



# UF, alumni board suspends TEP until 2010

## Frat can't hold socials, recruit

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
 Alligator Writer

A criminal charge of hazing against UF's Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, known as TEP, has been dropped, but the fraternity has agreed to

a suspension lasting until Jan. 1, 2010 for its participation in hazing activities discovered by UF earlier this month.

In an agreement reached between UF and the alumni board of UF's TEP chapter, the fraternity will close its house, located at 9

Fraternity Row, for one year and will overhaul its pledging process.

The house will close at the end of this year and reopen Jan. 1, 2010.

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The fraternity will remain on suspension, which means it will be unable to hold social or sporting events or take part in service projects or recruiting efforts, said UF

Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin.

Rick Freedman, vice president of the alumni board, said the board would conduct a "brother by brother" review to determine if any members should be removed.

"If you're not contributing to this fraternity in terms of service and scholarship, then

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# GPD use Taser gun on UF student

By **KATIE EMMETS**  
 Alligator Writer

Gainesville Police officers reported that they Tasered a UF student after he ignored requests to get down after they found him at a house in Southwest Gainesville covered in blood.

Ryan Reed, 21, was booked at the Alachua County Jail on charges of resisting arrest early Tuesday morning.

A report from GPD gave the following account of events:

Officers, who were responding to reports of gunshots at about 2:15 a.m., surrounded the house at 325 S.W. 12th St. after seeing windows shatter.

Thinking people in the house might be shooting at them, the officers shouted for the people inside to come

out.

Reed responded by saying, "I'm gonna (expletive) you up."

Officers kicked the door open and found Reed coming out of a bedroom with blood on his chest and arms.

Police said Reed ignored multiple requests to get down.

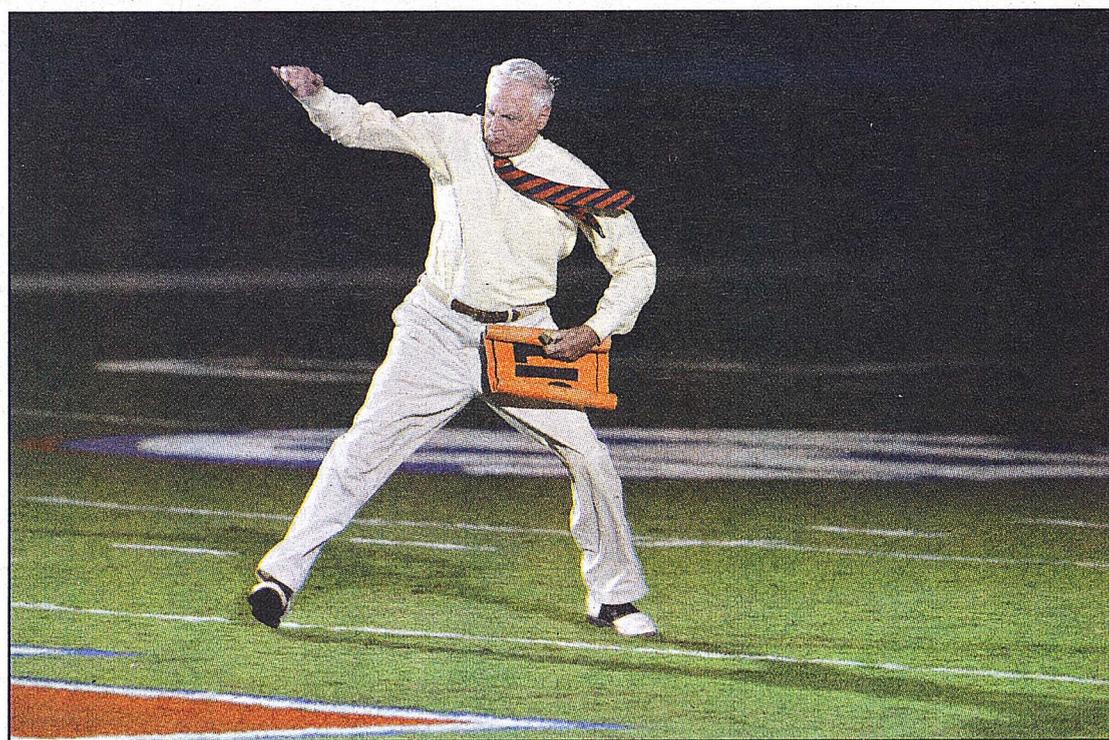
Officers Nick Byrd and Michael Maresca shot him in the torso with Taser guns at the same time to get him on the ground and ordered him to stay still.

When Reed still did not listen, Byrd shot him a second time with the Taser gun while Maresca handcuffed him.

Officers said they were nervous Reed would either arm himself or barricade himself in the room.

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### All for Mr. Two-Bits

George Edmondson Jr., also known as Mr. Two-Bits, leads his signature cheer on Florida Field during Gator Growl 2008. Edmondson retired on Saturday. See Story, Page 3.

# Circuit judge in Miami-Dade overturns gay adoption ban

■ **DECISION MET WITH MIXED FEELINGS FROM UF'S PRIDE STUDENT UNION.**

By **ANDREA ASUAJE and KATE GALLAGHER**  
 Alligator Staff Writers

A Florida statute banning gay couples from adopting children was declared unconstitutional Tuesday by a circuit judge in Miami-Dade County.

"If we don't appeal this decision, we're going to be litigating it one time after another."

**Neil Skene**

special counsel for the Department of Children and Families

North Miami resident Martin Gill and his partner, Tom Roe, will be allowed to adopt two brothers, ages 4 and 8, who have been under their care as foster children since 2004, according to a 53-page decision issued by Judge Cindy S. Lederman.

The initial decision has been met with mixed feelings by members of UF's Pride Student Union.

"It sounds like a breakthrough in some ways," said Evan Lauteria, Pride's vice president for education.

Lauteria said he hopes the appeal goes to the state level to bring attention to the issue.

"Gay and lesbian parents are just as competent as heterosexual ones," he said.

Tuesday's decision, which overturns a 31-year-old statute, states that the statute infringes on children's rights to have

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■ **UF receiver Percy Harvin (right) could be playing his last regular-season game as a Gator against FSU on Saturday. Harvin has excelled against the 'Noles in his career. See Story, Page 14.**



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■ **Have a happy Thanksgiving, like the UF officials in the Page 3 story. UF President Bernie Machen is volunteering, and SG President Kevin Reilly knows his way around the kitchen.**

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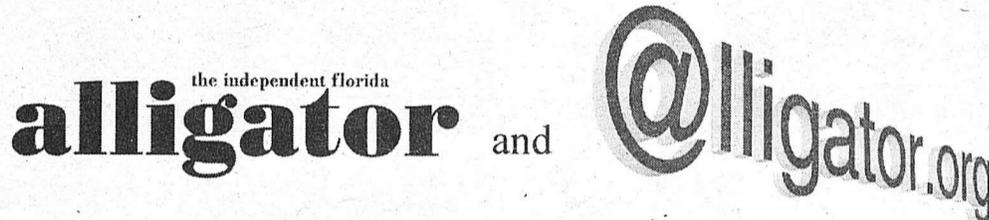
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**UF OFFICIALS**

# UF, SG heads prepare to serve, celebrate for holiday

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As Thanksgiving draws near, several UF administrators and student leaders are looking forward to a holiday that means more than chomping on turkey.

Several UF officials will be sticking around Gainesville to partake in service, socializing and giving thanks while Student Government's top executives pay visits to their family.

UF President Bernie Machen and his wife, Chris, plan to serve dinner at St. Francis House and eat their Thanksgiving meal afterward with friends and his 91-year-old mother, Machen wrote in an e-mail.

UF Provost Joe Glover plans to roast a turkey that will later be complemented with side dishes from seven friends for a midafternoon meal, Glover wrote in an e-mail.

Other UF employees are looking forward to typical holiday provisions with a cultural twist.

Aside from turkey and green beans, Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin said she would make her favorite dish, mince meat pie, which historically contains dried fruit and animal byproducts.

"I'll probably be the only one eating it," Telles-Irvin said with a laugh.

She will host a traditional meal for about 16 family members and UF students who don't have a place to go, she said. If enough turkey is left over, she will make molé, a Mexican soup made with chili sauce and bitter chocolate.

Student Body President Kevin Reilly said he is looking forward to a traditional meal in his Palm Harbor home that includes his favorite dish, sweet potato casserole. Reilly said he has been known to help with the cooking.

"I will most definitely be watching football, but I know my way around the kitchen," he said.

UF Chief Financial Officer Matt Fajack will also contribute some culinary skills to his family's feast.

"I make a great pumpkin-banana torte," Fajack said, adding he always cooks the turkey.



Telles-Irvin

Fajack, who moved to Gainesville from Ohio in spring, said he had trouble finding the properly prepared poultry to make his favorite Thanksgiving dish, turducken. The meal is made by stuffing a boneless chicken inside a boneless duck, which is stuffed inside a turkey.

Student Body Vice President Yooni Yi will be in Jacksonville celebrating Thanksgiving with home-cooked Korean dishes.

Yi said her family will pass around the phone on Thursday morning and speak with relatives, most of whom live in Korea.

Student Body Treasurer Paul Drayton, also of Jacksonville, said he is looking forward to eating made-from-scratch macaroni and cheese, collard greens and juicy turkey with about 20 family members.

Drayton will also watch "National Lampoon," a tradition that began when he was in elementary school.

Drayton said family members take turns sharing what they are thankful for, a tradition his mother organizes every year.

The break might not provide time for relaxation for all, however.

Brian Beach, interim senior vice president for administration, said "hectic" would be the perfect way to describe his holiday. Beach has three sons, 5 years old and younger.

"I probably will be chasing the boys to keep them away from mom," he said.

# Mr. Two-Bits describes last game day as 'awesome'

■ **SATURDAY WAS DECLARED 'MR. TWO-BITS DAY.'**

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
Alligator Writer

There's not much booing at Gator football games anymore, a sign George Edmondson Jr., more commonly known as Mr. Two-Bits, said means the team doesn't need him as much anymore.

After 60 years of leading cheers from the field during football games, Edmondson, 86, cheered

his final game on Saturday.

Fittingly, UF played The Citadel, which was Edmondson's alma mater.

The first Gator game Edmondson went to was also against The Citadel. It was at that game that he developed his famous cheer, after watching fans booing the Gators.

Saturday was a day of mixed emotions, Edmondson said in a Tuesday interview.

He said he is ready to retire, but UF and the fans have been so good

to him.

Edmondson said fans came up to him on Saturday and said, "Oh, Mr. Two-Bits, you can't quit," and "We love you, keep going," and all he could do was smile.



Football

"You know, I just cannot keep going forever," he said.

He said he appreciated the tributes during the game, including being presented with a key to the city by Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and being announced with the

senior football players.

"I felt like I was in big company," he said.

He said the cheer he led on Saturday was probably the loudest cheer he has ever heard.

"When I ran out there for that last time, and I could hear the fans' response, and all I can say was 'awesome,'" he said. "It was just awesome."

He said the atmosphere on Saturday might have even gone to his head a little bit.

"After it was all over, I figured

it was just 'Mr. Two-Bits Day' and the football game was just incidental," he said, referring to the fact that Hanrahan named the day after him.

His wife of 33 years, Jane, said she's ready to see her husband retire, but she never pressured him to quit because it was his decision.

She said she doesn't think her husband could ever be replaced as Mr. Two-Bits, though others have offered to take over.

"No one else would have the same feel for it," she said.

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# Lab gets \$1.3M grant

By **DAVID CUMMING**  
Alligator Writer

Florida's marine life is under threat because of changes in waterways, but UF researchers may now have resources to find some solutions.

The Emerging Pathogens Institute's new Aquatic Pathobiology Laboratory received about a \$1.3 million grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology on Monday that will expand the building's space.

The new laboratory, located on Mowry Road, will expand from its 3,500 square feet to a 7,000-square-foot building thanks to the grant from the institute, a non-regulatory agency with the U.S. Department of Commerce. Construction began in August.

Andy Kane, director of the Aquatic Pathobiology Lab, said the expanded laboratory will provide more room for faculty studying freshwater and marine

ecology and for researchers training students in emerging toxins.

The facility allows researchers to carefully control laboratory conditions so the variety of animals, including marine mammals, fish, sea turtles and mollusks, can be studied in an optimal environment, Greene said.

It will also unite the institute with the College of Veterinary Medicine's Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology to share and use multiple resources.

"It's novel to be able to share resources with multiple colleges," he said. "We'll be able to accomplish more together."

The initial \$1 million in funds for the now \$2.3 million building came from Emerging Pathogens Institute, College of Public Health and Health Professions, College of Veterinary Medicine and the Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

# Student could face expulsion

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Reed told officers he had been drinking at Mother's Pub when he got into a fight with two people at the bar.

On his way home, Reed said he noticed two men who he thought might have been the men from the bar walking behind him.

When he got home, Reed said he took a shotgun outside to confront the two men, who ran away.

Police also found Bradley Carter, 21, and Charles Caraway, 23, at the house.

Carter, also a UF student, said he heard several rounds fired after Reed took the shotgun outside.

Carter said he had been in a fight with Reed trying to get the gun away from him when police entered the house.

GPD spokesman Keith Kameg said Carter also had blood on his shirt.

Police could not identify the blood on Carter's and Reed's shirts, Kameg

said.

"We do not know what they were shooting at, but no one wanted to admit who fired the gun and why," he said.

All three men appeared angry and intoxicated, he said.

Police also found drug paraphernalia in Caraway's room and 12-gauge shotgun shells in his pocket, the report stated.

**Local News** Police charged both Reed and Caraway with discharge of a firearm within city limits.

Caraway was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reed, who was the only one arrested, was also charged with resisting an officer without violence.

He was booked at the Alachua County Jail.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said the university could take action against Reed.

"The University of Florida can do anything up to and including expelling Reed from college," he said.

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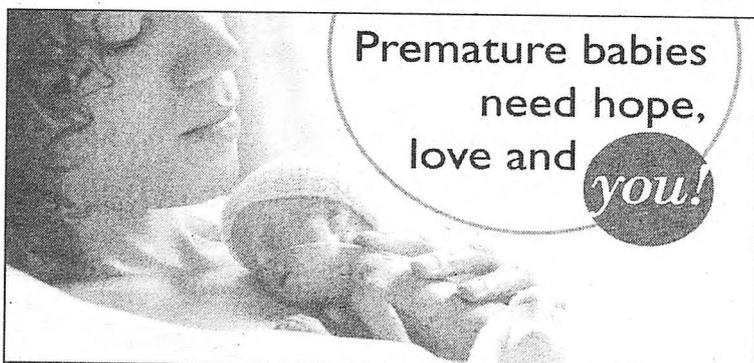
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# Documentary features prof's research on Amazon

■ MICHAEL HECKENBERGER LIVED WITH AMAZON TRIBE FOR TWO YEARS.

By EMILY BLAKE  
Alligator Writer

Maikiejana has to travel more than 2,000 miles to visit his family.

The UF anthropology professor, known by his American name, Michael Heckenberger, has spent about two years living with the indigenous Kuikuro in the Brazilian Amazon.

For the last 20 years, he has studied the lost cities of the Amazon and the culture of its indigenous people.

"They're my family now," Heckenberger said.

Heckenberger's research was featured on "Lost City of the Amazon," an hour long documentary that aired Thursday on the National Geographic Channel.

He worked with the Xingu Ethnoarchaeological Project, a research project composed of anthropology experts and UF graduate students and researchers in Brazil.

The documentary highlighted the group's primary discoveries: clusters of civilizations where indigenous groups lived more than 500 years ago.

The team discovered more than 15 clusters in the Amazon, including two large clusters

in the Kuikuro area, which is in the southern part of the Amazon.

Each cluster is based on an exemplary center, similar to a state capital, with roads leading to smaller towns, Heckenberger said.

The research group discovered the clusters by using high-resolution GPS technology to determine what the land was like 500 years ago, when the Europeans came to America and the indigenous tribes were at their peak, and comparing it with what it's like now.

At the time of colonization, each of these clusters was comprised of a few thousand people, Heckenberger said.

What caused the tribes to dwindle was the same kind of depopulation and deculturation Native Americans in the U.S. experienced after European colonization, he said.

During his yearlong stay with the Kuikuro, the tribe official adopted him by throwing him a traditional midnight celebration and giving him his tribal name, Maikiejana. He lived with Chief Afukaka, his adoptive brother.

Ever since he lived with the Kuikuro for a year in 1993, he's gone back to visit every year. Sometimes, the trip is for research, and other times, it's to spend time with his adopted family.

"I take very seriously my relations with them," he said.

Although traditions and ceremonies are done on a much smaller scale nowadays,



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UF professor Michael Heckenberger poses with an authentic Brazilian mask near Century Tower on campus Tuesday afternoon.

Heckenberger said tribes such as the Kuikuro live their lives much like their ancestors did.

At the time, they had no running water, they had no electricity, nothing in terms of creature comforts. It was a real experience."

"It was fantastic," Heckenberger said. "At

## TEP alumni board acted quickly

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you're not, in our view, a brother in good standing," Freedman said.

The sanctions agreed to by UF and the board resulted from an incident on Nov. 3, when 36 pledges were found kneeling on the floor at the TEP house basement.

Most pledges were shirtless and indicated they had been kneeling for more than hour, according to a University Police report.

Some pledges told officers food and liquid had been thrown on them, and they were told to wear diapers secured with duct tape on their heads, according to the report.

Pledges also told officers they may have been given laxatives and had been told to do pushups and wall sits.

The pledges indicated these were done voluntarily, according to the report.

Paige Crandall, interim dean of students, said UF was alerted to possible hazing activities through an anonymous tip. Crandall said another tip was received earlier in the semester, but UF was unable to prove any wrongdoing.

### Judicial Affairs

Telles-Irvin said if the alumni board had not acted so quickly, the fraternity's suspension could have been much longer. She said they acted so quickly that UF did not even have time to officially file charges against the organization. She would not say if any individuals are being charged separately.

Adam Fischer, the fraternity's chancellor, declined to comment when reached by phone.

## State plans to appeal court's decision

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permanent homes and violates rights to equal protection under the law by singling out homosexuals.

The decision is being appealed by the state through the Department of Children and Families to clarify the law for all of Florida, said Neil Skene, special counsel for the department.

Since the statute was declared unconstitutional in a lower court, the decision only affects that district and can be challenged again in other state courts, Skene said.

"If we don't appeal this decision, we're going to be litigating it one time after another," he said.

Until then, the statute is still in effect for the state.

Lauteria said he thought the timing of the decision was strange, coming only weeks after the passage of Amendment 2, which defined marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

"It's kind of bittersweet," said Adrian Ogle, the group's vice president for outreach, who compared the decision to Amendment 2. "I can't share domestic partnership benefits with my partner, but I can adopt a child."

Although Ogle said he expected to see backlash from more conservative Floridians, he viewed it as a sign of hope.

"I never in my wildest dreams would think gay adoption would be overturned," he said.



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## Editorial

## No Exceptions

### Adoption requirements shouldn't exclude gays

A circuit court judge in Miami-Dade County took a bold step to increase the rights of homosexuals throughout the state by allowing them to adopt children.

The judge issued her 53-page decision to effectively overturn a statute established more than three decades ago.

For now, the judge's decision will only apply in her district.

Because the ruling is being appealed by the state, the decision will be reconsidered to apply to the entire state of Florida.

We have our fingers crossed that the Miami judge's ruling is upheld by the higher court. Who's to say who is fit to be a parent until a person actually becomes a parent?

We understand the Constitution grants states all the powers not specifically allotted to the federal government, but we don't think denying a certain group the ability to raise children is in keeping with our country's concept and tradition of liberty.

Arguments condemning two people of the same sex raising a child are poorly reasoned and usually based on antiquated ideals.

To deem people unfit for parenthood before they have children is like telling fifth graders they will never be smart enough to get into college. There is simply no way to know at that point.

We aren't advocating children for all. Adoption processes require potential parents to show they are capable of properly caring for a human life.

Our point is that it's ignorant to exclude a single group of people from a public service, especially when requirements are already in place to weed out those who don't deserve children.

## Shmanksgiving

It's almost Thanksgiving, and most people can't shut up about how excited they are.

Normally we would salivate for Turkey Day, too, but it has started to lose its luster. It's going to be just another Thursday of lame football, shrieking younger cousins and a crowded living room.

Sure, we could talk about the food, but you already know what's on the menu because we all eat the same thing — every year. If you ever eat at Home Zone in the Reitz Union, then the prospect of gravy-smothered turkey probably won't rev your engines.

We could try to cover up our shallow thankfulness for a few days off from class with less-than-profound musings about the value of family and togetherness, but we'll save you the trite, politically correct language.

The reason we're not chomping at the bit to get home and stuff our faces

is because we know what comes with Thanksgiving, and we're not kidding ourselves.

We want to see our families because they're our families, and we love them. We could wait to see them, though, because annual holiday gatherings always produce the same played-out questions from relatives we rarely see.

"Have you graduated?" "Is that a real degree?" "Do you even have a major?" "What school do you go to again?"

We get to answer these questions as uncertainly as the year before because our answers are never right. We love going home for a few days as much as the next Editorial Board, but we can only fake so much love of a holiday centered on eating dry meat and fad casseroles.

We can only hope the tryptophan will knock us out before the questioning begins.

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## Column

## Americans should embrace belief

I was born into the Jewish faith, but I started identifying myself as agnostic once I entered college. Judaism, while offering an interesting history, tightly knit community and great food, didn't answer any of my deepest questions. Why am I here? Where am I going? What was at the Beginning? What is at the End?

I addressed these annoying curiosities by getting a girlfriend, skipping classes and enjoying life.

But curiosity resurfaced time and time again. I was distraught.

The workings of the world were obviously broken, so how could people ride the cycling trivialities of day-to-day life without striving for something better? Even worse, people seemed to go to great lengths to avoid a serious discussion about what "better" means.

When my cousin called me out of the blue to tell me he had converted to Christianity, my immediate thought was, "Great. We have a crazy in the family now."

I did not consider his newfound faith something worthwhile, despite my own struggle with meaning and purpose.

My cousin told me about a book he read that opened his mind to Christianity. How cool, I thought — I would love to read the book that brainwashed my cousin.

I spent two weeks reading Lee Strobel's "The Case for Christ," and I realized two things. One was that I had always envisioned Christians throwing their hands in the air and shouting "Praise Jesus" like a bunch of brainless cartoon characters. After reading interviews with brilliant academics who fervently believed in Christ as the Son of God and savior of the world, I was forced to surrender my self-righteous belief that the nonreligious use their brains more effectively than the faithful.



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I also realized I had spent a life preaching about what I don't believe. I thrived on questioning the beliefs of others, which is how I practiced the belief that my existence was blessed by me alone.

I still believed, and I still preached, just like any religious person.

I asked Christ into my life through the Holy Spirit at 10:40 p.m. on a bus in Washington, D.C. Looking back, I realize I always believed in something; I just wasn't sure what that something was until a strange moment late one night in our nation's capital.

There was a time when I was the first to combat the benefit — and even the necessity — of religion. I disregarded the faith I was born into, and it took me far too long to realize my choice to ignore and argue religion was time wasted.

I finally realized preaching against preaching would not fill the holes in my life, and I became a believer.

There can be no privilege for those who demand attention for the endless task of undoing belief. Belief is tied to our very being; when it unravels, so do we.

One of my favorite people in the New Testament is the father of a sick boy, who comes to Jesus for help. He expresses disbelief that his son can be healed. His cry to Jesus is, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Americans should spend their precious time expressing and pursuing what they believe rather than enabling the destruction of belief.

Michael Belle is a political science graduate student. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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

### Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

**High insurance rates for women practical**

In her article on Monday, Andrea Williamson displayed a stunning lack of knowledge in any field involving economics, mathematics or common sense.

Since when is charging people based on the amount of their consumption sexist?

I suppose we should all pay \$100 when we go to the grocery store regardless of what we buy.

If insurance companies operated under her foolish assertions, we wouldn't have insurance companies.

Companies back all their rates with data and set them at a level where they can operate without shutting down.

Actuaries are paid good money to determine how much each person should be charged.

Statistics don't lie, which is probably why Ms. Williamson didn't include any in her rant.

Women have higher health insurance rates for the same reason men have higher car and life insurance rates: Because they are more costly to the insurer.

If you don't want to listen to me, there are numerous economics and statistics profes-

sors who can explain it.

Anthony Tornatore  
4LS



**UF endangers students with classes today**

School on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving should be canceled.

What reasoning could UF and its professors possibly give to justify penalizing students who must make travel plans? This policy endangers other students who have to speed off Wednesday evening to catch planes or trains.

Many universities around the country give the whole week of Thanksgiving off or Tuesday and Wednesday at least.

These schools understand the safety of their students comes first. An extra day or two of classes makes no difference in the long run when compared to the tragedy that could befall an innocent student rushing to make it home on time.

To all of academia against officially canceling school today and to all the professors who don't make class optional, if misfortune befalls students hurrying home for

Thanksgiving, their blood is on your hands.

Ryan Brosch  
2AG



**SG president should reflect student views**

I think it is appalling the UF Student Body president is supporting large tuition increases without any guarantees from the administration that these funds will go toward items that will directly benefit students, especially considering the current state of the economy.

This is like a union representative coming back from corporate bargaining and telling his constituents he got them all pay cuts, then saying, "You're welcome very much."

Scott Erker  
8LS



**Founding fathers respected religion**

In response to Wes Hunt, I am tired of hearing the beliefs of our nation's founders taken advantage of. Some were more religious than others, and none was an atheist.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were

Unitarians who rejected most Christian dogma but never rejected either Jesus or God.

George Washington said, "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

They all believed any religion was better than no religion. Benjamin Franklin asked, "If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be if without it?"

Atheist scholar Richard Dawkins calls religion a "fixed false belief" in his book "The God Delusion."

Why? Because his academic background has given him the answer to all questions of religion, of course.

I hope nobody thinks he is the leading figure of atheism because he disregards religious people with the same disrespectful fervor that hardcore Christian fundamentalists, like Pat Robertson, disregard atheists.

The scary part about Dawkins is that, as opposed to Pat Robertson, many otherwise intelligent people listen to him.

Fortunately, the wise founders of our great country knew better than both of them.

Warren Rhea  
3JM/LS

Holidays bring stereotypical extended-family gatherings

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We here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column are seeing double.

This week, we're proud to have twice the recommended daily value of Mike McCall.

Our Mike McCall is a 20-year-old journalism major and sports reporter.

But our guest this week is Mike McCall, a 43-year-old chief meteorologist for WCTV in Tallahassee and a FSU alumnus.

The Tampa native said he fell in love with the weather at age 10 or 11, and he knew meteorology was his calling after that. He was fascinated by the weather, but not a complete weather nerd.

"I wasn't obsessed with it," McCall said. "I didn't spend all my days logging weather records or anything like that."

But it was still his passion, and he went to Tallahassee for his degree because of its meteorology program. There, McCall joined the Marching Chiefs drumline and was quickly indoctrinated to the UF-Florida State rivalry when he was booted at The Swamp his freshman year.

"I understand fans want to yell at each other, and that's fine," McCall said. "But as an 18-year-old freshman, I didn't quite understand people getting in my face and screaming at me when I'm in the band. ... I'm in the band, what can I do?"

The Seminoles also lacked other rivals back in the mid-1980s, but when they joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1991, his hatred started flowing to Miami as well.

Believe it or not, McCall had heard of our McCall. While googling himself to see if something he had written made its way to the Internet, the meteorologist discovered the sports writer.

"It was odd, I guess ironic, that he would be writing for our archrival," McCall said.

And that's not the only Mike McCall that WCTV's head weatherman knows.

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## Gators prepare for another rivalry game

■ UF WILL PLAY AT FSU ON SATURDAY AT 3:30 P.M.

By **KARL HYPOLITE**  
Alligator Staff Writer  
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If it feels like every game the Gators have played this season has been against a rival, you're not alone.

Defensive line coach Dan McCarney, who is in his first season with UF, has had similar thoughts.

But while each game has brought different expectations, this one against Florida State feels a little bit different. When the Gators square off against the Seminoles on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Tallahassee, McCarney will finally be a part of a rivalry he has enjoyed from afar for several years now.

"There's just so many big games," he said. "And there are so many rivals, but this one I've been waiting for a long time."

UF didn't wait long to veer its focus away from The Citadel onto the Seminoles. In fact, the Gators didn't even wait until the end of the game.

"The focus shifted to Florida State at halftime," coach Urban

Meyer said after Saturday's 70-19 win.

But the one player who may be looking forward to the matchup more than any other is Percy Harvin.

The junior has a history of big games against the Seminoles and used the 2006 matchup to help introduce himself to the country.

"We had a lot of good receiv-

ers, and he was kind of coming in as a changeup for us," offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said of Harvin's freshman season. "We

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Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

UF wide receiver Percy Harvin runs after catching a pass during the Gators' 38-7 win against Arkansas at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Ark., on Oct. 4.

## Save your gas money for 'Bama, forget about FSU

I know part of my job is trying to get fans hopped up and excited for games, but I just don't have it in me this week.

Don't go to Tallahassee. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families, and save your ticket and gas money for next weekend when No. 2 UF takes on No. 1 Alabama for the Southeastern Conference title.

Maybe it's because I didn't grow up around this rivalry, but UF-FSU just isn't doing it for me.

I know everyone has friends and even family on the other side. I know players on each team grew up together. I know Urban Meyer will only refer to Florida State as "The Team Out West," and I know there's a lot of history here.

Both teams were ranked in the top 10 for every meeting from 1990-2000, and national titles and big-name recruits were on the line each time. But the fact that UF-FSU used to be a great game doesn't make this a great game.



**Mike McCall**  
McCall-in' It  
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The 'Noles are revamped and trying for the ACC Championship, but that's not nearly enough to convince me they will succeed where LSU, Georgia and South Carolina failed miserably.

This rivalry will be back in full force someday, but that day isn't Saturday.

The Gators are playing unbeatable football right now. Their offense is one of the nation's best, and in a given week, their defense and special teams units could be responsible for as many points as the offense.

Sure, Florida State has improved. But if Georgia quarterback Matt Stafford and South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier couldn't crack UF's secondary, why would FSU's Christian Ponder (12 touchdowns, 11

interceptions) can?

If this game were being played 10 years ago, I might buy into the notion that the idea of ruining the Gators' national title hopes is enough to put the Seminoles over the top.

But this isn't 10 years ago, the teams aren't even, and the UF squad that fumbled away a game to Mississippi has disappeared into a dizzying seven-game win streak.

All the motivation in the world doesn't change the mammoth task ahead of coach Bobby Bowden's boys on Saturday.

Their defenders will have to match up with Percy Harvin, Jeff Demps, Chris Rainey, Louis Murphy and Aaron Hernandez — sometimes all at once.

They can't give up big plays or early scores, and a turnover in the wrong part of the field at the wrong time is akin to a death sentence. They'll have to keep Brandon

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### ONLINE

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**Today's question:** What will be the result of the FSU-UF game?

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**Tuesday's question:** Which UF men's basketball player has improved most since the beginning of the year? (see right for results)



**UF RUN vs. FLORIDA STATE RUN DEFENSE**  
 UF rushes for 229.8 yards per game, FLORIDA STATE allows 109.5 yards per game.  
**KEY PLAYERS:** UF: Fr. RB Jeff Demps (46 att - 440 yards, 9.6 avg, 5 TDs), RFr. RB Chris Rainey (74 att - 557 yds, 7.5 avg, 4 TDs) FSU: Sr. LB Derek Nicholson (70 tackles, 13.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks), RSR. LB Toddrick Verdell (50 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks)  
**ANALYSIS:** As if opponents didn't have enough to worry about with Demps and Percy Harvin playing at their best, Rainey seems to have gotten back into the groove with a huge performance against The Citadel, and Emmanuel Moody had his first career 100-yard game. Nicholson, Verdell and company will be hard-pressed to stop UF's four-pronged rushing attack.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



**FLORIDA STATE RUN vs. UF RUN DEFENSE**  
 FLORIDA STATE rushes for 190.2 yards per game, UF allows 102.8 yards per game.  
**KEY PLAYERS:** FSU: Sr. RB Antone Smith (149 att - 696 yards, 4.7 avg, 14 TDs), Fr. RB Jermaine Thomas (58 att - 441 yds, 7.6 avg, 2 TDs) UF: Jr. MLB Brandon Spikes (74 tackles, 8.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 3 INTs, 67 yds), Jr. DE Jermaine Cunningham (44 tackles, 8.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks)  
**ANALYSIS:** The Seminoles put up 172 rushing yards and two touchdowns against Maryland in an impressive 37-3 win Saturday night. But the Terrapins defense is nothing compared to the Gators run stoppers. This may be the biggest challenge for the UF linebacker and defensive corps in weeks, especially with Matt Patchan out and Lawrence Marsh questionable, but they should still be up to the task.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**KEY PLAYERS:** UF: Sr. Kicker Jonathan Phillips (9-9 FGs, long 40), So. Punter Chas Henry (34 punts, 42.5 avg, long 60), Jr. KR/PR Brandon James (51 rets, 950 yds, 2 TDs) FSU: RFr. Kicker Graham Gano (21-23 FGs, long 53), Fr. Punter Sean Powell (18 punts, 41.1 avg, long 56), Sr. CB Michael Ray Garvin (13 rets, 419 yds, 1 TD)  
**ANALYSIS:** It's been a pleasure every week to not have to update Phillips' numbers. Since UF is scoring touchdowns so readily, it hasn't needed Phillips or Henry. James has been lackluster lately, muffing a punt against The Citadel and only adding 55 yards to his return totals. Still, you've got to give this one to the Gators just because of their potential.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



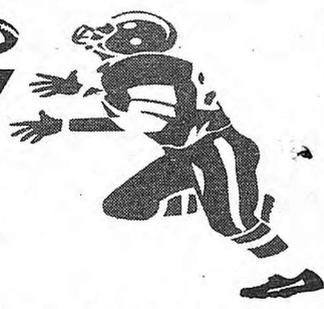
**INTANGIBLES**  
 Simply put, no one is stopping the Gators at this point. The Seminoles are currently on a four-game losing streak to UF, but they won't be able to do anything to stop the Gators on Saturday. An SEC Championship game with No. 1 Alabama awaits the Gators next week, so they are going to do everything in their power to keep it that way. There's simply too much on the line for them to choke now.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



**UF PASS vs. FLORIDA STATE PASS DEFENSE**  
 UF passes for 214.8 yards per game, FLORIDA STATE allows 163.1 yards per game.  
**KEY PLAYERS:** UF: Jr. QB Tim Tebow (2,114 yds, 22 INTs, 65.8 pct, 175.19 rating), Jr. WR/RB Percy Harvin (35 rec, 595 yds, 17.0 avg, 7 TDs), Sr. WR Louis Murphy (30 rec, 476 yds, 15.9 avg, 5 TDs) FSU: Jr. S Myron Rolle (50 tackles, 5 breakups), Jr. S Jamie Robinson (30 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT)  
**ANALYSIS:** With Texas Tech's Graham Harrell having a bad week against Oklahoma, Tebow is in the thick of Heisman contention with two weeks left in the season. A Seminoles defense with just nine picks on the year should be simple for Tebow to pick apart. He's gotten his long ball down in the last few weeks, connecting with Harvin, Riley Cooper, Murphy and Deonte Thompson on deep touchdowns. Rolle is fresh off receiving a Rhodes Scholarship, and he captains the fourth-best passing defense in the nation.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



**FLORIDA STATE PASS vs. UF PASS DEFENSE**  
 FLORIDA STATE passes for 190.0 yards per game, UF allows 175.9 yards per game.  
**KEY PLAYERS:** FSU: So. QB Christian Ponder (1,747 yds, 12 TDs, 11 INTs, 56.4 pct, 116.6 rating), Jr. WR Preston Parker (38 rec, 359 yds, 9.4 avg, 2 TDs), Sr. WR Greg Carr (29 rec, 440 yds, 15.2 avg, 3 TDs) UF: So. CB Joe Haden (64 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 2 INTs, 112 yds), So. SS Ahmad Black (41 tackles, 6 INTs, 191 yds)  
**ANALYSIS:** Christian Ponder has been exceptional in his last few games — rushing for 81 yards and a score and throwing for another against Maryland — but he has not been adequately prepared for the Southeastern Conference defense ahead of him. Parker and Carr are solid receivers, but UF's No. 20-ranked pass defense should be able to contain them.  
**ADVANTAGE: UF**



# How They Match Up

## UF vs. FLORIDA STATE

Vicky Cabrera and Evan Drexler / Alligator Staff

## Meyer: Harvin one of nation's top two players

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had four pretty good wide receivers on that team, and he would come in and be a changeup and do some different things. He makes big plays."

Harvin broke off runs of 17, 28 and 41 yards in the first half of that game before a concussion sidelined him in the second half.

In 2007, Harvin continued his dominance over Florida State in finishing with a then-career high 157 rushing yards on 16 attempts and 67 yards receiving on five receptions.

Speculation is that this will be Harvin's last game against the Seminoles, as most expect him to enter next April's NFL Draft, in which he is projected to be a first-round

"They were usually better than Georgia and Tennessee, and that made it fun."

**Tim Tebow**  
 UF junior quarterback

selection.

"If there's a better player in the country, then he's in the top two," Meyer said of Harvin. "He's tremendous as far as skill level. We're going to need him the next two weeks. Everyone knows how I feel about Percy. I've done this a long time, and he's done stuff I've never seen anyone else do. He's going to go down as one of the best players in Florida football history and deservedly so."

Harvin may or may not have another monster game, but either way,

the Gators don't expect anything to come easily against the Seminoles on Bobby Bowden Field. The rivalry between the two programs is as heated as any.

"Growing up, it was always Florida State," quarterback Tim Tebow said. "They were usually better than Georgia and Tennessee, and that made it fun."

Meyer and his players remember how difficult it was to play there two years ago and expect nothing less this time.

"Two years ago, it took the field over," Meyer said. "On the list of concerns, it's the personnel we're playing against and the environment. We're going to try to prepare them, but you have to bring your toughness, and you have to bring your defense on the road."

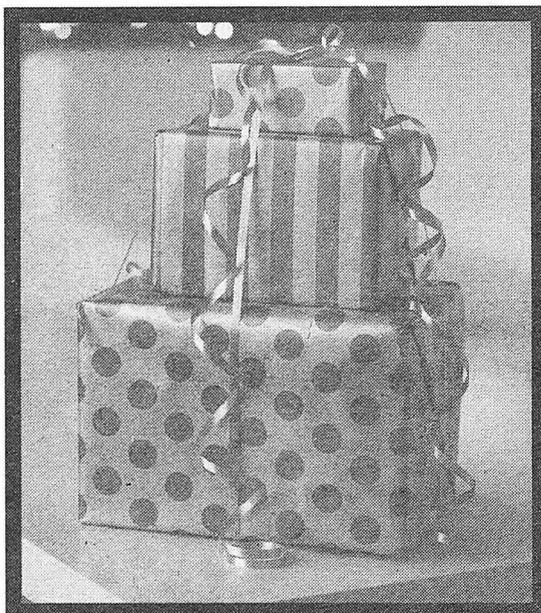
### MIKE, from page 14

Spikes away from the ball and cause a few crucial mistakes in the defensive backfield.

And even if they do all that, the 'Noles have to hope quarterback Tim Tebow has a bad day.

This isn't me trying to belittle Florida State out of hatred, either. The 'Noles don't bother me at all. I love Bowden, think FSU's campus is nicer than UF's and am quickly becoming a huge fan of genius/safety Myron Rolle.

I'm looking forward to Saturday for the same reason I was hopped up to go to Vanderbilt a few weeks ago — a chance to watch a game in a new stadium — and you should look forward to it as an opportunity to relax and watch a half of football before the leftover turkey puts you to sleep.



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# Hodge sinks clutch three as UF holds off Washington

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Leave it to the man with the rings to make the big shot.

With the score tied 81-81 and the clock ticking down, Walter Hodge pulled the trigger on the ball that would cut through the heart of Washington.

His three with 1:01 left in the game propelled No. 17 UF (4-1) to an 86-84 win against Washington (2-3) Tuesday night in the third-place game of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

"It was going in," Hodge said. "I knew it. There was no doubt in my mind."

When Dan Werner (13 points) fouled out with 1:56 left, the Gators opened the door for Huskies big man Jon Brockman to close the UF lead.

That was until Hodge slammed it shut again.

"That's who we want taking that shot," said guard Nick Calathes, who led the Gators with 21 points and eight assists. "He's a big shotmaker."

Washington would get the ball back trailing 86-84 with 2 seconds left on the clock. UF coach Billy Donovan decided to intentionally foul guard Isaiah Thomas, who made his first shot and purposely missed the second in hopes of an offensive rebound.

Allan Chaney managed to fight off Brockman for the rebound and sealed the game for UF.

"He's a big-time player and, to be honest with you, (Brockman) almost came up with it," Chaney said. "Luckily, Chandler tipped the ball to me, and I got it."

In his first career start, Chaney made Donovan look like a genius.

Chaney, who started in place of sophomore Chandler Parsons, scored 13 points and had two steals on six-of-nine shooting.

"He's a big-time player and, to be honest with you, (Brockman) almost came up with it."

Allan Chaney  
UF freshman forward

"This morning, (Donovan) called me over and told me I was going to start," Chaney said. "He said it was a big opportunity for me."

Parsons once again struggled shooting the ball, going 2 for 8 on the night.

"For him to be away from home and come in and give us the boost he did in his first career start was a positive for us," Donovan said.

Donovan hasn't decided if Chaney's move in to the starting lineup will be permanent.

"Chandler is just really, really struggling shooting the ball," Donovan said.

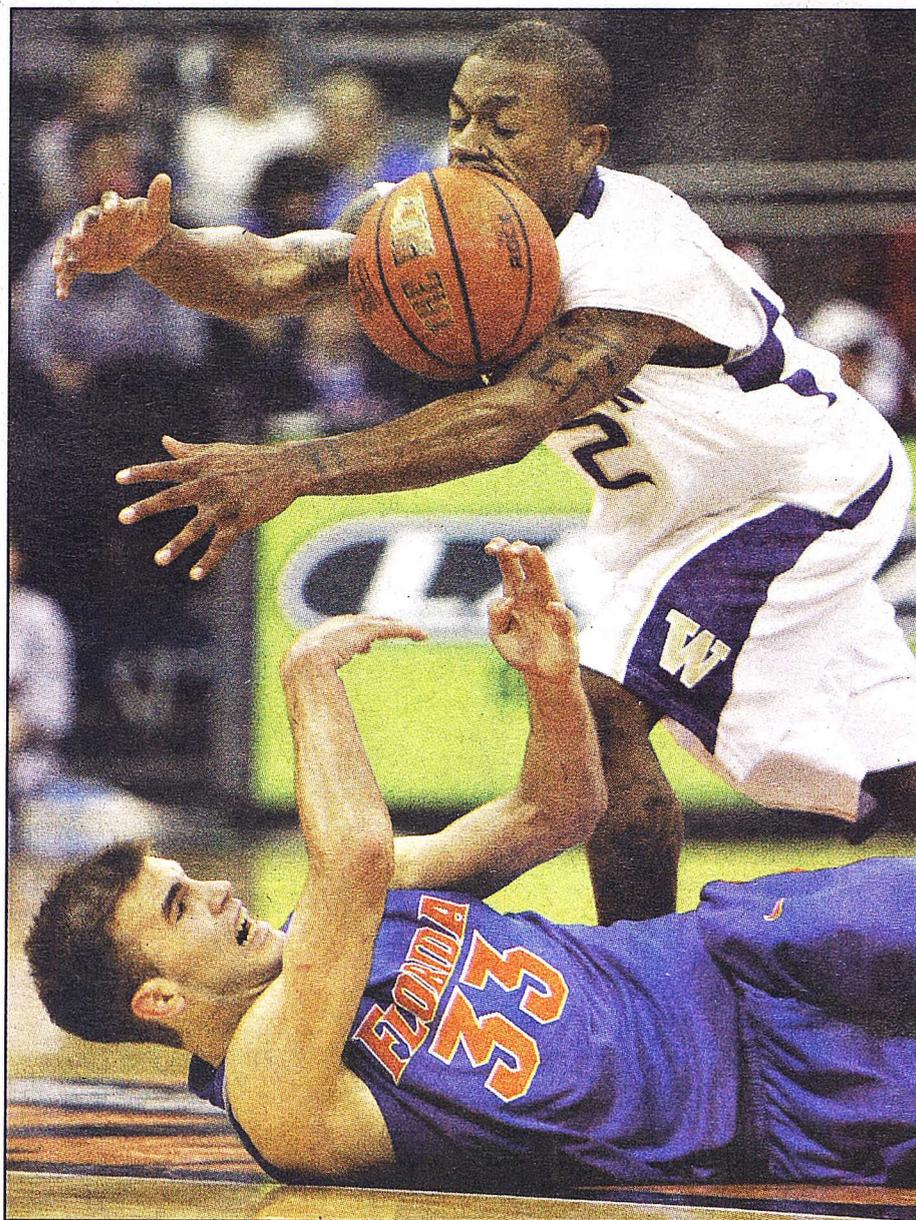
"He needs to figure out that there's other parts to the game, especially on the defensive end of the floor."

The shots were bound to start falling for freshman point guard Erving Walker.

After struggling to find his range through the first four games, Walker finally rediscovered the touch he teased fans with during the preseason.

The freshman scored 12 points while shooting 4 of 5 from the field and sank four threes.

Walker was at the center of a 3-point shooting revival for the Gators, who dropped 11 from behind the arc.



AP Photo

UF guard Nick Calathes and Washington's Isaiah Thomas roll on the ground for a loose ball during the game between the Gators and Huskies on Tuesday night.

## UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Gators hope to keep win streak alive in Bahamas trip

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If UF wants to be successful in the postseason, then it knows it will have to win back-to-back games at some point.

The Gators got a taste of what it's like with wins at then-No. 22 FSU on Sunday and Savannah State on Monday.

Their week doesn't get any easier, however, as they travel to the Bahamas for the Junkanoo Jam in Freeport on Friday and Saturday.

UF (4-1) will face Southern Illinois (2-0) on Friday at 12:30 p.m.

The winner of that game will play the winner of No. 21 Arizona State (2-1) and Hofstra (0-2) on Saturday at 2:45 p.m., and the losers will play at 12:30 p.m.

Winning two games in two days is something UF coach Amanda Butler knows will be a challenge but can benefit her team later in the season, especially the postseason.

"The back-to-back preparation is one of the things (that helps) because this is a team that obviously we think we're very capable of winning the (Southeastern Conference) Tournament," Butler said. "In order to win the SEC Tournament you've got to win back-to-back games."

Butler said her team didn't react that well on Monday night when playing just 27 hours after winning in Tallahassee.



Smith

The Gators had 23 turnovers and only out-rebounded an overmatched Tigers team by one.

"It was the first time that we had experienced it," Butler said of playing two games in a row.

One of the things she said was not a problem in that game and should not be a cause for concern for her team in the Bahamas is fatigue.

Butler rested a lot of the starters in the second half and shuffled the lineup to get some balanced minutes from her bench.

But she said even if the starters had played two 40-minute games back-to-back, tiredness would still not be an issue.

Sharielle Smith, who has scored 15 points in each of the last two games, said she's ready to take a trip to the Bahamas and isn't worried about travelling out of the country.

"It's going to be like any other away game," Smith said. "It's going to be a new place we've never been before, but we're going to have to keep our focus just like any other away games."

## PICKS, from page 14

He had been told of a Mike McCall who worked on the Washington Redskins' staff, a Mike McCall who is a professor in California, and even a Mike McCall who is a drummer.

One thing McCall couldn't provide us, however, was a clever insult for our own McCall based on his name.

"Nothing terribly exciting to manipulate about my name, fortunately," McCall said. "The only thing that any Mike got called when I was a kid was the Life cereal commercials that had the, 'Hey Mikey, he likes it.' I don't know if you're familiar with the commercial or not."

Finally, we couldn't do a column about a weatherman without his weather prediction for Saturday.

McCall said a cold front is expected on Friday in Tallahassee, but the weather should be downright comfortable on Saturday if the front blows through.

But what's more accurate: his weather or his football picks?

"I'd say my weather predictions are," McCall said. "I've played in a lot of football pools, I've played in a lot of fantasy leagues, and even taking the spread out, especially with NFL games... I'd like to say that I get my forecast right probably better than 90 percent of the time. And if I could get 90 percent right on football, I wouldn't be here, I'd be in Vegas."

Wouldn't we all. On to the picks!

In first place with a 74-36 record is Assistant Sports Editor Evan "You're fired" Drexler, who is probably in South Florida stalking Chad Pennington as we speak.

Trailing by a hair with a 72-38 record is Karl "You remember that one episode of 'Family Guy' when Peter is hilarious?" Hyppolite, who fails to realize that "Family Guy" is for 13-year-old middle schoolers whose idea of high comedy is a fart joke. Then again, it's right up his alley.

Burdened with mediocrity, like always, with a 71-39 record is Phil "Doritos are the only kinds of chips worth eating, except for these other two kinds" Kegler, whose Cooler Ranch breath may be the reason he's constantly failing with the lady-folk. Either that or his crippling need to have three forms of Internet

connections on his body at all times.

Batting cleanup with a 70-40 mark is Sports Editor Brian "How does 12 inches sound?" Steele, who was not talking about what you're thinking, you dirty-minded reader. Steele rarely exclaims things more vulgar than, "Oh, dear!"

And, as usual, in dead-ass last place with a piss-poor 67-43 record is Mike "Give it to Mikey! He likes it!" McCall, who is not a weatherman and never will be. Sorry to crush your hopes and dreams like that, Mike, but it's just not happening.

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