



Jet-lagged Gators touch down as champs

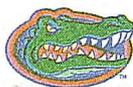
By **MIKE MCCALL**
 Alligator Writer

When the national champion UF football team emerged from their American Airlines chartered jet around 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday, their faces did not bear the looks of intense joy and excitement as they had the night before.

Instead, they looked relieved.

Relieved to be home, satisfied that their long season was over, culminating in their ultimate goal.

Beneath the jet lag and exhaustion, there was still a quiet enthusiasm and sense of accomplishment, much like the look of a child who snuck onto the biggest thrill ride at an amusement park.



Football

As the team's flight approached the runway around 6:05, news trucks waited in the parking lot and helicopters circled overhead, covering the air nearly as thoroughly as UF had in holding the Buckeyes to just 35 yards passing.

A crowd of media and cameramen swarmed the tarmac to get a glimpse of the champions as they emerged from the plane.

Led by linebacker Earl Everett — who made one of the game's biggest plays by sacking OSU quarterback Troy Smith despite his helmet flying off — the team shuffled out of the jet, where three chartered buses and a police escort awaited them.

The players were quiet — flashing



Luanne Djetz/Alligator Staff

Wide receiver Jemalle Cornelius (front) and teammates arrive home to Gainesville after their weeklong journey to Arizona, bringing with them UF's second-ever national title.

the occasional 'No. 1' — as they received cheers from several Transportation Security Administration workers and Gators fans from a flight unloading next to them.

Only one member of the team took time to recognize an onlooker, as quarterback Tim Tebow stopped to embrace his former teammate at Nease High — UF freshman Max Grimard.

Notably missing from the group was quarterback Chris Leak, who headed instead for a Tuesday appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

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STUDENT LIFE

Tired, happy students return to Gainesville after game

By **BRITTANY DAVIS**
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The roar of the crowd and the pound of the Gator chomp slowly died as University Avenue transformed from chaos to silence early Tuesday morning.

The silence broke when the first students arrived on campus and trudged to class.

Some scrapped the idea of attending Tuesday classes and celebrated their team's national championship win until dawn, while others made it home by 1 a.m. and prepared for

a day of yawning through lectures and labs.

"I went to bed at 3 a.m., and I woke up at 7 a.m.," said Kendra Holmes, a microbiology and cell science freshman.

Holmes, who followed the crowd to University Avenue after the game, was shocked to see rowdy students burn a small tree in the middle of the road. She laughed when she recalled her roommate taking home a branch off the tree.

She wanted it as a souvenir, Holmes explained.

Holmes woke up early to attend her 8:30 a.m. chemistry class. She

"There is no price value you can put on this weekend."

Tom Evison
 UF senior

was among the few.

"There were supposed to be 318 (students), but probably 100 showed up," she said. "Some people just got up and left during class."

While students in Gainesville weighed the decision to attend Tuesday classes, those who went to Glendale, Ariz., started their return

home.

Classics senior Tom Evison is scheduled to arrive in Gainesville this afternoon. He hasn't contacted any of his teachers yet, but he is not worried. He expects his professors will be lenient.

Evison said he regretted missing the local festivities but wouldn't have traded his trip to Arizona.

"Sure, everyone else partied," he said. "But I was there."

His plane ticket cost \$410, but he said the experience was invaluable.

"There is no price value you can put on this weekend," he said. "That's why I haven't looked at my

credit card statements yet."

Applied physiology and kinesiology freshman Ali Lacey arrived in Gainesville at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

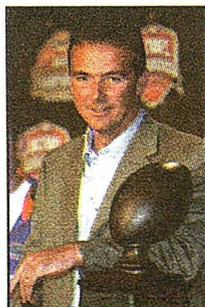
"I spent the whole day sleeping," the UF cheerleader said.

Lacey arrived in Glendale five hours before the game and flew home on a charter flight.

While rowdy fans were recuperating in their beds, businesses close to campus were cleaning up.

Jeremy Kriesel, a bartender at the Swamp Restaurant, said some managers and employees arrived at work early Tuesday to pick up trash.

■ Coach Urban Meyer officially handed his offense to freshman quarterback Tim Tebow Tuesday. The former backup will bring changes to UF's playbook. See story, pg. 17



■ A streaking Gator fan was hit by a car on University Avenue during the post-game revelry and was in critical condition Tuesday. See story, pg. 8.

■ National championship gear hit the stands soon after the Gators won, and local businesses are expecting more UF clothing and memorabilia to be delivered this week. See story, pg. 4.

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Quarterback Chris Leak was on the Jay Leno show Tuesday night, telling viewers his plans now that he's graduated. For an online exclusive of his interview, visit www.alligator.org.

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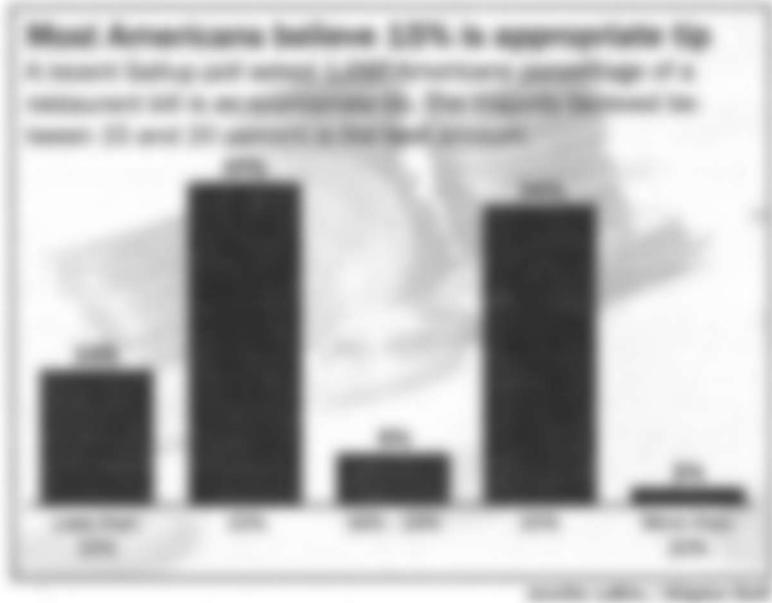
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By **JOANNA BLAZ**

Alligator Contributing Writer

In an effort to reduce traffic jams and create a more sustainable campus, UF is introducing a car-sharing program for UF students and faculty.

The UF Physical Plant Division has partnered with Flexcar, a company that rents environmentally friendly vehicles by the day or the hour. The program offers an alternative

to owning a car, with rates of \$5.50 an hour or \$55 a day.

"The overarching goal is to provide people with an alternative to driving to work and school and to reduce carbon emissions by doing so," said Dedee DeLongpre, director of the UF Office of Sustainability. She is taking part in implementing the ride-sharing program at UF. The cost of bringing eight cars on campus is \$6,500 a month, which is being paid for by the UF Physical Plant Division.

Flexcar offers hybrid vehicles, minivans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. The hourly or daily rate of the rental car includes gas, insurance, maintenance and roadside as-

"It reduces the amount of cars on campus, which helps the environment."

Dedee DeLongpre

UF Office of Sustainability director

sistance.

"A lot of universities are already using ride-sharing," said DeLongpre. "It reduces the amount of cars on campus, which helps the environment."

After offers from many companies, DeLongpre and Allan Preston, coordinator of

the UF Physical Plant Division, both decided to do business with Flexcar because the company rents cars to individuals 18 and older, so most students can rent the cars.

Flexcar has parked eight of its vehicles in convenient spots around campus, such as the Reitz Union. In order to rent a car, students will first need to pay an annual membership fee of \$35.

Some officials believe that ride-sharing is the next step in UF's sustainability push.

"We cannot continue to operate this way," said Preston. "We have to look at how we can be more sustainable and reduce our dependence on vehicles."

After Brown's death, controversy ensues over estate

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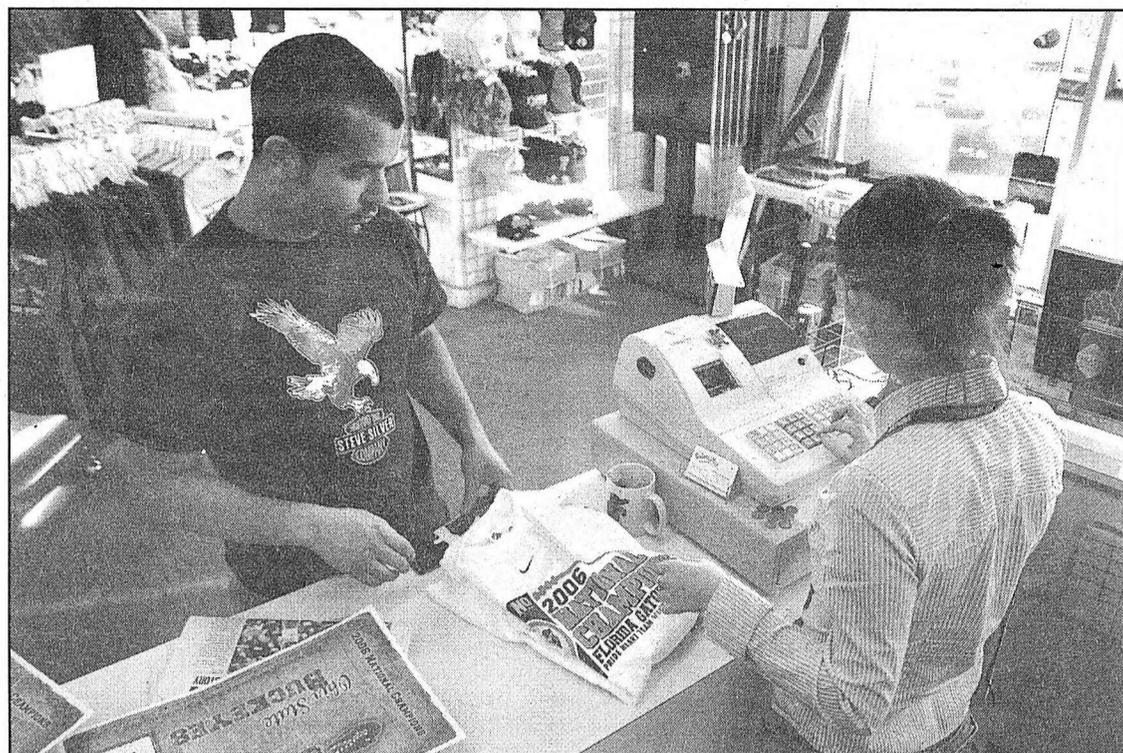
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Fans swamp stores for championship Gator gear



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2004 UF alumni Steve Rolles buys two national championship shirts and a newspaper from cashier Juliana Ku at Gator Plus on Monday afternoon.

By **JOEY CHINDAMO**

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It's great to be a Florida Gator retailer.

Several local vendors may start that rallying cry, thanks to the Gators' national championship win.

UF memorabilia began flying off shelves when the Gators won the Southeastern Conference Championship on Dec. 1, storeowners said.

Due to Monday's national championship victory, retailers aren't seeing orange and blue — they're seeing dollar signs.

Joe Fincher, the owner of the Gator Shop on West University Avenue, said he had national championship shirts in stock before the game started.

"We rolled the dice," he said. "We ordered 3,000 shirts, and we would have had to pay for it if we lost — just throw them away. But we won."

When the Gators' victory was official, the Gator Shop began selling shirts on the street — "five seconds later," he said.

Then, Fincher said, trucks began delivering memorabilia.

"The only problem was the traffic," he said. "The streets were all blocked off, so it was hard to get the shirts here."

The store had T-shirts, hats and collared shirts on Tuesday. But soon, it will offer license plates, stickers, posters, shot glasses and more.

"We're pretty much going to have anything that says 'National Champions' on it," said Fincher's daughter, Joi, who also works in the store.

Around Gainesville

The Official Gator Sportshop in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium waited until the game was over to order its products, said Karen Stagliano, the store's assistant manager.

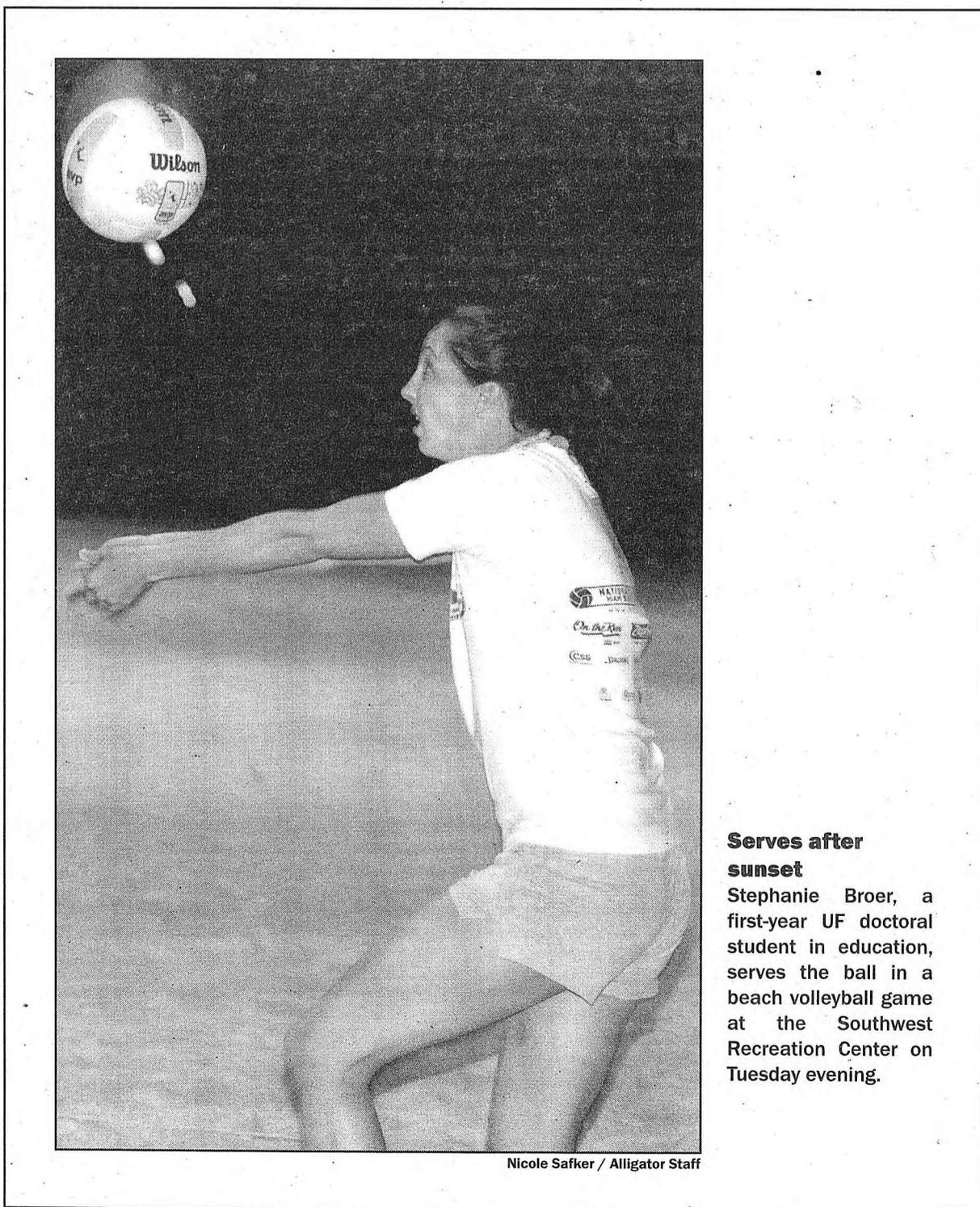
"I had hats here on stipulation not to open the boxes until we won," Stagliano said. "But we didn't have anything else printed until we won."

Manager Steve Young said 3,000 shirts and 900 hats were delivered. The store plans to receive 8,000 shirts and 3,500 hats in total.

"When (UF) won the SEC, sales tripled," Stagliano said. "With a national championship? We'll probably double that."

Apple expands product horizon

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Serves after sunset

Stephanie Broer, a first-year UF doctoral student in education, serves the ball in a beach volleyball game at the Southwest Recreation Center on Tuesday evening.

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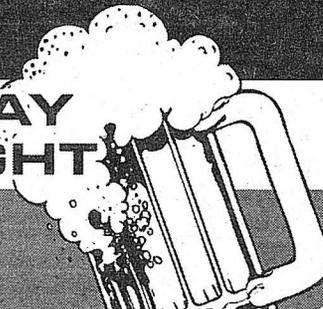
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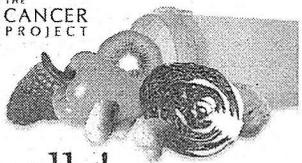
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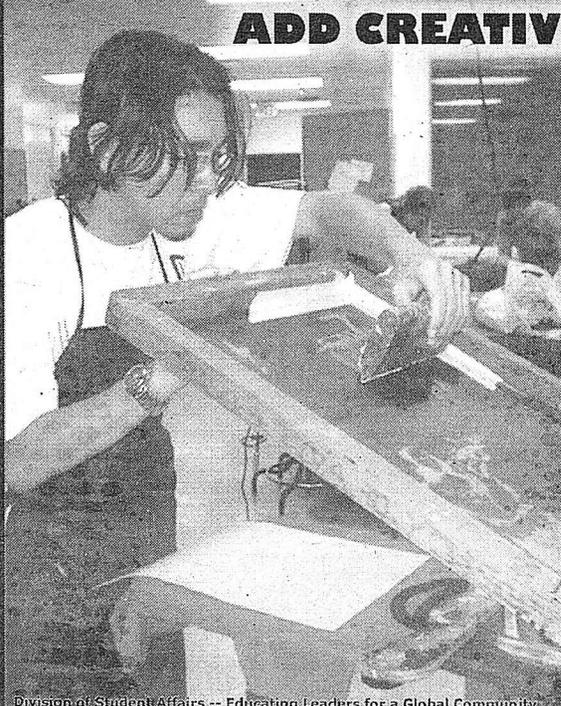
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Editorial

Wormy Apple

One bad fruit spoils the iBunch

Unless you've been living under an iRock, you probably know by now that Apple Computers is a pretty dominant force on the technology scene.

It started with the redesigned iMac. First there were the ones that came in pretty colors — both desktop and laptop versions — followed by that one that was practically just a monitor.

And then came the notorious iPod. And in a few months, we can all sit back and watch our Apple TVs — a box that allows you to bridge the gap between your computer and TV so you can watch full-size videos downloaded from iTunes, the little music store that now boasts more than 2 million legal downloads.

Well, now they've taken it one step further with the unveiling of the iPhone. It plays music and videos, it has Google maps, it runs Mac software, it takes pictures.

And oh yeah, you can even call people with it.

It also costs at least \$500.

To make a full iDay of it, CEO Steve Jobs announced that Apple Computers is rebranding itself as Apple Inc. in order to associate itself with consumer electronics.

Where are the bygone days of Apple as the black iSheep of the computer world? The split with Bill Gates, the shorts and flip-flops worn to work?

When did Apple get so ... iCorporate?

The company's stock increased four-fold after the announcement, naturally.

While Apple still makes great iProducts, its target audience has shifted. Instead of being touted as the ultimate iMachine for graphic designers and movie makers — you know, the cool kids — today's models are now fit for the common iMan. Unacceptable!

And what is with Apple's products being so damn user-friendly? The iPhone boasts "visual voicemail," allowing you to choose from a list of voicemails to listen to. Never again will you have to listen to pleas from your ex asking you to take him or her back!

And that clickwheel on the iPod — whoever came up with that one is nothing short of an iGenius. Seriously. We can change the volume with just the swirl of a button.

But the root of this whole problem is that love-to-hate-it iPod. Suddenly, hipsters and scene kids could carry their crazy indie beats around with them in a neat little (white) package. You know, bands like the Orange Flashlights and Macramé Cupholder. But then, the preps and the jocks got iWind of this phenomenon and filled theirs with Jay-Z and Carrie Underwood.

But when those same preps and jocks continue along their paths toward law iSchool, they start thinking, "Hey, this iPod is pretty cool. I wonder what Apple Inc.'s computers are like ... but I just hope they run Microsoft Word!"

And then we have an iProblem.

It's one thing to reach out to new sectors of the market and get your share of the iPie. But when a great company like Apple starts focusing less on creating amazing software and more on little gadgets, it makes you wonder if next, God forbid, it's a shirt and tie for the workplace — and then an anti-trust case might not be too far behind.

But on that note, we still all wish we could afford an iPhone. If someone dropped one off at the Alligator office, you know we'd all be fighting to the death over it.

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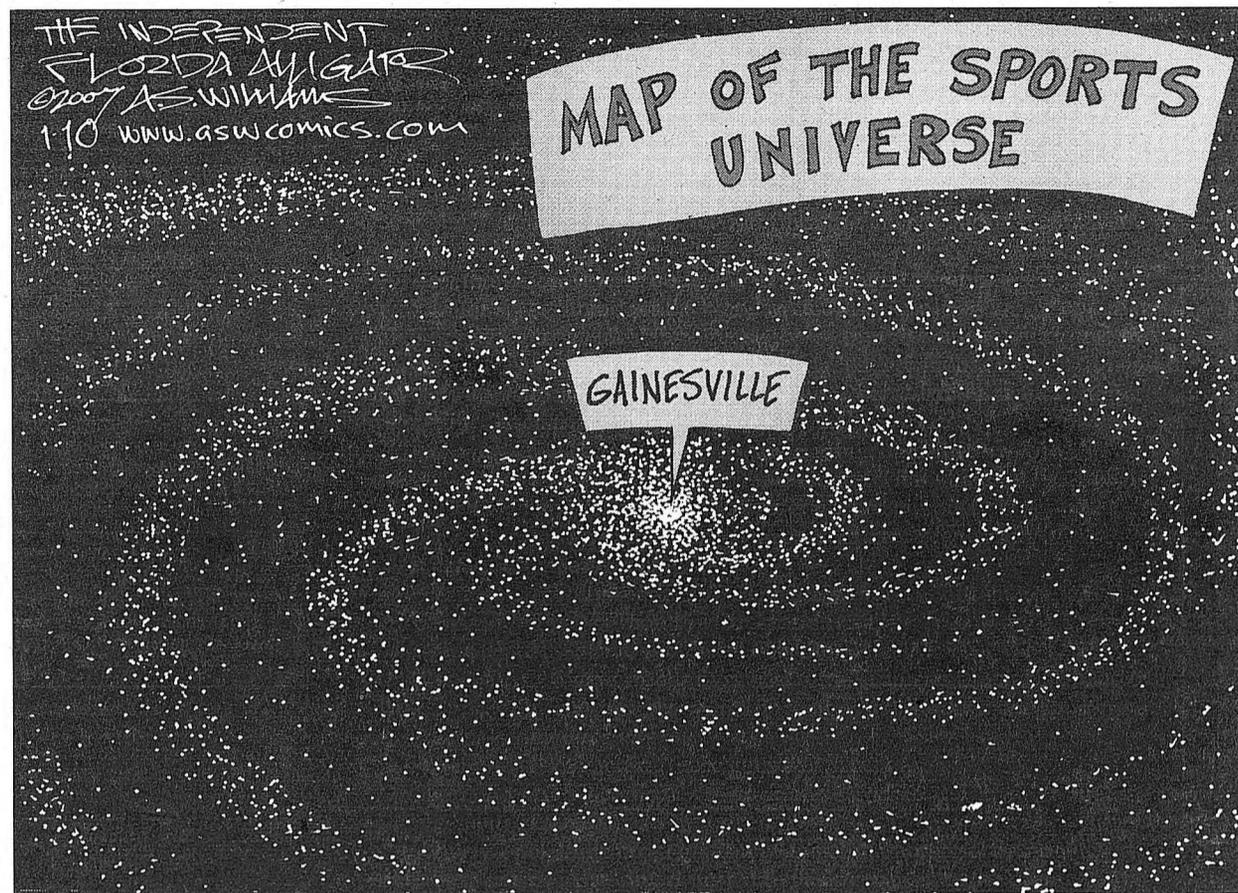
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Guest column

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Some people consider marketing — namely advertisements and commercials — interruptions, disruptions, corruption and all things "-ruption." But that root word "rupt" comes from *ruptus*, which is Latin for "break," and I contend that "break" is a multifaceted word. "Break" is not simply a term of destruction but more importantly one of rest: a sensual pause from a hectic day.

Thus, advertisement is a break, a revitalizing escape. It's, well, imagine "being on a tropical island, your toes in the soft white sand, lush tropical foliage and beautiful crystal blue water. Imagine watching the pelicans and herons fish for their dinner while the sandpipers scurry along the surf's edge." But why imagine? You can escape to Sanibel Island off the west coast of Florida. They offer all that and a beach chair.

That brings me to the "Ask.com Question of the Article": Why not create a marketing Eden, or Shangri-la if you prefer, where we are constantly on a break?

The first rejection to this proposal may be found on religious grounds. Advertisement is a form of temptation, the proverbial apple on the tree and all that. But who needs apples — or knowledge, for that matter — when you can describe a tree in such a manner that it gives the illusion of being weighed down with tart, tasty Red Delicious apples for our sinful pleasure?

And if you haven't noticed, the Notorious G.O.D. himself has invested in a few billboards on the highway. "One nation under me." Damn right. That's God

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showing his witty, autocratic side. Even fetuses are raising their voices with, "Don't hurt me, Mommy." Which brings up another topic — marketing's utopian acceptance of all races and creeds, its willingness to give even the not-quite-living a voice. We could all learn a few things.

TatAD is a company with exactly the utopian vision I have in mind. They're actually tattooing company slogans and advertisements onto people's flesh. Individuals are the newest and hottest market. Look at the latest surge of self-advertisement — blogs, Facebook.com and MySpace.com. Why not take the much-needed step forward? Just think, "Fleshbook" and "MySkin."

Your "friends" could be displayed down your arm and everyone would immediately know how popular you are.

This brings us to the "Viagra Call to Action": We must raise awareness. Sue cable companies and products like TiVo for allowing the viewer to value content over commercial. Why bother watching the football game when you can stare at the Ruby Tuesday logo projected on the 50-yard line? Let no college student walk across campus without receiving at least three forms of advertisement.

We could replace that much hated and laborious process of face-to-face human communication with advertisement. Let's give this hustle-bustle world a much needed "rupt" from the tortures of learning, reading, entertainment and the pursuit of quality in general.

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Todd Portnowitz is a English Junior.

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Guest column

Championship celebrations show students' true colors

We came to Arizona, we played with pigskin, we conquered Ohio State ... so what did we do on our home turf to celebrate?

We got trashed and shimmied up poles like monkeys.

In his letter to the student body Monday, UF President Bernie Machen wrote, "It is our hope that all UF students that celebrate after tonight's game ... enjoy themselves in a responsible way." The message surrounding the hype of the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game was to show the world "how great it is to be a Florida Gator" and "what it means to be a member of the Gator Nation."

Apparently, this message went in one ear and out the other. And it's a little-known fact that gators (the animals) have excellent hearing.

The Stephen C. O'Connell Center, before

opening its doors at 6:30 p.m., was a madhouse. No one thought to create an orderly line, so by the time doors finally opened, the crowd turned disorderly. Guys hurled their girlfriends over gates, and others brutally shoved their way inside, almost trampling some tiny freshmen. Anyone caught in the current of orange and blue couldn't escape. I'm sure the free T-shirts being handed out were to blame for the greedy rush of bodies.

During the game, students remained responsible fans despite a few instances of flipping OSU the bird or some meek attempts at crowd surfing. What really got under my skin was when people laughed at hurt Buckeyes and smugly waved them off the field. How would we react if an OSU student laughed at Chris Leak or Reggie Nelson for injuring his leg?

When our 41-14 victory was announced, it was music to everyone's ears. I just didn't

April Dudash Speaking Out

know how seductive this music would be as everyone screamed and ran toward University Avenue like brides-to-be at a wedding dress clearance sale. Toilet paper soared through the air like soft, downy missiles, and fireworks exploded just above everyone's heads.

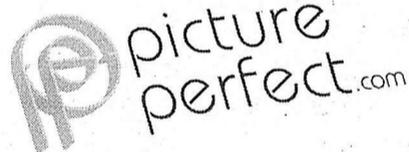
People were packed like sardines as they hollered and celebrated, singing their praise for the Gators. The streets smelled of beer, sweat and triumph — a bittersweet combination that I only want to sniff once a year. Men began ripping off their shirts, despite their obvious flab, and climbed the University of Florida sign until police officers beckoned them down. Women shook their booties enthusiastically. People posed for pictures with cops. Others, their eyes glazed over and their breath reeking, bumped like pinballs into the revellers — without apology.

After having too much profanity thrown my way because I accidentally stepped on someone's shoe or stared at a self-conscious drunk for too long, I knew the party was over for me. My off-campus home didn't even offer me its usual silence as my smashed neighbors sang to "beautiful ladies" walking down the street and the squeals of tires echoed throughout the block.

Windows were broken, fires were started and reputations were shattered. The UF Police Department alone made three DUI arrests last night around campus. What I don't get is that we are a college chock-full of prestige, intellect, aspiring young minds and a gracious faculty, and I can't even peacefully enjoy our victory without being called "precious" by an older inebriated man on my way home.

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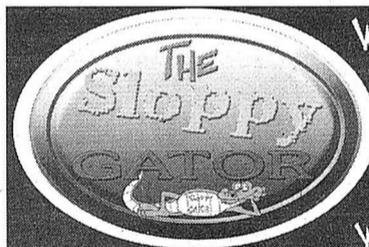


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Fans boisterous but well-behaved in late-night celebration

By **JAMES RIGNEY**
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A naked man running across West University Avenue after Monday night's football victory was hit and critically injured by a car.

Matthew Todd Schlagheck, 23, of Longwood, hit his head on the car's windshield when he darted into west-bound traffic on University Avenue near the Stephen C. O'Connell Center at 1:06 a.m., said Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg. Schlagheck was transported by ambulance to Shands at UF.

"We wish that individual had not been hurt, but in scope of celebration taking place, the celebration went well," Kameg said.

Witnesses said Schlagheck appeared to be celebrating the Gators' win when he was hit.

Besides a few arrests, police did not report any other major incidents.

In the rock-concert atmosphere of the area surrounding University Avenue and Northwest 17th Street, the epicenter of the postgame celebration, one reveler set fire

to a small Christmas tree. The fire-starter was arrested, Kameg said.

Some fans lit fireworks and sang Gators fight songs while police observed.

Other fans tried to climb light poles, which had been greased earlier to prevent people from doing so. Several celebrators climbed on electrical boxes, fences and even palm trees.

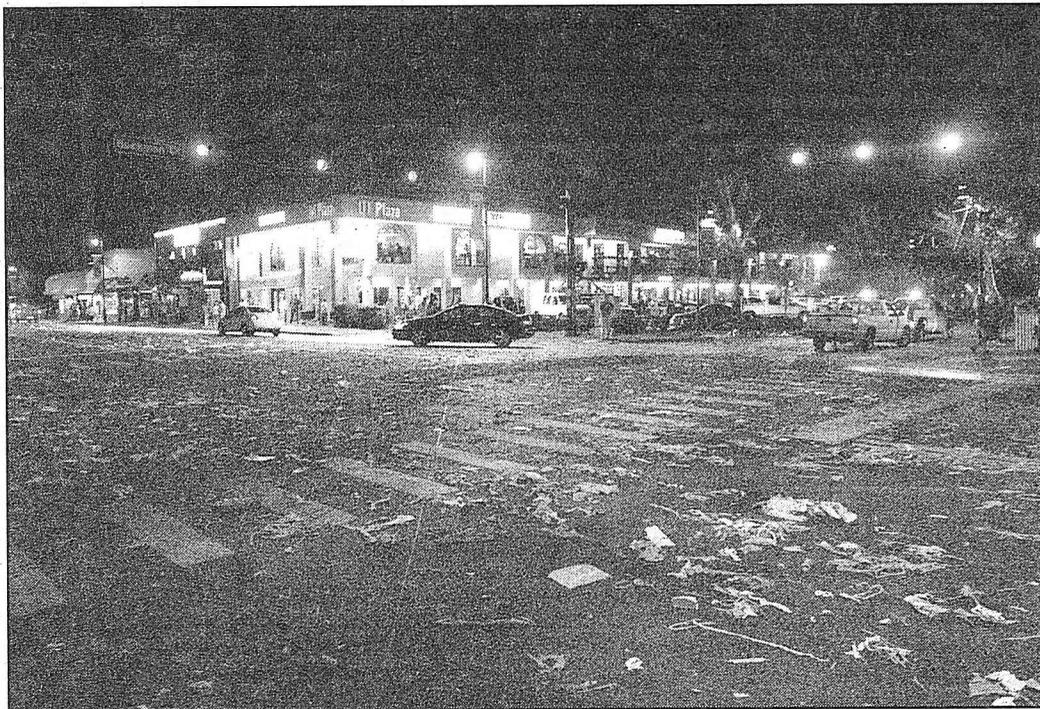
"The fans and students should be commended for their behavior."

Keith Kameg
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Kameg said the area surrounding University Avenue was clear by 2:30 a.m. and reopened by 4 a.m.

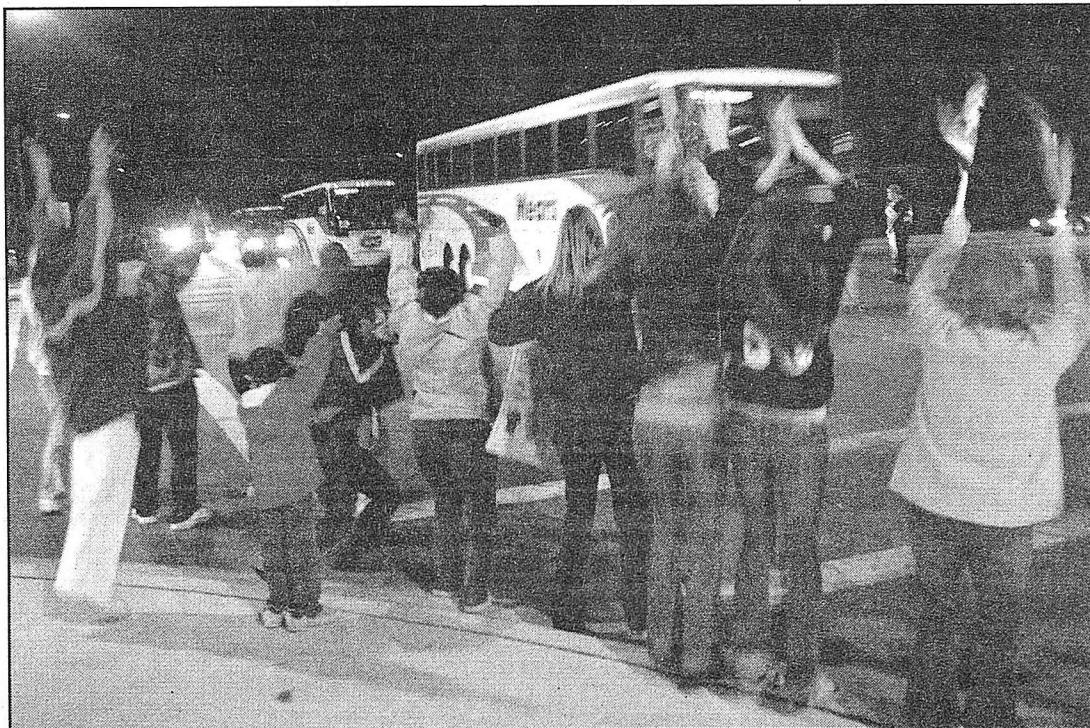
Kameg said he gives the fans and students a B-plus grade for their conduct during the celebration.

"There's this realization that you don't have to destroy everything to celebrate," he said. "The fans and students should be commended for their behavior."



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The corner of University Avenue and Buckman Drive stands deserted late Monday night, after the roaring crowd of celebrating Gators fans finally dispersed.



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Giving Gators the glory

UF fans gather on the corner of 39th Avenue and Waldo Road to cheer on the Gators' return as the team leaves the Gainesville Regional Airport on Tuesday evening. The airport was closed to the public, but many gathered along Waldo Road to show their support.

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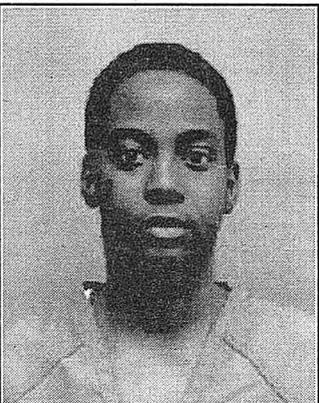
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4 Roommates

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5 Real Estate



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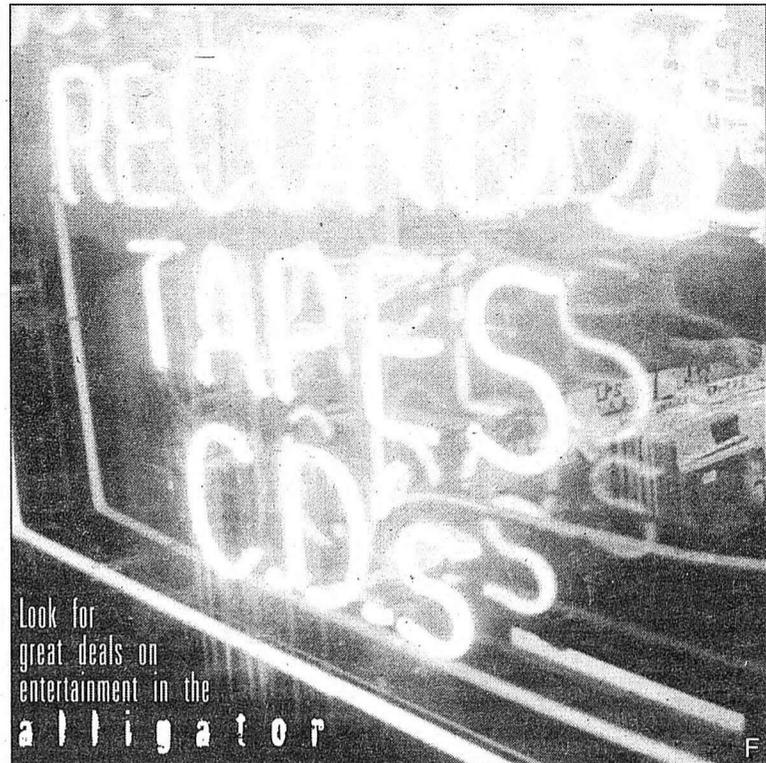
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Offense to adapt, return even stronger under Tebow

By **LOUIS ANASTASIS**

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Several hours after suggesting he might be joined at the hip with quarterback Chris Leak for the next few decades, Coach Urban Meyer handed off the baton.

"It is Tim Tebow's team as of right now, and a lot of these young guys will have to pick up the slack," Meyer said.

Tuesday morning, a sheepishly content coach was already evaluating what is to come next season. And for UF, the future is quite bright.

The Gators shocked the college football world Monday night by upsetting No. 1 Ohio State 41-14. But in 2007, anchored by Tebow and electric freshmen receivers Percy Harvin, Jarred Fayson and Riley Cooper, the Gators should only be better offensively.

Having Tebow, Harvin and company on the same offense could result in an unstoppable arsenal.

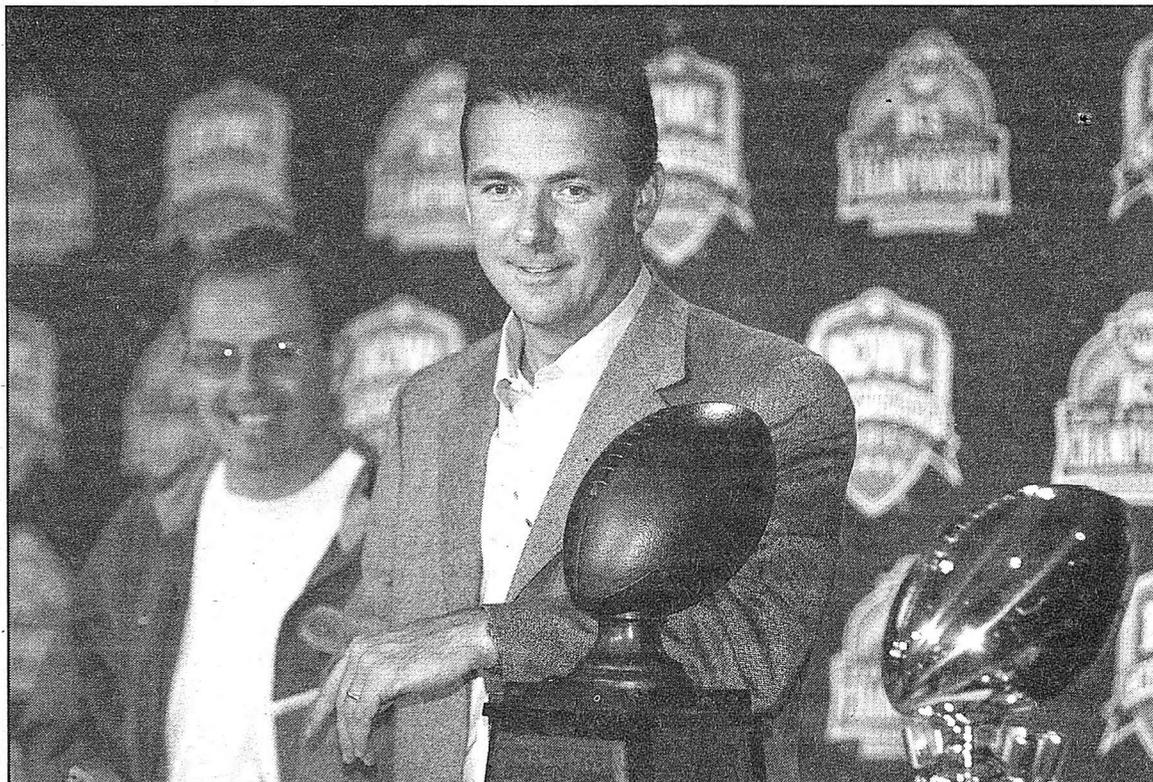
Meyer is willing to cater to their speed and revert to more of the spread-option plays he perfected with quarterback Alex Smith in Utah during the 2004 season.

"I think Tim will be very similar to Alex," Meyer said. "I think Tim Tebow brings to the table one of the greatest competitors and leaders. What style of offense (do I expect)? I expect us to run a little more option, a little more quarterback run. But a lot of that depends on who our backup is, because you can't jeopardize running him as much as he'd like to run."

Don't lose sight of UF's losses defensively, either. Next season, the Gators won't have linemen Ray McDonald, Joe Cohen, Steven Harris and linebackers Earl Everett and Brian Crum.

Also, defensive end Jarvis Moss, linebacker Brandon Siler and safety Reggie Nelson could all decide to forgo their senior seasons and join the NFL draft.

"Facts are facts. The defensive line — we lose quite a bit," Meyer



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF coach Urban Meyer speaks to reporters while resting his arm on the Football Writers Association Trophy with the Associated Press Trophy nearby during the championship press conference Tuesday.

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Leak silences doubters

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz.

The Chris Leak era ended Monday night, and so did the love-hate relationship that has existed between he and UF fans the past four years.

However, Leak's legacy will not be remembered as such. He will always be remembered as a legend, not the guy who couldn't win the big game.

Leak not only matched what only one other Gators quarterback — Danny Wuerffel — has done, he exceeded him while having to endure more. Wuerffel never had to change coaches midstream. He was never threatened by a jaw-dropping backup. He never had to face invincible Ohio State, who, by the way, had a Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback who was supposed to be the best player on the field Monday night.



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UF's Heisman winner was great, a star in his own right. But no UF athlete has ever shown

more class and more character or shut people up without saying a word the way Leak has.

If Gators fans still aren't pleased with Leak, he can shove that shiny national championship ring in their face.

But he won't. Leak will quietly fade off into the distance. He'll carry a clipboard and a headset in the NFL for a few seasons. And maybe, if he's lucky, a few spot com-

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Bright future for champions

■ WITH NATIONAL TITLE WIN, GATORS LOOK FOR UPSWING IN RECRUITING.

By **NICK ZACCARDI**

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PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — UF coach Urban Meyer received 250 text messages between winning the national championship and his press conference Tuesday morning.

Meyer wouldn't say who sent them, but a portion may have come from high school stars undecided on their futures.

"I know where I would want to go," Meyer said multiple times Tuesday. "Am I allowed to say that for recruiting?"

Several Gators played their final game Monday night, but nine replacements attended classes at the Gainesville campus for the first time that same day.

"I can't think of anybody in the country that has nine — nine guys that showed up for class on Monday," Meyer said. "And I'm sure they think they didn't have to go to class (Tuesday) because we won a national championship. I assure you that's why I'm going home."

"It gives them a little bit of juice, a little head start going into their freshman year."

Meyer said he's going to sign 27 recruits this

year and according to Scout.com, he already has 22 commitments.

The Web site ranks the Gators No. 1 in its latest team recruiting rankings, edging Texas.

In December, Ocala Trinity Catholic quarterback John Brantley decommitted from Texas to join the Gators.

Brantley joins a crowded position in UF recruiting.

Cameron Newton and Bryan Waggener have already committed to UF, according to Scout.

The Web site ranks Newton, an Atlanta Westlake High product, No. 13 in the quarterback class of 2007.

Waggener is a junior college transfer out of Glendora, Calif.

Brantley's switch may be a sign of things to come.

After watching UF paste Ohio State, more could follow suit.

"It makes it a lot easier," Rivals.com recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree said. "It's not like Florida was hurting for talent anyway. They have had an amazing recruiting class so far. It may help other kids swing the door."

On Saturday, UF picked up another commitment from the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Linebacker/safety Lorenzo Edwards chose the

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FYI

■ The 2007 National Champion UF football team will hold a celebration ceremony at the Swamp Saturday at 1 p.m. Gates open at 10:30 a.m.

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The No. 2 UF football team celebrates after realizing they will play No. 1 Ohio State in the national championship game played in Glendale, Ariz. on Jan. 8.

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Gators conclude hectic weekend by finding out they jumped Michigan

By LOUIS ANASTASIS
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Urban Meyer didn't even have time for his son on Sunday.

Meyer thought watching Nathan take batting practice would help take his mind off the UF-Michigan public-opinion tug of war. So much for that idea.

"I was on the cell phone the whole time," Meyer said.

All the debate, all the suspense and one heck of a topsy-turvy weekend in college foot-

ball culminated with UF earning a bid to play Ohio State (12-0) in the national championship game on Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz.

The No. 4 Gators (12-1) leapfrogged Michigan into the No. 2 spot — barely.

The current Bowl Championship Series rankings have UF ahead of the Wolverines by one-tenth of a point — 0.9445 to 0.9344. The two teams actually tied in the computer ratings with a score of 0.94. The Gators also held the slimmest of margins in the BCS' other two components — the Coaches' Poll and Harris Poll.

On Saturday, No. 3 Southern Cal was upset

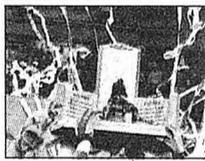
in shocking fashion by unranked UCLA 13-9. The Gators found out during halftime of the Southeastern Conference Championship game. UF then impressed by defeating then-No. 9 Arkansas 38-28.

Now the same coach who has been critical of the BCS for several weeks has been catapulted into the national championship by that very system. Two years ago from Sunday, to the day, Meyer was hired as UF's coach. Now he will try to lead his players to a national championship victory 10 years after the Gators

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■ Problems that had plagued the No. 2 Gators seemed to disappear in the SEC title game, earning UF a spot in the national championship against Ohio State. See story, pg. 24



■ More than 380 sick aboard cruise ship
MIAMI (AP) - More than 380 passengers and crew aboard the world's largest cruise ship were sickened by a virus during a seven-day Caribbean cruise, cruise officials said Sunday. The outbreak struck Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas, which returned as scheduled to the Port of Miami on Sunday, according to a statement from the Miami-based company. The ill passengers received over-the-counter medication, and crew members sanitized frequently touched surfaces after the outbreak began, officials said.

■ Machen's Academic Enhancement Program, which will charge incoming freshman an extra \$1,000 a year, was approved by the Board of Trustees on Friday. See story, pg. 4.

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Balanced scoring downs Hogs

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The No. 2 UF men's basketball team was seeing double after its 79-72 victory against Arkansas on Tuesday night.

All five starters scored in double figures as the Gators improved their record to 15-2 and 2-0 in the Southeastern Conference.

Taurean Green led with 17 points, Corey Brewer followed with 13, Joakim Noah and Lee Humphrey both added 11 and Al Horford rounded out with 10.

The game proved to be a battle of the post men, which was expected heading into the game.

Before Tuesday's game, UF and Arkansas were ranked first and second, respectively, in the SEC in rebounds allowed. Arkansas also led the SEC in blocked shots.

So it came as no surprise that the Gators' and Razorbacks' frontcourts neutralized each other. Both grabbed 41 rebounds and batted away five blocks in the game.

"We knew they were going to come at us," Horford said. "They are a very talented frontcourt and group of players."

UF hopped out to an 18-8 lead, but foul trouble caused bigs Noah, Horford and Chris Richard to sit the bench for most of the first half. The three combined for just 18 minutes.

Donovan turned to his freshmen Marreese Speights, Jonathan Mitchell and Dan Werner to pick up the slack, but Arkansas capitalized on the trio's defensive inexperience.

"(Foul trouble) kind of knocked us out of whack a little bit," Richard said. "They kind of went on a run going into the half."

In addition to foul trouble, the Gators continued their foul shooting woes. The team shot 58.6 percent

from the line on 17-of-29, a small improvement from its 50 percent performances against Georgia and Liberty.

"The only thing I look at that I'm not thrilled about was the free throw shooting," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "We have to continue to get better in that area. We're working on it. The players got to get in around their class time when they're free for some extra shots."

Transition plays and several dunks from Razorbacks Sonny Weems and Patrick Beverley spurred Arkansas to within 1 point at halftime.

But the Gators regained a huge energy boost out of the locker room when they returned for halftime warm-ups and a run-in with friends on the football team, who had just finished participating in a welcome back celebration.

"As soon as I saw those boys at halftime it just changed my whole mindset," Noah said

Within the first three minutes, Horford was fouled on a dunk, prompting a Brewer fist pump and signature Noah chest pound to the crowd. Horford converted the free throw to start off an 11-3 run, which put the Gators up by 10.

Arkansas stuck around, however, but couldn't close the deal after 7-foot center Steven Hill and forward Charles Thomas fouled out late in the game.

Three-pointers from Humphrey and Green were key down the stretch to secure UF's win.

"I don't feel like we played as best we could," Horford said, "but we got the win."

HOOPS STARS CHIME IN ON TITLE GAME: While there were many standout plays in the UF football team's title game, Noah and Brewer particularly enjoyed linebacker Earl Everett's helmet-less sack of Ohio State's Troy Smith.



Basketball



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UF junior guard Taurean Green drives to the basket on Tuesday night during the Gators' 79-72 win over the Arkansas Razorbacks in the O'Connell Center. Green led the offensive charge with 17 points.

RUMOR MILL

Rumors quashed, Spiller to remain at Clemson

By MIKE MCCALL
Alligator Writer

Clemson freshman running back C.J. Spiller will not transfer to UF, according to a statement released by the freshman tailback on Tuesday.

"I discussed the situation with my mother and I decided it is best for me to stay at Clemson," said Spiller, who chose the Tigers over the Gators in a surprise decision last year.

Rumors had circulated over the past week that Spiller was considering a transfer to UF, and many had hoped that he would secure a hardship transfer and not have to sit out a year because he has a child in the state of Florida. In the end, Spiller certified these as nothing more than wishful thinking.

Last year, an expected announcement to either UF or FSU became a big upset, as Spiller donned the purple hat of the Tigers.

The choice went against the wishes of Spiller's mother, Patricia Watkins, who was a strong supporter of her son committing to the Gators. Moments before he made his decision public, Spiller slid Watkins a piece of paper that said 'Clemson', bringing her to tears.

Spiller rushed for 914 yards and scored 10 touchdowns this season, en route to a second-place finish in Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year voting, behind Wake Forest quarterback Riley Skinner.

As a runner, Spiller has shown the quickness and explosiveness that had him ranked among the best out of high school — his 7.4 yards-per-carry this season was the sixth-best average in the country.

He also showed his versatility out of the backfield as a receiver, with 19 catches for 210 yards, 2 touchdowns and an 11.1 yards-per-catch average.

In high school, Spiller was the top performer for Lake Butler Union County High, just a short drive from Gainesville.

"I discussed the situation with my mother, and I decided it is best for me to stay at Clemson."

C.J. Spiller
Clemson running back

"I think he's unbelievable," said Union County coach Brian Nobles. "He did everything I asked him to do as a player."

He's like my own son. He's an even better person than he is a player, and he's a great one."

Spiller had a long-lasting friendship with then Nease High quarterback Tim Tebow, and many believed that Tebow's commitment to UF along with Spiller living nearby would surely land him at UF.

Spiller's decision to remain with the Tigers will create two running back controversies: Spiller will likely continue to split carries with

James Davis at Clemson, while the competition for the Gators' running back spot, vacated by senior DeShawn Wynn, will be wide open.

Now the job falls to a large group of players, as sophomores Markus Manson and Kestahn Moore, freshmen Brandon James, Chevon Walker and Mon Williams, and high school commits Chris Rainey (Lakeland High, Lakeland, Fla.) and Bo Williams (Northeast High, Oakland Park, Fla.) will all have a shot at the position.

James has flourished on special teams as a return specialist, but his size will likely limit him from being the premier back.

Rainey, another small back, will likely be used more at the receiver position, although he has expressed a desire to be a running back.

Moore is the most experienced of the group, but Mon Williams may be the fan favorite, after he dazzled Gators fans with his performance in this year's game against Western Carolina.

Even with limited exposure, fans enjoy opportunity to see champs

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Due to enforcement by Gainesville police, fans were not allowed to attend the event, but that didn't prevent a string of cars from stopping on the shoulder of State Road 24 to watch — any doubt of the plane's identity erased by the police lights and helicopters.

A few Gators fans — already

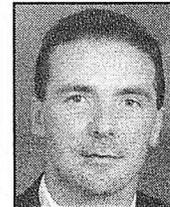
at the airport to pick up friends and relatives — were able to get a good look at the action, "I was out here when they came back from the (Southeastern Conference) Championship, and I got to shake hands with some of the players and (UF coach) Urban Meyer," said 20-year old Robert Reeves, a sophomore at Santa Fe.

"I didn't really get to see a lot of them since they're headed to the basketball game, but I just

try to come out and support the team," said Reeves, who was shocked by the Gators' blow-out win over the Buckeyes on Monday. "That was not what I was expecting, but I was very happy with the outcome. I didn't expect a stomping either way."

12-year-old Anna Filatov, a sixth-grader at Kanapaha Middle School, also got a look at the team.

"I just wanted to come out and see the fans, the team and my family," said Filatov, who was on hand to pick up her family.



Meyer

a few players appeared with Coach Meyer and the National

Championship trophy during half-time of the UF-Arkansas game.

The appearance provoked cheers from the crowd that could be heard across the street.

The team will also be honored on Saturday in the Swamp at 1 p.m. Gates will open at 10:30 that morning.

"I imagine Saturday's going to be pretty good," Meyer said. "Gators fans are nuts. It'll be pretty good."

Broncos pull first-place vote from UF

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said. "Steve Harris is gone. My goodness, we don't even usually talk about Steve Harris. Steve Harris is unbelievable. He was the same guy that was out the door Aug. 5. He was gone and he was out and now he was the captain of our team."

GATORS TOP FINAL POLL: As expected, UF finished the season ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. The Gators received 64 out of a possible 65 first-place votes with 1,624 points, while the Buckeyes took the No. 2 slot with 1,492 points.

LSU, Southern Cal and Boise State rounded out the top five. Boise State even picked up a first-place vote. The undefeated Western Athletic Conference school upset Oklahoma in an exhilarating Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1.

COACH REMINISCES ON GAME: A big reason why the Gators dominated Ohio State had to do with the battle of the trenches. The strength of UF's tackles and speed of its

ends overwhelmed a reeling Buckeyes team. Tuesday, Meyer discussed this aspect in further detail.

"On defense, we felt we could probably play with anybody in the country on the edge. But I was concerned about being able to block their big guys on the inside. They held up pretty good. (Also, Ohio State's line) didn't get to our quarterback but once or twice."

GATORS PUMPED AT HALFTIME: UF players could already taste their national championship 30 minutes before it came to fruition.



Football

"At halftime, the normal routine as you go into the locker room is you settle them down, hydrate them, trainers go around and work and coaches are making adjustments," Meyer said. "But when I came into the locker room, their helmets were on and they were beating the lockers up. It was a feeding frenzy, what was going on in that locker room. What do you attribute that to? A chance to win a national championship? Absolutely."

Stacked roster bolstered by title

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Gators on the live all-star game played in San Antonio.

Scout ranks Edwards as the No. 1 weak-side linebacker prospect in the country.

He played offense, defense and special

teams at Orlando Edgewater High.

Edwards chose UF instead of Notre Dame and Michigan and added that academics played a major role.

Those who haven't committed to a program yet, like Belle Glade Glades Central High wide receiver Deonte Thompson, might have cemented their decision on Monday night.

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mercials for Cox Communications.

But no matter what Leak does from here on, every one in Gator Nation should bow down and worship him the way they do Steve Spurrier, Emmitt Smith, Jack Youngblood and Wuerffel. Those names sound familiar?

They're all on UF's Ring of Honor at the Swamp, where Leak should be five or 10 years from now.

Fans whined and moaned all year about how good backup quarterback Tim Tebow was. That Leak could never be as good.

The question now is flipped: Can Tebow ever live up to Leak?

Leak can't perform well in big spots, fans said, he's only an average quarterback.

Try this on for average: Leak led the Gators to 13 wins this season, the most in UF history. He won the big games against rivals.

He won a Southeastern Conference championship, a national title and he owns every major school passing record except for touchdowns.

And on college football's biggest stage, Leak completed 25 of 36 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown, including completions on each of his first nine attempts.

Take that Gators fans, especially those of you who flooded my e-mail account pleading for Tebow to replace Leak this year. What are you saying

now?

How about those who booed Leak in his home stadium? I bet you cheered him on Monday night, smiled and enjoyed that championship he promised to deliver.

Leak had every opportunity on national television to rub it in fans' and critics' faces. He'll have another one tonight when he's a guest on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. But he didn't here and he won't in Los Angeles or anywhere else. He's too good for that.

He will make occasional appearances at the Swamp during games. Everyone will cheer him then, remembering the time he picked apart Ohio State for the national title.

"I love Chris Leak," they'll say. "I always loved him."

But that's just not true. For four years fans treated him like garbage. They took him for granted and underappreciated his talent.

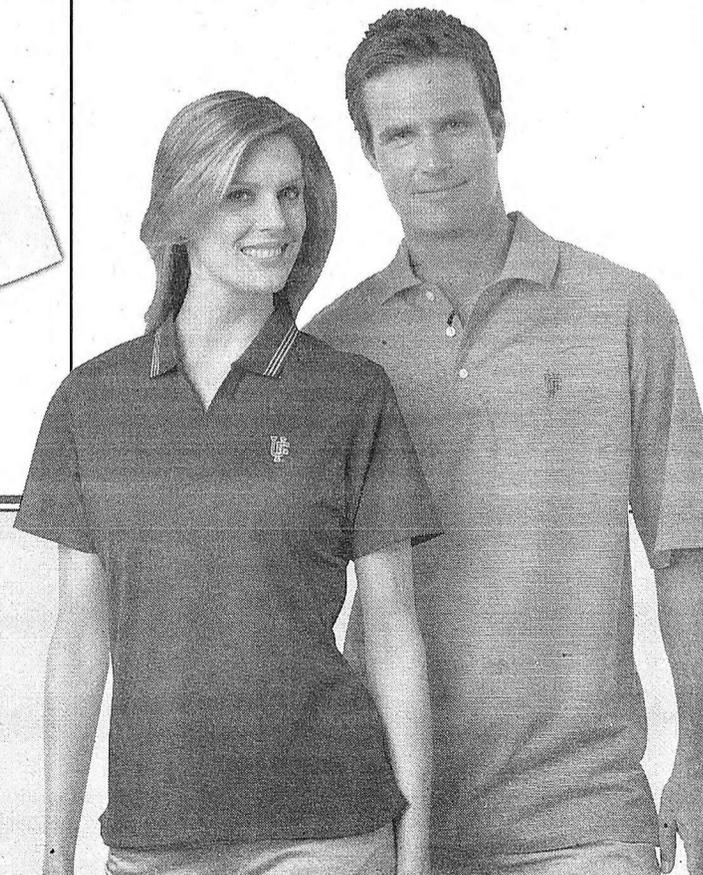
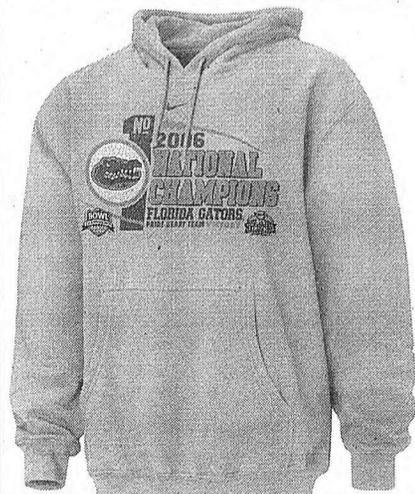
Through it all, Leak never said a word. He always loved UF football, and he wanted to do the right thing—which Gators fans know nothing about.

To speak ill of the fans is something he won't ever do, not even years from now.

"I can say without reservation," Coach Urban Meyer said at his championship press conference Tuesday, "I love Chris Leak."

So should every Gators fan. Get on two knees and kiss his...national championship ring.

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