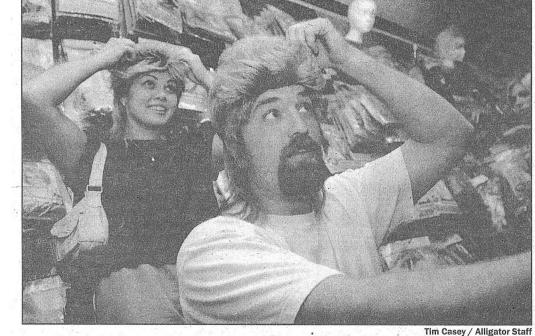
Center Stage Costumes and Magic, 2706 SW 34th St., was flooded with customers Thursday afternoon. Shoppers tended toward more extravagant costumes, assistant manager John Albritton said.

Student "People have gotten really creative this year," he said.

Pirate costumes for men have sold out, and women are buying up all the Lake Avenue outfits, a line of sexy costumes, he said.

"Alice in Wonderland" costumes are also a favorite at Center Stage. Sales associates at the store had no explanation as to the costumes' popularity resurgence except that many women find them cute and sexy. The top sale at Center Stage this year was an \$800 "Star Wars" Stormtrooper costume.

All three store representatives said they expect sales to pick up this weekend because students tend to wait until the last minute to buy outfits.



Brett Nelson and Rebekah Heap look in a mirror as they try on wigs at Center Stage Costume Shop on Southwest 34th Street on Thursday evening.

Legends of noisy ghoul, suicide haunt university residence halls

OLD COOK, TOM PETTY SONG INSPIRED STORIES.

By ANNA SUGGS Alligator Contributing Writer

Rumors about an impossible suicide and a disgruntled cook continue to haunt UF residence life.

Two prevalent ghost stories exist at UF, Housing Department spokeswoman Sharon Blansett said.

The first involves a UF student in the 1970s who allegedly committed suicide by jumping from her dorm room window in Beaty Towers. The towers are located next to 13th Street, also called U.S. Highway 441, she said. Many believe this story because of the song "American Girl" by Gainesville native Tom Petty, which is about a young girl killing herself by jumping from a balcony 'out on 441."

Blansett said there are no records of any girl jumping from Beaty Towers, and there are no balconies.

Nick Huber, an 18-year-old digital arts and sciences major, said he has heard of the myth in Beaty Towers, but the possibility of a girl jumping from the towers is slim be-

When asked about ghosts in UF residence halls, Blansett laughed.

time of year, people seem to seek out Halloween-related thrills," she said. "There is a thrill in being scared and

strange noises in Thomas Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus.

Blansett said according to UF

"There is a thrill in being scared and making up these kinds of stories." Housing spokeswoman

ghost of Old Steve, the head cook on campus in 1906.

Old Steve was disruptive in his lunch preparations, according to "A History of UF Residence Halls." Shouting, cursing, the banging of pots and pans, the hissing of steam and the crackling of fire were familiar sounds of Old Steve.

Blansett said there is no big mystery to the noises heard now. It is just an old heating system.

Nichols, Andrew executive director of the American Institute of Parapsychology and chairman of the mental health department at City College Gainesville Campus, said the UF ghost stories are very entertaining myths, but there is a big difference between folklore and actual ghost activity.

Ghosts are just projections from people's minds, he said, created by the unconscious mind as a result of trauma, fear or conflict.

Sharon Blansett

cause the windows are sealed shut.

"I think that when it gets to this

making up these kinds of stories." The second ghost story involves

Residents claim to hear banging coming from the heating system when it's not being used.

folklore, the noises are caused by the

Fee raises proposed

HEALTH FEE ALONE ASKED TO RISE 78 CENTS PER HOUR.

By LYNDSEY LEWIS Alligator Writer llewis@alligator.org

UF students could be seeing a Health Fee cost increase of up to 78 cents per credit hour by Fall 2006, if the university's Fee Committee votes to accept proposals by Student Health Care Center representatives.

At Thursday's meeting of the Fee Committee, SHCC Director Phil Barkley requested that UF's general medical services be allocated a raise of 67 cents per credit hour, while UF Counseling Center Director Jackie Resnick proposed an 11-cent increase.

Students already pay a Health Fee of \$8.44 per credit hour. The fee goes toward facilities and services in all SHCC departments.

However, the Counseling Center is supported primarily by Education

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and General subsidies, while SHCC's main medical sector operates solely on funding from student fees.

Barkley said SHCC needs the fee increase to maintain its programs.

"We are going to do things that are extraordinary at the University of Florida, and that may include making service cuts," he said.

However, committee chairman Dave Kratzer emphasized that funding is already tight and that Florida statutes cap all student-fee increases at 95 cents per year.

"We are not going to have enough money to cover all [health costs] this year," he said. "We already have the highest health fee in the [state university system]."

The 95-cent per-credit-hour maximum increase is divided between Activity & Service, Health and Athletic fees. So far, the committee has heard a proposal to hike A&S fees by 84 cents, Student Senate President John Boyles said. Students pay an A&S Fee of \$8.64 per credit hour.

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ACADEMICS **GRE gets makeover for 2006**

By JESSICA RIFFEL Alligator Writer iriffel@alligator.org

Some graduate school admissions exams, including the Graduate Record Examination, will change next year to better predict graduate-level success.

The GRE, required for admission to many graduate programs, will change Oct. 1, 2006.

The new test is four hours long, up from two-and-a-half hours, with changes in the verbal and math sections.

"This is perhaps the larg-est change the GRE has gone through in its 55-year history," said Ben Baron, vice president of graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

Liz Wands, director of graduate marketing for The Princeton Review, said the Review opposes the changes made by the Educational Testing Service, makers of the GRE and other admissions exams.

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"We think it is unfair for students to have to suffer through a test that is 60 percent longer so

that ETS can save a few bucks."

Liz Wands

graduate marketing director, The Princeton Review

dents to have to suffer through a test that is 60 percent longer so that ETS can save a few bucks," she said.

She also expressed concern that students will not be allowed to use their own calculators, adding that the on-screen calculator isn't adequate.

ETS spokesman Tom Ewing said the changes were made after the GRE's advisory board of graduate-level deans and educators requested the exam test more reasoning skills.

"They wanted the exam to

reflect more real-life skills," h said. "They've been wanting to revamp the GRE for years."

In the verbal portion of the exam, the antonym and analogy sections will be eliminated. Instead, students will be asked to read a passage and choose the best summary.

In the math section, there will be fewer geometry questions and more data interpretation questions using graphs, charts and tables.

The exam will be offered only 30 times a year instead of continuously. It will also contain the same questions for each student while the present format is adjusted to individual students.

Currently, the questions are reused for several tests, but to reduce cheating the new format will not reuse any questions.

Also, there are only two more opportunities to take the current format of the Medical College Admission Test before it changes from paper to online format in April 2007.

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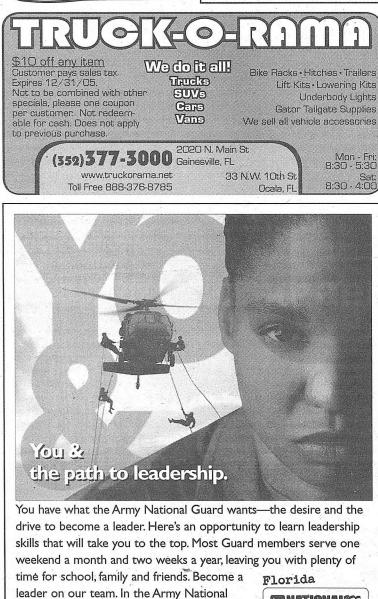
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FACULTY **UF** professor becomes president of journalism society

By BOBBY KEITH Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's newest president took office last week.

But David Carlson still has the same office, teaches at the same college and wears the same safari hat.

Earlier this month, the UF journalism professor took the reins as president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Though Carlson's office is adorned with nametags from dozens of previous positions he's held, they all pale in comparison to this one, he said.

"I consider this accomplishment my No. 1 in my career," Carlson said.

SPJ is a national organization of journalists, both student and professional, that exists to promote the im-

portance of a free press in the United States, Carlson said.

The organization promotes journalism ethics, diversity, professional development and advocates First Amendment rights regarding freedom of speech.

During his one-year term as president, Carlson will have responsibilities that stretch beyond campus and state boundaries.

He'll have his hand in nearly everything the society is involved in, from giving press seminars to lobbying Congress for journalist-friendly laws.

"It's a big job," he said. It's a position that not only requires dedication, but quite a bit of

traveling as well. In the next two weeks, he will attend functions in Orlando, Fort Worth, Texas, and Seoul, South Korea.

Carlson, the first professor to be elected SPJ president, noted that his newfound responsibilities differ from many typical figurehead positions

held by other professionals, who

"just occasionally make speeches, he said. The amount of time Carlson had to devote to his

SPJ responsibilities forced him to teach fewer classes this semester, he

said. About 12 hours of his day are dedicated to SPJ in addition to being a working professor. But it's time well spent, he add-

ed, noting he strongly believes in the principles the society promotes.

"SPJ is out there every day on the front lines working to protect all journalists," Carlson said. "Not just its members, but all journalists.'

One topic SPJ is focusing on is federal protection for reporters, which has become a question of debate in recent months, most notably in the case of New York Times reporter Judith Miller.

Miller was recently jailed for not revealing her sources to a federal grand jury. In turn, she was sent to prison for 85 days.

Different states have different laws regarding journalists and anonymous sources.

SPJ advocates a federal "shield law," which would protect journalists who use confidential sources.

Miller's refusal to reveal her source earned her an award from SPJ, which drew criticism from both journalists and non-journalists alike, Carlson said.

But, he added, she also gave the society another reason to lobby for legislation that prevents such a thing from happening again.

"I will be very active in repre-senting a journalist's interests in this area, especially dealing with the federal shield law," he said.

An ideal federal shield law would help define a journalist's privileges to information and also more clearly define what a journalist is - for example, whether a Weblog author is protected.

Although it's unlikely, SPJ hopes the law will define a journalist as broadly as possible, Carlson said.

The debate about this issue may even lead him to speak in front of the U.S. Congress, he said.

Journalism is always based on facts," he said. "So, I don't think a blogger will ever make it.'

Former child star to UF fans: 'I don't have a zest for the limelight'

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and he was told the role was practically guaranteed to him.

But at the last minute, Bill Cosby decided Rudy should be a girl in the sitcom. "That's why she has a boy's name!"

White said.

But White didn't give up there. By the time he was in seventh grade, he was

ready to transition into the role which as a guest appearance, it was not long begained him international recognition: Steve Urkel.

He said his braces and height made him feel awkward, and he was about ready to give up when the role came along.

"When I auditioned for 'Family Matters,' for the first time in my career I dressed up for the character," White said. Although White's appearance on

"Family Matters" was originally planned

fore he earned a full-time spot.

"I got into the role," said White, who admits to watching episodes

On of "Seinfeld," "The Cosby Compus Show" and "Gilligan's Island" to get moves for his character.

White said his favorite episodes included the one with Bruce Lee and the one with the pie fight with the whole family. "The pies felt like bullets," White said.

He may have made his first million at 15 and stayed at the entire top floor of the Trump Tower when he visited New York City, but White said he's "just keepin' it real."

While some may have expected him to end up on the reality show, "The Surreal Life" on VH1, White said he doesn't want to be on the show.

"I don't have a zest for the limelight as much as I have a zest for the work," he said

Healthier and younger employees hired to keep company healthcare costs low

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since full-time employees, who earn about \$17,500 annually, could possibly face out-of-pocket expenses of \$2,500 a year — more than 15 percent of their incomes.

"Wal-Mart has a long history of manipulating social infrastructure," said David O'Gorman, SFCC economics professor. "The enormous benefit to a community and the consumer is pretty suspect."

In a statement released Wednesday by Wal-Mart Corporate Communications, officials stated, "we're fortunate that we offer pretty good benefits to begin with - as good as our competitors and, in many cases, better."

However, with every business in America facing the "harsh reality of skyrocketing healthcare costs," Wal-Mart officials are being faced with one question in their boardrooms: "How do we balance genuine desire to provide the best benefits to employees while remaining competitive in the global economy?"

The company announced a new plan Monday that sought to increase participation in healthcare benefits by allowing some of its employees to pay \$11 a month in premiums included in their regular plan.

The statement also indicated Wal-Mart will improve access to medical care by providing in-store clinics to keep down emergency room expenses, among other actions.

All of these initiatives are ways that Wal-Mart officials are trying to improve benefits for their employees and become leaders and drivers of change.

"There's a movement that is anti-Wal-Mart and bigbox stores," said Gainesville City Commissioner Jack Donovan. "This is largely because [big businesses] come from outside a community."

Wal-Mart can become competition-free, Donovan said. "I have been following that literature as close as I can," he said. "For every one job available at a big business, the local community loses more than 1.5 jobs.'

However, Donovan said that in the long run, "what might not be so great for the whole city might actually benefit East Gainesville."





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Editorial

The Editorial Board is more scared of insane political leaders this week than any of the mythical beasts associated with Halloween.

Nuclear weapons and righteous religious conservatives chill us more than any half-assed attempt at a Jason or Freddy costume.

Harriet Miers' withdrawal from her Supreme Court nomination comforts us a little, yet we shudder to think of Bush's next nomination.

But we're glad to have a weekend ahead of us that will be full of lame costume parties, rotting pumpkins and orange punch. In fact, we think UF should cancel school Monday to make up for not canceling class when Hurricane Wilma hit Florida.

That way, we can get back to our roots and go trick-or-treating in poorly constructed ghost costumes. UF President Bernie Machen's house is first on our list.

So punch two holes in your best sheets, pick up a large pillowcase and follow us on a quest for Sixlets and Tootsie Rolls in this weeks' edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Starting our walk at the president's house, we bestow a lights-and-air-conditioning-are-for-pussies-anyway LAUREL on Machen for pledging Wednesday to reduce waste disposal on campus.

On Campus Sustainability Day, Machen announced his plans to get rid of all the university's waste by 2015. We applaud the goal, but Machen has to do much more than talk to complete the plan.

His speech was overly vague. He said UF will increase incentives for employees who carpool, but he didn't specify what those incentives would be. He said that excess lights in campus buildings are already dimmed but didn't say how much energy that saves. And he only said UF would try to set heating and cooling systems at optimum efficiency.

We support the idea, but we want specifics.

But such proclamations at least show our university is on a positive track.

A college in Pittsburgh scares us with the possibility that anything students write outside the classroom could get them expelled.

We shoot a just-because-someone-is-an-asshole-is-no-reason-to-disregard-the-First-Amendment **DART** at **Duquesne University** for threatening to expel sophomore Ryan Miner because he used the word "subhuman" when describing homosexuals on Facebook.com.

We immediately dislike Miner, but expelling him for his comments on a Web site unaffiliated with the school is seriously overstepping students' rights. His comment, though despicable, is not criminal.

In some situations, however, people must take responsibility for their words. Especially when that someone is the leader of Iran.

We throw a when-you're-the-president-of-an-unpopularcountry-don't-make-death-threats **DART** at **Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** for calling for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

- The comment has angered every Western nation and proves that Iran's regime is completely nuts. He called for Palestinians to destroy Israel, but some intelligently distanced themselves from the madman by rejecting his remarks.

Iran has been defending the purpose of its nuclear program, claiming that it is for peaceful power generation.

We now seriously doubt that remark. Our world has just gotten a little bit more frightening.



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UF administrators disrespect the law

If you're like most Alligator readers, you probably paid little attention to the all-too-brief soap opera we ran in these pages involving UF instructor Charles Grapski's lawsuit against university President Bernie Machen.

Guy doesn't like Florida Blue Key. Machen refuses to help guy. Guy sues Machen. Alligator covers the crap out of it because it's anti-FBK — nothing new, right?

Unfortunately, Machen and the UF administration are banking on sentiments such as that.

What may have seemed to be one disgruntled employee's battle against an old boys club in reality had the potential to strike a serious blow to the administration's flippant attitude toward the law.

The issue at stake here is the public's right to have access to its government. UF, to put it simply, doesn't believe it is a public institution — except for when it's time for those checks from the state government to come in.

Grapski sued Machen because Machen refused to hand over e-mails connected to FBK.

This might not seem strange to you. Who wants to give up his private e-mail?

But in this case, we aren't talking about Machen's private e-mail. As a public official, all e-mail he sends in his official capacity as president — including those related to FBK — are public records.

Check Title X, Chapter 119 of the Florida statutes, available online at leg.state.fl.us/statutes, if you want to confirm any of these details. You'll find, among other things, that electronic communication is covered under public-records law and that public officials are required to maintain those records.

If you haven't caught on yet, let me spell it out for you: Machen broke the law when he deleted those emails, and he broke the law again when he refused to give them to Grapski.

But no court precedent has been established regarding e-mail. While e-mails undoubtedly will be placed in the Isres

Matt Sanchez In Moderation msanchez@alligator.org same public-records category as letters, voicemail and other forms of correspondence, the right court case hasn't arrived to prove this. This could have been that case.

Instead, a sympathetic judge threw out the case based on a technicality: The suit implied that Grapski received no records from Machen. In fact, Grapski did receive some — though they

weren't the ones he wanted. Grapski will be allowed to clarify his statements and

re-file the lawsuit, and hopefully he will do so.

As UF students, we can't afford to be in the dark about the actions of the administrators who run our school. Machen's denial of Grapski's request wasn't the first time the administration flaunted its disrespect for the law, nor will it be the last.

UF administrators have denied countless legal requests for public records, kept secret or denied student access to legally open meetings, and allowed Student Government to do the same.

Maybe you couldn't care less about the FBK situation.

Heck, I couldn't care less about the FBK situation. I think SG could find better ways to spend our money, but I also think Gator Growl is an event intended for all students and thus should be eligible for student funds — regardless of who is running it.

But this is bigger than this one incident.

If administrators believe they are above public-records law — and worse, if it turns out they are because no one is willing to challenge them — what could they get away with next?

Matt Sanchez is a journalism senior. His column appears on Friday.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Should Charles Grapski re-file his lawsuit against Machen?

 Thursday's question:

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 Should SG subsidize tickets for

 Phillips Center performances?

31% YES 69% NO 32 TOTAL VOTES

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UF's automotive blackmail demands student demonstration

In the history of audacious frauds perpetrated upon unsuspecting citizens of the world, perhaps none is more daring, more blatant and more contemptuous of its victims than the current scheme of automotive blackmail in place at this university.

With a guaranteed number of students attending classes every day and a woefully inefficient citywide transportation system, our upstanding alma mater is faced with a glaring problem: the incredibly deficient number of parking spaces in relation to students.

One would think the reasonable answer to such a dilemma would be to finance and construct

a series of parking garages or lots free of charge to students since they are already compelled to pay for this university's courses. However, UF, in all its wisdom, has decided upon a radically different course of action.

Instead of attempting to alleviate the problem, or even deprioritizing parking infractions, it has chosen to implement a deliberately confusing system of parking sections — to the effect that, even when students pay more than \$100 of their hard-earned blood, sweat and tears, they are still unable to park anywhere on campus.

Evidently, the right to park is not universal, resulting in nothing but mind-numbing yet ineffectual frustration on the part of students

and increased revenue for this already bloated institution of greed.

This legalized system of extortion ranks among the most brilliant frauds ever practiced upon the public. Not only are students denied the option simply not to come since they pay for classes, the arm-wrenching is approved by the very institution we are meant to praise and look to for guidance in times of need.

Yet the university pulls a feat similar to the emperor's new clothes, hoping that by shining light on the problem, everyone will be blinded or simply avoid looking at the glare.

And sadly enough, this stratagem has been marvelously efficient for the most part. The

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opposition to such a tortuously coercive parking plan. Student Government has not really discussed actual solutions to this problem. And without some sort of organized form of dissent, the university will undoubtedly continue on its illicit path of financial terror: financing its expenditures through the piecemeal extortions from each student as he parks for class.

In the words of another brilliant mind who opposed similar blackmail, we must "join or die." In the absence of unified revolt, albeit through peaceful means, the only concessions we will ever see are more garages like the Reitz Union, which not only fails to compensate for the influx of new students but also charges a daily fee.

This ridiculous parking policy cannot be allowed to survive. Strike it down now without restraint, or risk extortion for time eternal. As Churchill said, "It is not the actions of bad men which condemn us. It is the inaction of good men standing by."

Without organized rebellion, this legalized criminal procedure will continue. For the sake of our self-respect, if not our wallets, let us join together in opposition to such tyrannous actions.

Benjamin Abdulnour is a philosophy and political science senior.

Letters to the Editor

Student Government should conduct an audit to show where student money goes

I read with interest your recent editorial about support for the Reitz Union from Student Government and the underwriting of costs of the Phillips Center for student tickets.

In 1982 and 1983, I was the chairman of the Board of Managers of the Reitz Union and student body treasurer; I was also the night manager of the Orange and Brew.

During my years in SG, including the Senate and SG Cabinet, we spent a lot of time fighting with the administration over the use of student money.

Some money was well spent; some was wasted.

The only suggestion I can make is to con-

duct an audit of the SG budget like I did for the first time in 1983.

We had this published in the Alligator so that the students would have a snapshot of where their money was going from each course hour.

It seemed to work.

Also, I just always wanted to thank you for the editorial published on my birthday in July 1983 calling me "Candy Assed."

I have it somewhere in storage and every few years stumble across it. It causes a big smile as I reflect on the great times at UF. Keep up the good writing, as I check you

often. Mark Fisher

UFalumnus

Coulter's comments taken out of context

I didn't realize when I was hanging an American flag last Thursday that I was preparing for a "greedfest."

I thought I had gathered with 800 likeminded people to honor the man who ended the Cold War by eating barbecue and having lighthearted political discussions.

I thought it would conjure up terms more like "local political participation at its best."

Ann Coulter's comments were grossly taken out of context, as usual.

s The intelligent political satirist was

clearly taking jabs at the bastardization of the U.S. Constitution that continually gets loosely interpreted to accommodate any "right" that Americans wish to fabricate as being protected therein.

Alachua County should be celebrating the achievements of the local Republican Party.

It has taken on the mission of changing the economic constraints that stifle local businesses and keep Alachua County entrenched in poverty through social engineering.

It's time for Alachua County to think and vote differently.

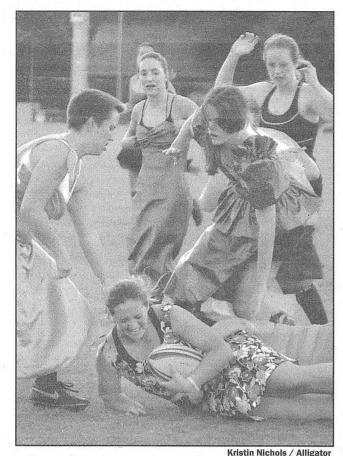
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n student body hasn't held a mass demonstration declaring

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Decked out in frilly dresses, the UF Women's Rugby Club competes in its annual Rugby Prom game Thursday.

Girls take rugby to prom for charity

■ THE UF WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB RAISED \$200 FOR A CAN-CER-SUPPORT PROGRAM.

By DIANA MAZZELLA Alligator Writer

The women wore cleats and kneehigh socks with dresses that were purple and sparkly, pink with bows and patterned with bright florals.

The UF Women's Rugby club played its fifth annual prom scrimmage Thursday night at the University Village South Field, with 70 people watching the women tatter and dirty their prom dresses for charity.

The players said they wore dresses purchased from thrift stores.

UF athletic trainer Mark Sutherlin, who was assigned to watch the match, said it was his first time watching Rugby Prom.

He said the most eye-catching dress was the one he described as a "metallic purple" which had a ruffle at the waist. Freshman Jamie Arjona said she paid about \$5 for her blue floorlength dress at a local thrift store.

"I know. It's a stunner," she said. She did not play because of an injury but still wore her dress with crutches and watched the team play.

"It's outrageous, and I think people really enjoy watching it. You're waiting to hear the dresses rip. That's the hilarious part of it."

Abby Herstich

Rugby Club vice president

She said she thought one of the more creative dresses was a pink dress cut unevenly above the knees with three rosettes in the back and a duct-tape belt.

Another was the long purple dress with puffed sleeves, she said.

As the game progressed, some players added a T-shirt to their ensembles; others played in only part of the dress. One player was wearing a bodice without the skirt, showing her shorts.

Sophomore Devin Huber said the game is fun and helps the team bond.

Club Vice President Abby Herstich said she thought attendees want to see the irony of women playing a sport that many people think makes them more masculine while wearing dresses.

"It's outrageous, and I think people really enjoy watching it," Herstich said. "You're waiting to hear the dresses rip. That's the hilarious part of it."

Club Treasurer Allison Fischman said donations at the event totaled about \$200 for the SUNNA Cancer Support Program for Women, a part of UF Women's Health Research Center.

"This is my favorite game of the semester," she said.

Women's Rugby Head Coach Kerri O'Malley said this is one of the team's annual charities. A cancer group was chosen because a former player's mother had died of breast cancer.

Students and faculty express surprise that Court nominee was proposed at all

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nominee confirmed to the Supreme Court," he said. "I think this sends a clear signal to the president that his next nominee should not be a crony."

Moore, 21, said this is just another example of the president's inability to choose qualified individuals for important positions.

"The Bush administration often appoints unqualified cronies, like former FEMA Director Michael Brown, to important positions," he said. "I think this is just another example of the larger culture of cronyism that exists in the Bush White House."

Perea, however, said he believes Miers could have made a plausible Supreme Court justice.

"In my personal opinion, she was certainly qualified by virtue of education and experience," he said. "However, her qualifications were different from many other nominees'."

He mentioned that the late William H. Rehnquist had not served as a judge before becoming chief justice of the Supreme Court, and he finds it interesting that prerequisites for a seat on the court seem to have changed in recent years. Perea also added the Constitution doesn't actually have a set of requirements when it comes choosing a judge, but he believes the Senate does not press hard enough when it comes to questions on nominees' beliefs.

"I continue to be disappointed that the Senate doesn't press on that," he said. "The public has a right to know."

A nominee's beliefs are the main way the public can determine how he or she will rule on different national issues, he said.

Tommy Jardon, 21, an economics major and a member of College Republicans, said he believes the Democrats will criticize any nominee the president chooses. "I think they'll get off it pretty quick and redirect their cannons at the coming indictments and whoever the new nominee is," he said.

He also said he believes Miers will be replaced within several days.

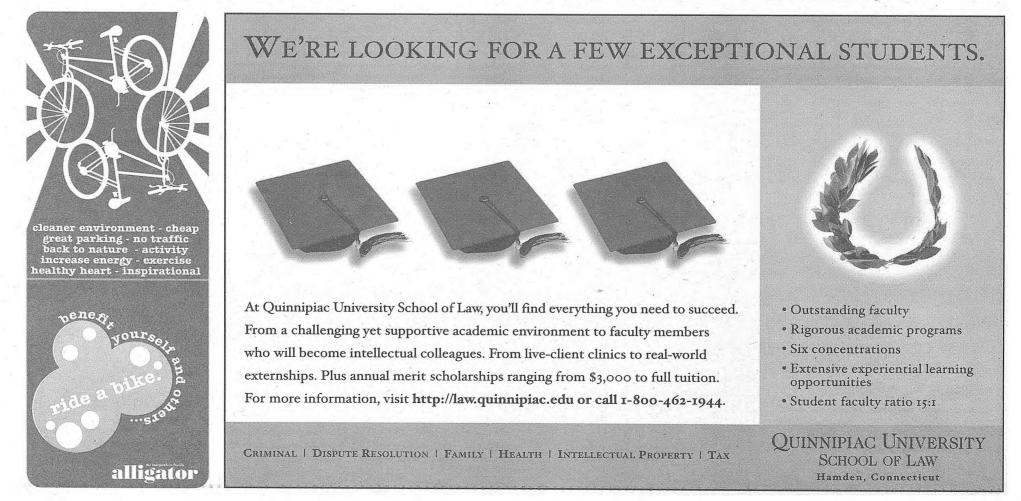
"I give until tomorrow. Monday at the absolute latest," he said.

Perea also made a prediction.

"My prediction is the president will choose someone safe, like Roberts," he said.

Perea also added that he believed Roberts was actually a good choice.

"He's as good as the Democrats will get from a conservative president."



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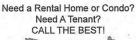
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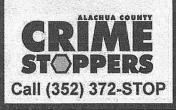
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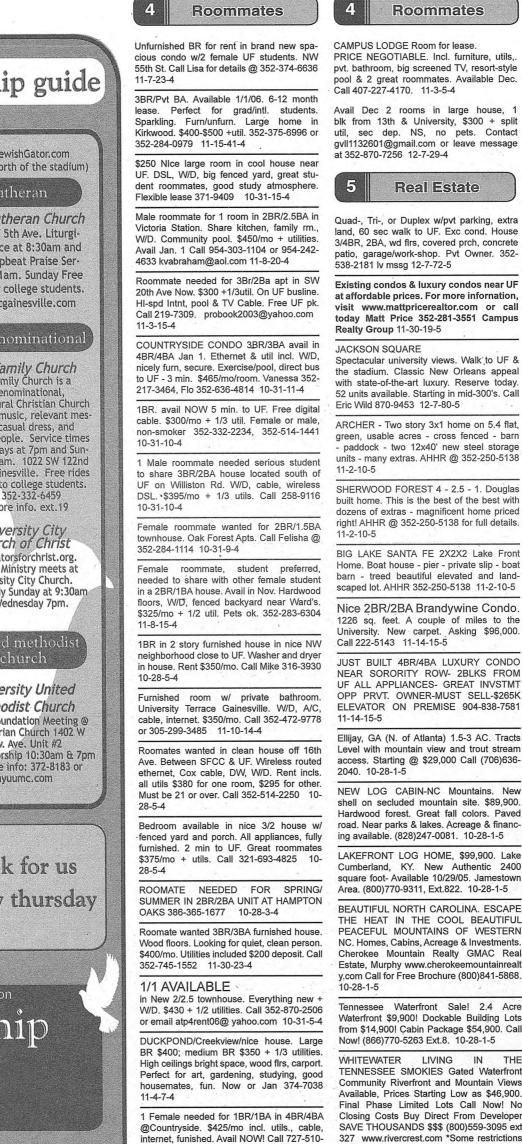


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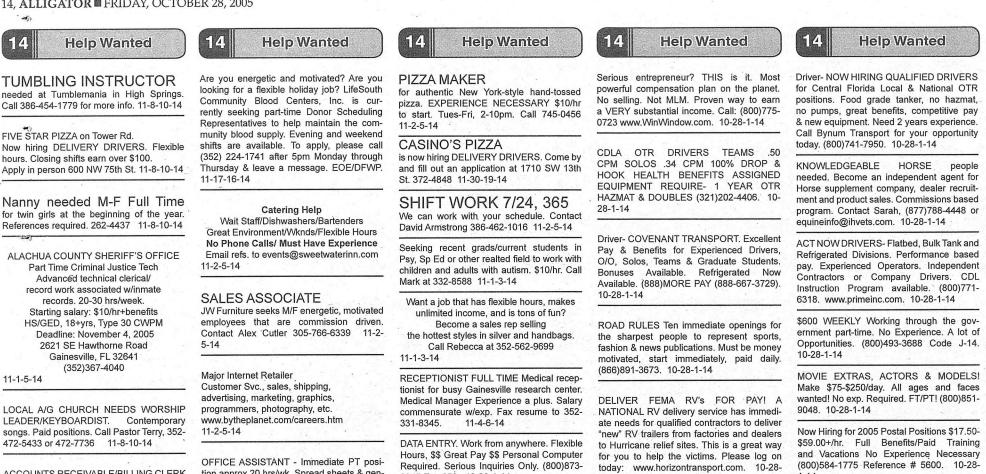
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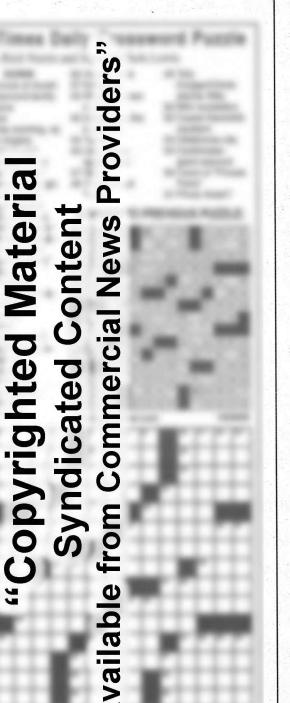
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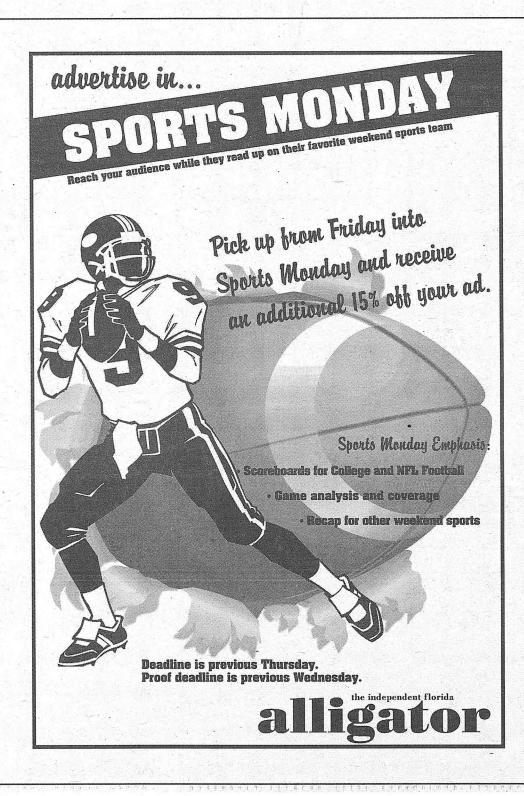
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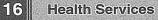
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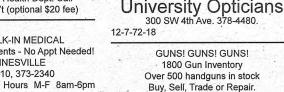
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You know that old saying (or at least half of it) that you can fool some people sometimes?

In honor of the upcoming Florida-Georgia bash, I sought out the most infamous Georgian of them all, one who fooled an entire nut-loving red state

Remember Jimmy Carter? Of course you don't, you uneducated child of the 21st century.

Well he's a former U.S. president, born and former peanut farmer.

Apparently, Carter's too important, or too old, to talk to the Alligator. So instead, I sought out John Steedman, owner of the North Georgia Pecan Co., "home of the wise crack," in beautiful downtown Athens

I couldn't lie to a pecan man, so I told Steedman that he was indeed my second nutty choice for this week's picks column. In return, he informed me that Georgia is, in fact, a red state, and they're not too fond of old J.C. these days.

"He's a bleeding heart liberal, out of favor with us," said the 59-year-old former UGA student. "Since then, I think he's gotten even more liberal. He never met a dictator he didn't like.'

Steedman turned out to be a solid picker of the week, because his granddaddy, John Cox, played on the 1909 Bulldogs team, and he works next door to the corporate office of Widespread Panic.

Steedman's heart lies with the red and black, and he vividly recalls the 1980 Sugar Bowl game that landed the Bulldogs their only national championship. Evidently, this took place just weeks before Carter was ousted from the White House,

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Meyer altering offense to fit players

By BRYAN APP Alligator Staff Writer bapp@alligator.org

Since his arrival, Coach Urban Meyer has maintained that he has no offensive system.

Lately, it seems the Gators have been trying to prove him correct. Trying to grasp the same spread option offense Meyer succeeded with at Utah and Bowling Green, UF has exactly one sustained touchdown drive against ranked opponents this season.

Now, Meyer says it's time for his coaching staff to adapt UF's offense to its playmakers, just like he promised since his first days in Gainesville.

"The job of a coach is to adapt a so-called system. I've always said there isn't a system," Meyer said. "The system has to adapt to the personnel, and I don't believe

we've done a great job at that. "You can't just say, 'Here's the offense. Now, go get it.' Because at some point it's going to fail."

Against Louisiana State on Oct. 15, the offense managed just 206 total yards, including a 107-yard, 11-for-30 performance from quarterback Chris Leak.

Leak, who has had trouble running the option and is more of a traditional drop-back passer, could have the opportunity to excel at what he knows how to do.

'Coach Meyer said he's going to play us to what we do best, but it's just little things like maybe moving the pocket some more," Leak said. "Just doing things that are going to get guys in different places, and it's just going to be different looks that we are going to do to help us out in the long run.

While Meyer said the bye-week has afforded him the opportunity to tone down UF's offense, he's not about to scrap the spread. Meyer said like any other offensive

scheme, relying too much on the spread simply will not work in the defense-savvy Southeastern Conference.

"So are there concerns about

the spread offense? I think if you run simply the spread offense and nothing else, yeah, there are,"

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Chris Leak scrambles against Alabama during the Gator's 31-3 loss in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Oct. 1. Coach Urban Meyer is trying to make Leak feel more comfortable in the offense.

UF MEN'S BASKETBALL Gators show emotion in scrimmage

By DAN TREAT Alligator Writer

Although practices are usually closed, the UF basketball team squared off in an open scrimmage on Thursday.

And while the Blue squad soundly defeated the White, 64-24, don't let the score fool you. The Blue team featured Corey Brewer (10

points), Lee Humphrey (14 points), Joakim Noah (18 points) and Chris Richard (15 points). The White had just two experienced players in Al Horford (5 points) and Taurean Green (8 points) for much of the game. Their responses to the situation concerned

WHOOPS PICKED SEVENTH

team was picked to finish seventh

in the 12-team SEC by the media.

Tennessee was selected No. 1, fol-

The UF women's basketball

lowed by LSU.

UF coach Billy Donovan.

"The thing that's good about it is that they got frustrated and upset because they're competitive, and they want to win," Donovan said. "If they didn't care, it wouldn't bother them, but it bothers them deeply. They probably felt a level of embarrassment because their team didn't play too well."

Donovan said that it's important for Green and Horford to learn how to deal with adversity as they develop into leaders in their sophomore season

"Part of them learning to be leaders is, how to do you channel that frustration?" Donovan said. "How do you get the team energized? How do you overcome those obstacles?

"Because there may be a game where things aren't going well for our team — we're in foul trouble, we're not shooting well -- vou've still got to be able to channel that emotion in the right direction to give yourself a chance to win

Noah, who saw limited action last year as a freshman, showed that he could potentially play a key role for the Gators this year.

'I've seen great strides and improvement in him," Donovan said. "I think you can see he's got a confidence level about him. He runs the floor real well, he's active and he's a competitive kid.'

SWIMMING RESULTS

The No. 3 UF men's swimming and diving team defeated Georgia 173-127. The No. 1 women weren't as fortunate, falling 176-116.

HOOPS PICKED SECOND IN EAST

The UF men's basketball team was selected to finish second in the SEC East behind Kentucky. Corey Brewer and Al Horford were both selected to the preseason All-SEC 2nd team by the media.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

1995: With the Gator Bowl under renovation, UF and Georgia square off in Athens, and the Gators secure a 52-17 victory. It was the Bulldogs' worst home loss in school history.

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UF SOCCER Home finale marks seniors' farewell

By SPENCER DAVIS-VANNESS Alligator Writer sdvanness@alligator.org

For senior forward Jessica Young, the 2005 soccer season has flown right by. Actually, the way she sees it, Young's entire four-year career with the UF soccer team seemed like a blur.

A large part of it will come to a close tonight.

As the No. 17 Gators (12-4-1, 7-2-1 Southeastern Conference) prepare to host South Carolina (6-11, 2-8 SEC) this evening in the final regular season game, the team's seniors will also prepare for what may possibly be their final home game at UF.

Senior night will bring a host of emotions to the field, and Young said she's eagerly awaiting a chance to place an exclamation point on her career.

"It's going to be pretty exciting, maybe a little sad," she said. "In terms of the lessons I've learned here, it's been wonderful."

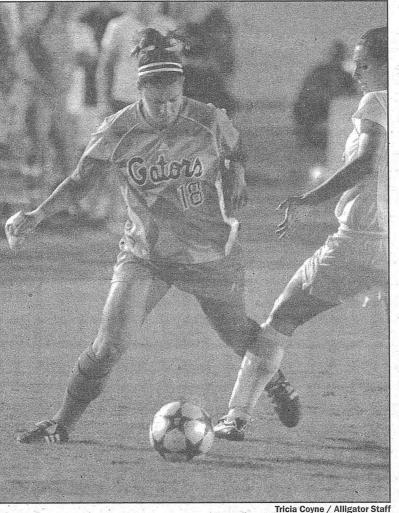
Young added that it wouldn't be too surprising to see some of the seniors top off the season with careerhigh nights.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times it comes down to 'this is it,' and that, in turn, drives a player to do things that they normally wouldn't do," she said.

The year's senior class includes stars Jen Gardner, Katie Johnston, Young Cherry Pickman.

"We definitely lose a lot of personalities and a lot of people who have contributed from the beginning of their career until now.

"I think this class, with the number



UF midfielder Lindsey DeLorenze tries to keep control of the ball during UF's 2-2 tie against Alabama Sept. 23.

of people, is going to really change the face of this team when they leave." While a SEC title may not hang

in the balance of this year's season finale, Burleigh insists that Friday's game remains crucial.

UF to sport new jerseys **FOOTBALL**, from page 17

Meyer said. "Especially where we're at, I think you're going to have trouble. I think you're going to need to have a more expanded offense to get the players comfortable with what they're doing. There's no question."

NOT QUITE CRUNCH TIME: Though a loss to Georgia



would eliminate UF from contention for its first SEC title since 2000, Meyer doesn't believe that Saturday's Cocktail Party represents a last ditch effort to salvage the Gators' season.

"I don't want to start those kinds of things around here — last chances and all of that," Meyer said after Thursday's practice. "That's not what this is. It's a big-time football game."

Then again, Meyer understands what's at stake.

"Our goal is to compete for the SEC Championship. That's what our goal is and obviously [losing] this one would end it," Meyer said. "We're just talking about a football team that's trying to create in depth on defense and get better on offense. We're all well aware of the implications of this game."

NEW THREADS: As part of a one-time promotional agreement with Nike, the Gators will wear special jerseys Saturday against the Bulldogs.

Instead of the traditional all-blue jersey, the tops will have one orange sleeve and are supposed to provide added ventilation.

Virginia Tech wore a similar jersey against Boston College on Thursday. Miami and Oregon will also participate in the promotion.

INJURY UPDATE: Meyer said he expects linebacker Brandon Siler (ankle) to play Saturday.

Defensive end Ray McDonald also is expected to see significant playing time for the first time since Sept. 17.



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Victory will secure SEC title

GATORS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GRUELING ROAD STRETCH.

By BRYAN JONES Alligator Writer

The Southeastern Conference schedule makers probably won't be receiving any Christmas cards from the Gators this year.

UF volleyball coach Mary Wise was anything but thrilled to open the SEC volleyball schedule with three matches on the road. Now, UF will have to endure four more consecutive away matches in the season's stretch run.

If the Gators maintain their unblemished conference record throughout the grueling road trip, they will clinch their 15th consecutive SEC title before returning home for their final two conference matches. The No. 4 Gators (20-1, 10-0 SEC) will begin their travels Friday night against South Carolina (10-10, 3-7).

On Sunday, UF will take on its biggest rival: Tennessee (13-7, 7-3). The Volunteers defeated the Gators twice last season, ending UF's 145match winning streak in regular season conference matches and its streak of 121 overall conference victories. Both are NCAA records.

While the Gators defeated both teams 3-0 in Gainesville earlier this season, victories may be a little more difficult to come by on the road.

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replaced by an even bigger tool named Ronald Reagan.

"The Buck Belue pass to Lindsey Scott is the greatest play in Georgia history, and it gave them the championship," Steedman recalls. "I jumped up and hit the ceiling so hard that I almost broke finger."

Apparently, breaking bones is a Steedman trademark, because his wife recently took a nasty spill.

"The pecans are just beginning to come in, and I'm just getting ready to open the store, but I wish I was down in Jacksonville if only my wife hadn't been a fool and broken her arm playing tennis," Steedman said.

As for the rest of us pickers, leading the pack once again at 46-24 but watching his lead slowly vanish is resident-perfectionist Bryan "I only need 18 more credit hours and I will have graduated before the age of 30"

Despite holding season records of 10-10 and 13-7, respectively, South Carolina and Tennessee are a combined 9-1 at home this season.

Factor in the huge target on UF's back due to their reputation as a perennial powerhouse, and the Gators could be in store for a more difficult weekend than any record could indicate.

The Getara joke about being the "band team," Wise said, because schools that don't normally have their band play at home matches will often bring out the band when they play UF.

"We know the target on our back is pretty big," Wise said. "With the tradition of the program, we've built that. As a coach, you would much rather have that than the match that no one shows up for. I think it is great reflection on our program that we get everybody's best shot."

The biggest challenge against the Gamecocks might not be the South Carolina players or fans, but simply adjusting to South Carolina's home court.

South Carolina's gym is very small, and due to the proximity of the seating area to the end line, UF might not be able to step back as far as they would like to on their jump serves, Wise said.

"There is no room on the sides to chase down balls. You have to have great ball control," she said.

> App, who slaughters mothers, children and even small animals if they disagree with him on any sports topic.

Sitting in second with a 45-25 record and munching on a bag of lard is hobo Romanian punk-rock hairfest Louis "come work for me and feel my sexy gut" Anastasis, who fulfilled a life long wet dream by meeting Shaq on Thursday — Shaq will never be the same.

Squished in the middle at 44-26 is day tripper Andrew "spinal meningitis is sexy" Abramson, whose brain has melted away from too much tea and the incessant screeching of Ween.

In fourth place at 43-27 is closet message board fiend Eric "wait, brain cells don't always grow back?" Esteban, who orders Happy Meals at the McDonalds drive thru we think he also drives a white van and laces the French fries with GHB, if you catch our drift.

At 42-28 and tied for last is the only guy who makes

UF gaining respect By BRIAN STEELE Pigg said. "The ranking wa

Alligator Writer

Everything is beginning to change for the UF men's cross country team. Just don't tell the Gators, because they are not noticing the changes.

MONDO currently has the men's team ranked No. 8

nationally, which is the highest standing the Gators have held since 1990. Although UF

began the season unranked, the Gators said they don't care

about the sudden accolades. They only worry about where they will finish in Saturday's Southeastern Conference Championship in Columbia, S.C.

"I don't think we're doing anything differently right now from when we started the year and weren't ranked at all," Coach Jeff Pigg said. "The ranking wasn't our goal. We know we can do it and want to continue to do it."

The Gators have surprised the cross country community.

"There's no pressure, because we weren't expected to be this good," said Henok Lechebo, SEC Athlete of the Week. "We were expected to be top 20, and we're top 10. We already reached the level that we weren't supposed to be reach."

It's a different story for the women's team. After losing junior Jamie Geissler, last year's top runner, to injury, the team's younger and inexperienced runners have been forced to the forefront.

Despite the increasing pressure, sophomore Lindsay Sundell, who finished as the Gators' top runner in two of their four races this year, welcomes the challenge of being a new leader.

"I like [being a leader]. It's more of a privilege."

Urkel look cool, Ian "I suck at life, and I also suck Brian Shaffer's ... laptop," Fisher who can be seen on the internet in a homosexual pose with ex-wrestling icon Goldberg.

Tied for last with the Big Fish is (fill in the blank) Farzad, "I really don't say anything negative in fact, I'm actually a robot created in a Iranian laboratory" Safi, who once killed a fly, and he's still on suicidal watch.

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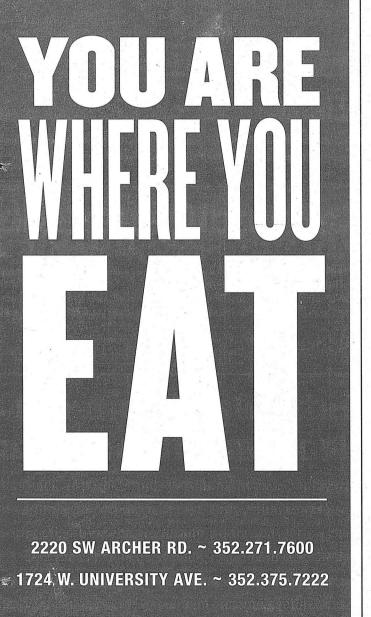
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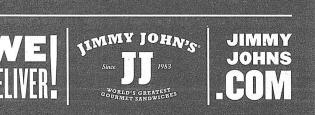
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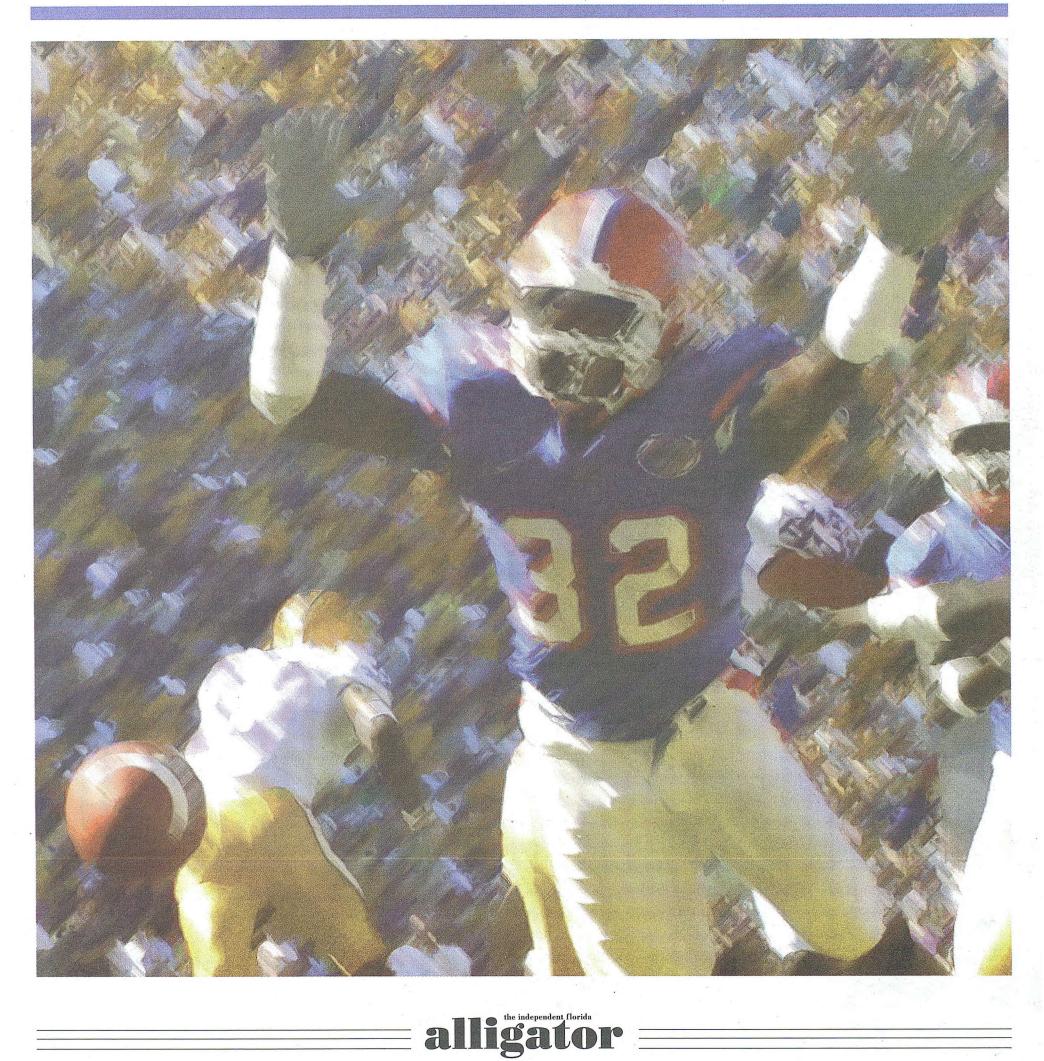
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After months of waiting, DeShawn Wynn (left) will take over as UF's primary running back Saturday against Georgia. He will look to jump start a struggling offense in order to salvage the Gators' season.





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Digital Wonder

Safety completing journey from cyberspace to stardom

By ERIC ESTEBAN Alligator Staff Writer eesteban@alligator.org

Long before they chanted his name, they were well aware of who he was and what he was capable of.

Before they knew who Brandon Siler, Jeremy Mincey or Markus Manson were, he was at the center of every conversation that dealt with who would be the next face of UF football.

Legions of fans followed his recruiting trail. From elementary school and Pop Warner leagues up through Palm Bay High School, with a pit stop at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, defensive back Reggie Nelson was a wanted man.

For three years, question upon question piled up on Gators' fan Web sites and message boards wondering about Nelson's status. Nicknamed "the Thread" for all the topics started about his status and whereabouts, everyone had an opinion to give or inquiry to spout.

"How's Reggie doing in JUCO?" one topic would read. "Reggie Nelson: the next great Gator safety," read yet another topic, while he was trying to qualify for UF after two years at junior college.

"UF fans just knew how good he was," said Jamie Newburg, a recruiting analyst for Scout.com. "It lasted to the end, and then he didn't gualify. Then, no one was sure he was going to make it in school. So it always seemed like the UF fans were kind of hanging onto Reggie, just hoping."

No one is really sure exactly when Nelson burst onto the Floridian football ing plays in the playoffs that year."

recruiting scene.

the Pop Warner leagues, or perhaps it was his relentless motor in middle school. But when it came time for college recruiting, Nelson had options from the top college football powerhouses in the country. UF, Florida State, Louisiana State, Oklahoma and Miami all came knocking with scholarship offers.

Seven games into his long-awaited first ear in Gainesville, it's been Nelson's bigtime hitting and quiet smile that has the Gator Nation giddy. He is the one athlete that every self-proclaimed pundit had tabbed as an inevitable playmaker before his first scholarship offer had even been sent in the mail.

Early Ascent to Humble Stardom

At Palm Bay High in Melbourne, Coach Dan Burke was used to making his rounds to local feeder middle and elementary schools in hope of finding the next big prospect.

The area had already produced quality athletes, such as current UF center Mike Degory.

But when Burke made his first trip to scout young talent at Stone Middle, just down the street from Palm Bay, he knew he had witnessed an absolute player with the potential to be a true star.

"Even as a high school, we would try to get out to the youth-league parks at least once or twice a year, and we noticed him immediately," Burke said. "As a freshman player, he returned punts, but by the playoffs, he was already starting for us and mak-

His impact was immediate, even as a It might have been that first big hit in 155-pound, 14-year-old freshman linebacker. While most kids his age had their hands, filled with avoiding the resident schoolyard bully, Nelson was becoming Melbourne's resident slash.

> Along with linebacker, he played wide receiver, safety and running back. He made plays at every position.

> "One thing that there isn't a shortage of with him is talent," Burke said. "I know Florida is struggling at receiver, and I think he could even be effective as a fifth receiver there because he's just the type of player that knows how to disrupt things on either side of the ball."

> While Reggie's talents could be utilized on the offensive side of the field, his love of hitting fuels him on the defense. His accumulated stats in high school led to a mountain of accolades. As a senior, he recorded 169 tackles, 53 assists and 10 sacks on defense and caught 18 passes for 354 vards on offense. Nelson registered 150 tackles as a junior.

> The Pirates won state titles in 2000 and 2002, but the humble Nelson never was one to trash talk.

> "One thing with him is that success will never change him," Burke said. "He truly loves the game, starting or not, he's the type of kid that is willing to bide his time and help the team in any way possible."

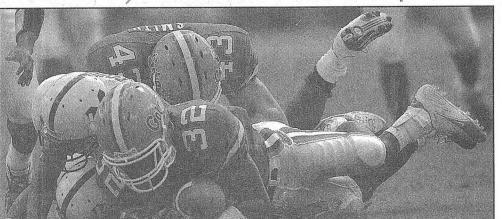
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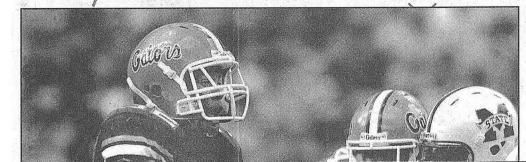
Nelson wouldn't make it to UF right away. Academic woes forced him to spend two years at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. While the fans back home still remembered his name, Nelson was making sure he was on the path back to UF. He led the Red Ravens to a No. 3 ranking in the final 2004 NJCAA poll and recorded 72 tackles on the season while intercepting six passes.

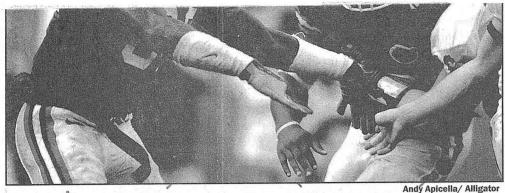
Finally, Nelson arrived in Gainesville this summer.

Nelson wasn't made an immediate starter, but since the Gators have struggled to find consistency at free safety for much









Long before his days as a UF playmaker, junior safety Reggie Nelson was a hot topic for Gators fanatics. His name graced the thread titles of fan Web sites daily.

old position against Georgia on Saturday.

"I think it's a great move for him to be at free safety, because one thing any coach can see with Reggie Nelson is the instincts," Burke said. "At free safety, he is going to have the freedom to play up or sit back, causing problems for offenses both as a tackler and pass defender."

Georgia's passing game looks unpredictable after the loss of quarterback D.J. Shockley, and Gators' corner backs coach Chuck Heater said it's the perfect opportunity to get Nelson more playing time.

"He plays fast and is an aggressive player who kind of has a knack for making

Nelson took the hard road to UF. After failing to gain admission academically, he spent two seasons at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. While out of sight from Gator Nation, intrigue about the high school legend spiraled to new heights.

on the field."

Nelson's hits this year have come off the edge as a blitzing corner, and his four sacks are tied for the team lead. But at free safety, he'll have the opportunity to showcase the skills that put him on the map several years ago.

"I feel more [comfortable] back there, and by the coaches moving me farther back,

plays," Heater said. "You can never have it gives me a chance to see the whole field," enough of those guys, and he's proven that Nelson said. "I loved it at JUCO, so I'm go-The can do things, so we just had to get him fing to love it even more at the University of Florida."

> And after going through a recruiting saga that seemed like it would hever end, Nelson's smile speaks volumes of what the humble hitter is thinking about these days.

> "I'm loving every minute of it," he said. "Ever since I got here I've loved it, and I haven't had any doubts that this is the place for me."

SEC hopes hinge on Cocktail Party

THE GATORS SEEM TO BE IN POSITION TO REBOUND, AS GEORGIA'S STAR QUARTER-BACK IS SIDELINED WITH AN INJURY.

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Urban Meyer's Gators — take three.

UF hasn't won either of its last two key Southeastern Conference games.

So, the Gators are on the verge of a monumental collapse that could put the team in a late-December game that could be a downgrade from last year's Peach Bowl.

After all the disappointment for Meyer and the Gators this season, a single victory against Georgia on Saturday would suddenly make UF a viable candidate for the SEC East crown.

And with the Bulldogs' starting quarterback likely sidelined for the most important game in Meyer's UF career, the Gators seem to be in a prime position to leave Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium with a victory.

Then again, the Gators haven't exactly stepped it up when it's counted in recent seasons.

"There's a lot at stake and a lot on the line," defensive end Jarvis Moss said. "We just have to come out ready Saturday and just play and have fun, and I think everything will take care of itself."

The Gators enter this game losing two of their last three games, with the one victory coming against Mississippi State, one of the worst teams in the SEC. The offense that was supposed to be UF's greatest strength this season has been practically nonexistent, and the Gators have struggled to adapt to Meyer's schemes that were so successful at Utah.

Meanwhile, Georgia has steamrolled to an undefeated season and a No. 4 national ranking.

But just as the Bulldogs expected to defeat the Gators in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the late 1980s, Georgia starting quarterback D.J. Shockley went down with a knee injury last week against Arkansas.

Now, it appears that the unheralded and relatively untested Joe Tereshinski III will take the reins against a tough UF defense.

So, with Georgia's main offensive weapon sidelined and UF's offense reeling, the first team to score on Saturday could secure a victory.

"We're still confident," said defensive end Jeremy Mincey. "This is a big game, a big rivalry. The last couple years [prior to 2004], we've been taking care of [Georgia]. Hopefully, we can do it again."

In recent seasons, this game has been no contest. UF has won all but two games in the series since 1990, although Georgia managed to defeat the Gators last year.

But the Gators also know that the favored team — which, in this case, is UF — doesn't always win. Both in 2002 and 2003, Georgia was ranked in the top five in the nation, and the Gators were ranked in the 20s. However, both times UF managed to steal the victory from one of its most bitter rivals.

"Our fans expect us to beat everybody, and that's what we need to start doing," defensive end Joe Cohen said. "We can't come out half stepping. We need to come out full speed at the beginning of the game and make plays."



Who: No. 4 Georgia vs. No. 16 UF Kickoff: 3:30 p.m. Where: Alltel Stadium, Jacksonville (cap. 76,000)

Series: Georgia leads 45-35-2 Tickets: Sold out

Notes: The Gators have won 13 of the last 15 meetings with the Bulldogs...Georgia will look to defeat UF in consecutive years for the first time since the 1988-89 seasons...UF has won six of the last seven games against a ranked Georgia team... The Gators are 1-6 all-time against topfive Bulldogs' teams.

Expect the unexpected from UF's offense.

rite it down. Tell your friends. Clip this one on to your fridge: the Gators will upset Georgia

UF will move the ball with its upgraded eightcylinder tortoise engine, those 150 turtlepower churning enough combustion to, gasp, score a legitimate touchdown.

Urban Meyer's season, his ever-changing, never-static reputation at UF will be salvaged. He will be no Charlie Weis. But he will be no Rick Pitino either.

Is this a foolish stance to take? Probably. Is the same person who picked UF to land in the Rose Bowl this season exploring the wilderness of the naïve? Sure, but only a little bit.

If there's anything that covering the Gators for the past two seasons teaches you, it is to expect the unexpected. Never start typing your story until the referees leave the field. Never assume anything with any kind of Gators offense in any kind of formation. Basically, stay away from UF while in Vegas, or you might be applying for the Hurricane Meyer Relief Fund.

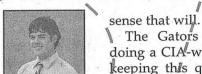
But this game, it is different.

There are too many intangibles going UF's way; they all begin with Urban and end with Meyer.

You think Jeremy Foley chose Urban Meyer instead of Steve Spurrier for kicks, that he did it by accident? You think transforming Bowling Green and Utah from curling schools to football programs was a freak aberration of nature?

Meyer is a smart, smart man. OK, so he has looked more like a Birmingham Barons Michael Jordan than Einstein thus far.

But there's a reason why Meyer hasn't slept since the Louisiana State game. He cannot accept failure. And while the will alone won't win a football game, it's the resulting common



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The Gators have been doing a CIA-worthy job of keeping this quiet: Meyer and Co. will implement just enough non-tradition-al spread-offense schemes to move the ball against Georgia. This is not a complicated thing to do.

They will remember Tate Casey is on the roster. They will give DeShawn Wynn the ball more than ever. UF, its offensive guards set for the first time this season with Tavares Washington and Steve Rissler, will do a halfway-decent job of protecting Chris Leak. Things will be different than the Baton Rouge Snooze two weeks ago.

And that's all you need to know. A mediocre offense is good enough to down Georgia, would have been enough to oust LSU. Meyer understands he does not have the running quarterback that he needs for the spread to run at full steam. Yet, that doesn't mean he's foolish enough to force-feed Chris Leak with Tommie Frazier-like runs.

"The job of a coach is to adapt the system," Meyer said. "I've always said that there really isn't a system, that the system has to adapt to the personnel so that's what makes up the system, and I don't believe we've done a great job with that."

He will do a good enough job Saturday, and vou heard it here first.

If anything, a man who has never tasted coaching failure until this season is not about to let Georgia quarterback/figure skater Tara Lipinski III crash his Southeastern Conference party.

Florida How They Match Up Georgi



FLORIDA RUN vs GEORGIA RUN DEFENSE:

Florida rushes for 146.6 yards per game; UGA allows 109.0 yards rushing per game.
KEY PLAYERS: UF: Jr. TB DeShawn Wynn (76 att.-358 yds., 4.7 avg., 7 TDs), Fr. TB Markus Manson (26-149, 5.6, 0) UGA: Jr. LB Jarvis Jackson (40 tackles-20 solo), Jr. LB Danny Verdun Wheeler (38-30)
ANALYSIS: It took about two-thirds of a season, but Wynn finally played his way into a permanent starting role against LSU. Georgia's run defense ranks just fifth in the SEC, and Wynn proved he could run against quality SEC defenses, gaining 98 yards on 16 carries against LSU.
ADVANTAGE: Florida

FLORIDA PASS vs. GEORGIA PASS DEFENSE:

Florida passes for 236.6 yards per game; UGA allows 183.9 yards passing per game. **KEY PLAYERS:** UF: Jr. QB Chris Leak (1,575 yds., 10 TDs-4 INTs, 58.9 pct., 132.4 rating), Jr. Chad Jackson (52 rec., 558 yds., 10.7 avg., 6 TDs); Jr. Dallas Baker (32, 431, 13.5, 2) UGA: Sr. FS Greg Blue (57 tackles-41 solo), Jr. ROV Tra Battle (43-25)

ANALYSIS: Going up against a tough Georgia secondary isn't exactly the perfect remedy for a reeling UF offense. The Gators have yet to prove they can pass against a top SEC defense. **ADVANTAGE: Georgia**

GEORGIA RUN vs. FLORIDA RUN DEFENSE:

UGA rushes for 170.0 yards per game; Florida allows 95.9 yards rushing per game. KEY PLAYERS: UGA: So. TB Thomas Brown (81 att.-432 yds., 5.3 avg., 2 TDs), So. TB Danny Ware (63-302, 4.0, 8) UF: So. LB Brandon Siler (40 tackles-19 solo), Jr. LB Earl Everett (42-21) ANALYSIS: This is the second consecutive game the Gators face a team with two tailbacks capable of serious damage. Brown and Ware are dangerous players, and both will carry the load with QB D.J. Shockley out for the game. ADVANTAGE: Georgia





GEORGIA PASS vs. FLORIDA PASS DEFENSE:

Georgia passes for 250.1 yards per game; Florida allows 176.0 yards passing per game. KEY PLAYERS: UGA: Jr. QB Joe Tereshinski (207 yds., 0 TDs-1 INT, 56.5 pct., 123.4 rating), Sr. WR Bryan

McClendon (20 rec., 287 yds., 14.4 avg., 2 TDs), Jr. TE Leonard Pope (17, 262, 15.4, 1), UF: Sr. CB Vernell Brown (30 tackles-23 solo) Sr. SS Jarvis Herring (26-18)

ANALYSIS: Shockley's out, and UF's secondary is salivating at the thought of going up against Tereshinski. Reggie Nelson has moved from cornerback to free safety, which could solve UF's problem at that position. The Gators' passing defense has been solid all season. **ADVANTAGE: Florida**

SPECIAL TEAMS:

FLORIDA KEY PLAYERS: Jr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-8, 47 long) Sr. Punt Returner, Vernell Brown (22 att., 6.0 avg., 22 long) UGA: So. Kicker Brandon Coutu (16-19, 58), Jr. Punter Gordon Ely-Kelso (29 att., 42.6 avg., 60 long)

ANALYSIS: Hetland's perfect field goal season is impressive, but Coutu's attempted more than double the amount of field goals and completed all but three – including a 58-yarder. UF's special teams is solid, but the Gators are still struggling in punt and kick returns.





INTANGIBLES: The stars must have aligned Urban Meyer's way this week, because just when he needed something to go right for the Gators, Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley goes down and UF's hopes sky-rocketed. This should be old-fashioned SEC football: a low scoring, smash-mouth game with a ton of defense. And the Gators should do just enough to prevail. **ADVANTAGE: Florida**