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Members of the UF football team celebrate as they view the announcement that they will play in the BCS National Championship Game in Miami on Jan. 8 against Oklahoma. They got the news during a dinner in the Gator Room in the Heavener Football Complex at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sunday night.

Gators earn spot in BCS Championship Game against Oklahoma

By **EVAN DREXLER**
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Georgia may be The Peach State, but there were more than a few oranges circling the Georgia Dome

field after UF defeated Alabama on Saturday evening.

Still, the sweetness of those oranges couldn't compare to the sweetness of the news UF got Sunday night.

For the second time in three

years, the Gators will be playing in the BCS National Championship Game.

UF, No. 2 in the only BCS standings that matter, will head 300 miles south to take on No. 1 Oklahoma at Dolphin Stadium in Miami on Jan. 8,

seven days after the Orange Bowl is played at the same venue. The two teams have never met.

The Gators finished just .018 points ahead of No. 3 Texas in the standings, the Longhorns being their only barrier to a matchup with

the Sooners.

To say waiting for the announcement was nerve-racking for coach Urban Meyer would be a gross understatement.

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■ UF rolled its way to a 31-20 win against Alabama on Saturday evening in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game, scoring two touchdowns late. See Story, Page 16.



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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Holiday Silent Auction

Today through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
Recurso will be auctioning artwork, jewelry and other holiday gifts. All proceeds benefit Recurso's 2009 International Service Trip to Nicaragua.

Inter-Residence Hall Association's Winter Ball

Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Hillel
Dress is semi-formal. Bring an unwrapped toy to donate and enjoy the evening. Food and music from DJ Joubert Delsoin will be provided.

Festival of Lights Party

Wednesday, 10:30 p.m.
Rue Bar
The Jewish Student Union invites everyone to come out and celebrate the Festival of Lights.

SG Applications

Student Government has extended the application deadline for election commissioner and assistant supervisor of elections to Wednesday at 4 p.m. Applications can be found at www.sg.ufl.edu/ap

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Poinsettia Open House and Sale

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fifield Hall
Come join the Graduate and Undergraduate Environmental Horticulture Clubs for their annual Poinsettia Field Day. Rate unique and beautiful new varieties of poinsettias and find that special plant. Poinsettias of almost every color will be for sale, and many of these varieties are not available in stores. Choose from classic red, white, purple, variegated and many more.

Florida Alternative Breaks Fundraiser

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Gelato Co.
Come support Florida Alternative Breaks'

International Children's Medicine trip. You must say you're with FAB for the proceeds to go to our trip. There is a dinner special, which includes a drink and gelato for under \$10.

For more information on Florida Alternative Breaks, visit www.dso.ufl.edu/studentorgs/fab

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Students face ticket woes

By **LAUREN BAKER**
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While the Gators prepared to battle the Crimson Tide in the Southeastern Conference Championship game, some UF students were battling a long line just to enter the stadium.

All 1,500 UF students waited in line to exchange their vouchers for tickets and enter the Georgia Dome on Saturday, some for about an hour.

UF students were required to present their Gator 1 Cards and another form of identification with their ticket vouchers to gain tickets and enter the stadium.

Justin Smith, a UF history senior, said he got in line at about 3:15 p.m. with about 20 people behind him.

While matching people's names to their vouchers and checking them off a list might have kept ticket scalping to a minimum, Smith said the overall effort seemed fruitless and slowed entry down to a snail-like pace.

He said the feeling of those around him was one of general frustration.

"We started chanting, 'This is bulls—,' and the whole line kind of agreed with us," he said.

Smith said he missed kick-off and the first five minutes of the game because of the delay.

Even stadium employees in charge of the ticket exchange were grouchy, he said.

"They were probably getting an earful from all of us," Smith said.

Smith said University of Alabama fans he saw got inside with no problem.

Steven Duva, a friend of Smith's who got in line around 2:45 p.m., said ID checkers were stringent in the beginning, but Smith said he was just waved in by the time he made it to the front of the line. Both Duva and Smith said they expected a set-up similar to basketball games, where Gator 1 Cards are swiped in via laptop.

Smith said any frustration died away once he got a ticket and put his head in the game.

"We got in, and Tebow was on the 10 and we scored," he said. "So that was the end of it right there."

The University Athletic Association could not be reached for comment over the weekend.



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Fuzzy Friends

Cindy DuBose and her son, James, 4, play with an 8-week-old kitten named Sneezzy during the Home For the Holidays Adopt-a-thon hosted by Maddie's Pet Rescue Project at The Oaks Mall on Sunday afternoon.

UF ADMINISTRATION

Trustees consider bonus, fees

UF President Bernie Machen's bonuses, totaling \$285,000, will be up for discussion at UF's Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

The board, UF's highest governing body, will decide if Machen will receive the bonuses this year.

Last year, the board approved his bonuses by a vote of 12-1, with Trustee Al Warrington voting against the extra pay.

Machen earned \$731,811 in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, including bonuses, retirement pay and a car allowance, according to a November report from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The board will base its vote on whether Machen has achieved certain one-year and three-year goals agreed to in advance by the board and Machen.

The board will also review a request to increase the Activity & Service fee and Student Health Fee by a combined \$1.77 per credit hour. No estimates were available for the increase in the transportation Access Fee.



Machen

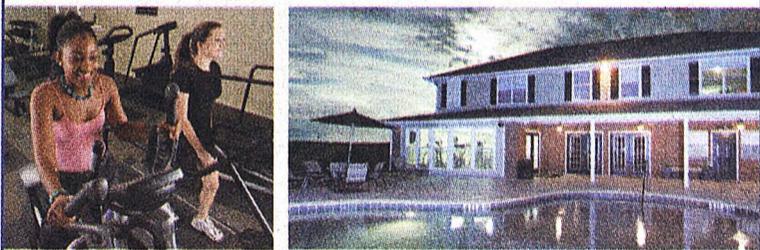
The increase would bring in an estimated \$1,417,000 in 2009-2010, according to board documents.

A proposed rent increase of \$10 per month for dorms will also go up for a vote.

The increase, which would generate about \$294,240 in the spring term, seeks to cover a record growth in UF's utilities expenses, according to board documents.

— THOMAS STEWART

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Friends, family remember student for kindness, joy

By **KATIE GALLAGHER** and
FAITH REAVES
Alligator Writers

When Brandy Jaworski couldn't sleep and needed to talk early Tuesday morning, she called her friend Michael VanWagner.

Although it was 2 a.m., VanWagner, a UF history senior, invited her over to talk and drink iced tea.

"He would do literally anything for anyone," said Jaworski, a UF recreation and event management senior.

That afternoon, VanWagner was hit by a car while riding his scooter on West University Avenue, and the friends who had depended on him crowded his hospital room to be there for him. He died Thursday at Shands at UF.

VanWagner was always willing to help anyone — it didn't matter who, said his mother, Deborah VanWagner.

"If there was somebody putting up hay on the side of the road, he stopped and helped them," she said.

The family lives on 40 acres in Sparr, a small town about 20 miles south of Gainesville. VanWagner was close to his parents and older sister, Dana, who works for the army in Iraq. She took a 15-hour flight to come see him after the accident.

"From the day he was born, pretty much, him and his sister were always the closest of close," his mother said. They never fought, except on the basketball court in their yard, she said.

Any day of the week, VanWagner could be found playing pick-up basketball at Southwest Recreation Center, his friends said.

Jaworski said she met him on the court, where he let her score at least seven points during their first game.

Every game after that, though, his competitive streak won out, and he wouldn't give up anything.

He was extremely competitive, she said, and would play with such intensity, his serious face would look almost mad.

As a child, he had wanted to play basketball for UF, his mother said, and he coached 8-year-olds at UF's basketball camp the summer before he started college.

"To him, that was about as good as playing on the team," his mother said.

She said he was good with kids and planned to become a teacher and basketball coach.

He would often invite his younger cousins

to Gainesville, where he would take them rock climbing or to football games, she said.

"He's a cousin I could always look up to for anything," said Ryan VanWagner, 14, who said they would go fishing, ride four-wheelers and talk about life.

"He was like a brother to me," said his cousin Justin Wilson, 16. "He was the type of guy everyone could like. There wasn't anybody that couldn't be friends with him."

As an early Christmas present, his parents had paid for four tickets to Saturday's Southeastern Conference Championship Game, and he was looking forward to it more than anything.

His friends put them up for sale on eBay after the accident, intending to give the money to his parents. They were bought by four of VanWagner's high school buddies, who said they planned to go in his honor.

VanWagner will be buried today with one of the ticket stubs.

"The joy that man got out of those tickets for those two weeks, the joy and the bright eyes — he told his uncles and everybody, 'I'm going to the SEC!'" his mother said.

His friend Yolisma Piña, a UF applied physiology and kinesiology senior, met him in chemistry class two years ago, and she said he took her four-wheeling, paintballing and to see her first rodeo.

They liked to work out together, and as a project for class, she made him her guinea pig in a personal training program she created. He gained 15 pounds of muscle, which he was proud of. Even if she couldn't make it, he would be at the gym, she said.

He was 6 feet 4 inches tall. "Every time he would give you a hug, he would just swallow you," Piña said.

Until this year, he commuted to school from Sparr. He would often get up at 4 a.m. to feed his cows, drive to UF for early class, then drive home to work for his father, Piña said, but he always had time for his friends.

He got excited for football games and would drive up in his beloved Nissan Titan truck to go tailgating.

"His room was a disaster, but his truck was clean," his mother said.

This semester, he moved to Gainesville for his senior year.

"As a parent you think, he could have been here with us," his mother said. But he loved living in Gainesville so much that she doesn't

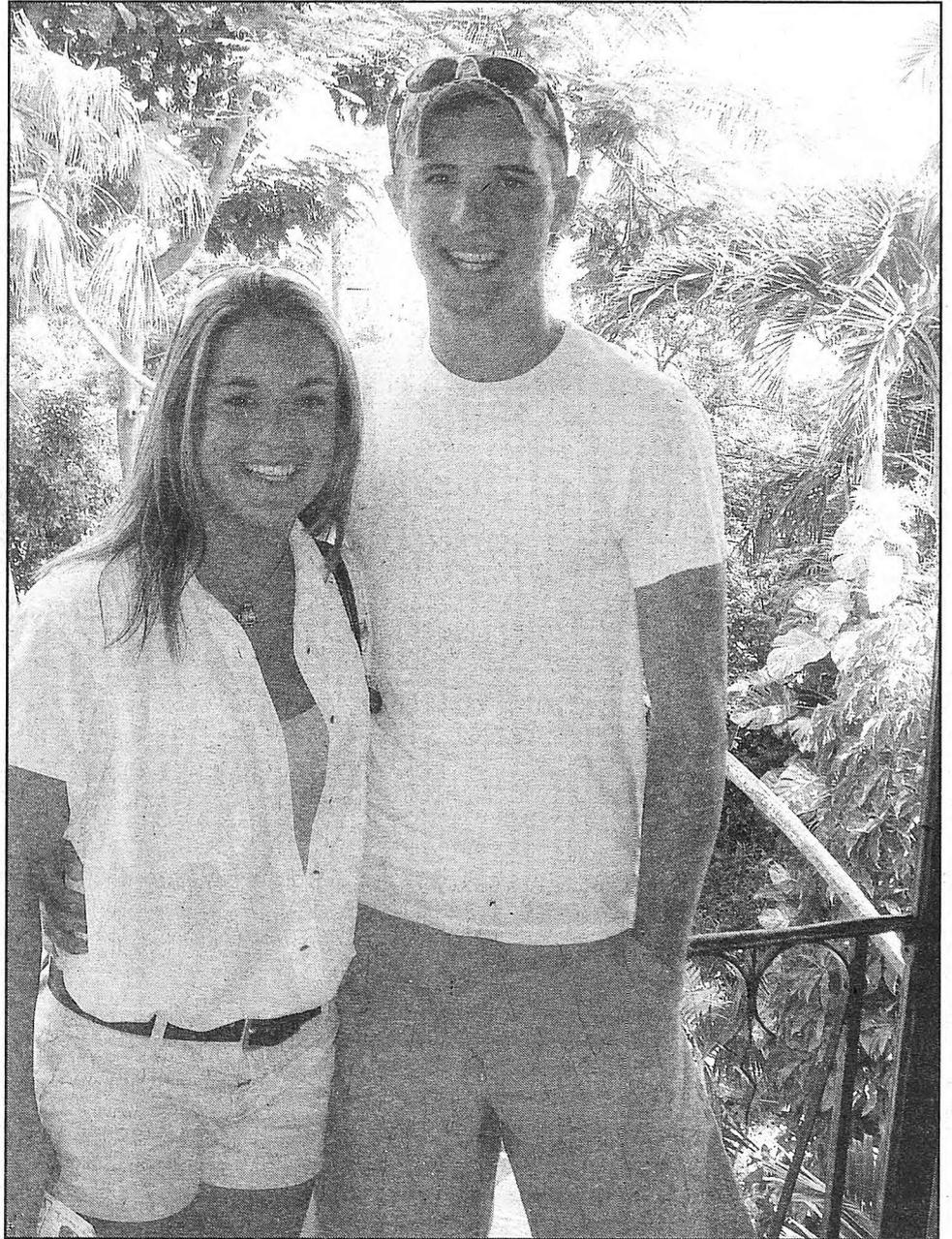


Photo courtesy of Dana VanWagner

Michael VanWagner, a UF history senior, poses with his sister, Dana, in an undated photograph. VanWagner died Thursday after his scooter was hit by a car on Tuesday.

regret letting him move.

His father, Eric VanWagner, was impressed with the quality friends his son had made away from home, many of whom he met for the first time at the hospital room.

"He had no problem being himself in a

way that he just brought relaxation and joy and comfort," his father said. "He just brought fun. The joy of life was in that boy."

A funeral service will be held today at 3 p.m. at Sparr Baptist Church, at 1303 E. Highway 329 in Citra.

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Veterans honor Harbor survivors

By ANDREA ASUAJE

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As sunlight brightened a red-, beige- and black-stoned memorial and wind swept flapping flags, veterans of World War II were honored and remembered.

Sunday marked the 67th anniversary of the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor, and the Korean War Veterans Association held its fourth annual Pearl Harbor Survivors and World War II Veterans Recognition Day.

The memorial took place at the Kanapaha Veterans Memorial Park off Tower Road.

Michael Gannon, World War II historian and professor emeritus at UF, gave the ceremony's keynote speech about Adm. Husband Kimmel, whom he called the last U.S. Navy victim of Pearl Harbor.

Gannon, an expert in U.S. Naval history and the author of eight books, told the story of Kimmel, who was blamed for not preventing the Japanese attacks and was never fully exonerated of the charges.

Gannon has been researching Kimmel and working on clearing his name for several years.

He said he hopes Vice President-elect Joe Biden will pass the measure through Congress, since the senator had previously pushed for the move.

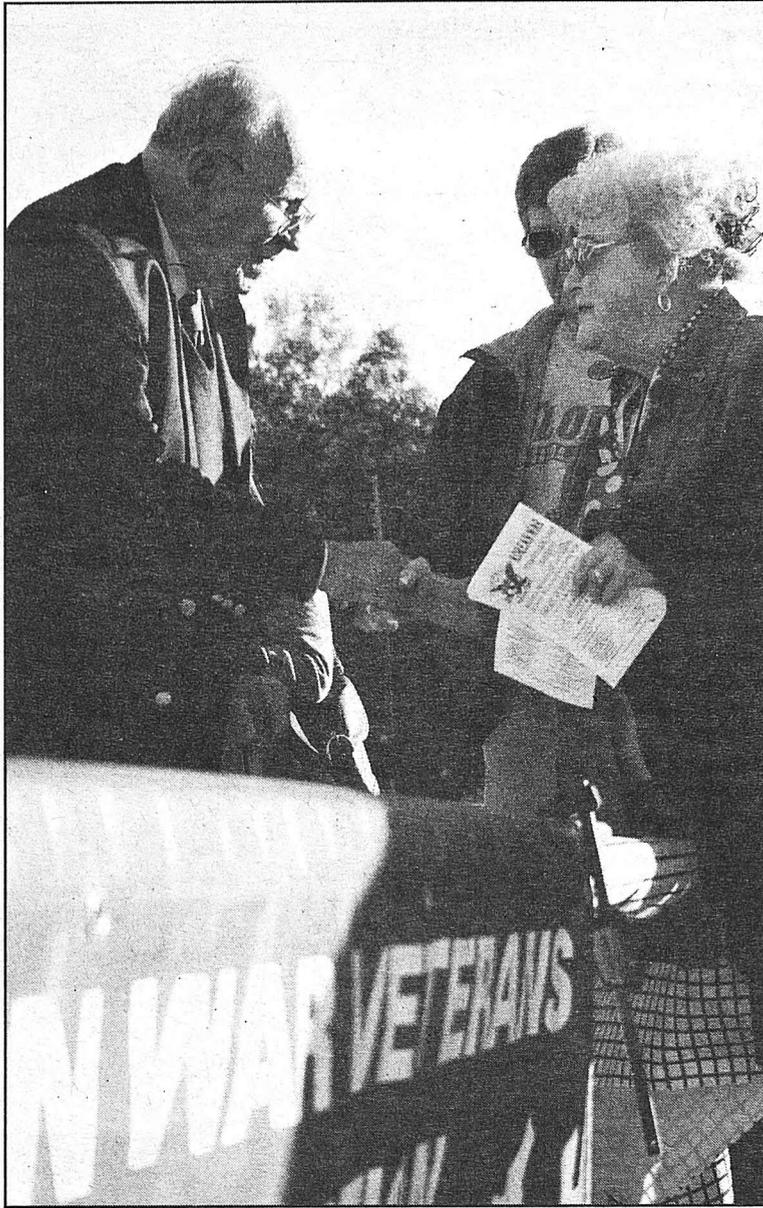
The UF Air Force ROTC drill team also performed at the memorial, spinning and tossing rifles.

Jim Lynch, Alachua County veterans officer and master of ceremony at the memorial service, said the ceremony was about never letting memories fade and passing on the memories to a younger generation.

"Today is a day to remember," Lynch said during the ceremony.

Phil Newman and his wife, Chick, attended Sunday's memorial but said young people no longer seem to care.

"They want to hear about the Gators," Newman said.



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Michael Gannon, professor emeritus of history at UF, shakes hands and speaks with audience members after giving a speech about Pearl Harbor at Kanapaha Veterans Park on Sunday afternoon.

"They don't want to hear about us."

Newman is a part of Decrepit Birdmen of World War II, a group of veterans who go to schools and educate students on the history of the war.

Newman said at the rate World War II veterans are dying — about 1,000 a day — the stories of World War II are disappearing.

"I suppose, one of these days, there won't be anyone left to remember," he said.

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Big Bucks

Machen should refuse his bonus

Here at the Editorial Board, we like money, and we aren't afraid to admit it.

Maybe it's because we don't see it all that often. Regardless of the reason, we're pro-money. We think it's a good thing to have.

We don't really understand, though, having \$285,000 extra thrown at someone during a time when millions of others are losing sleep and turning gray trying to make ends meet on \$8 an hour.

Nothing personal, Bernie.

You have a substantial salary as is. You have a car allowance.

Do you need another quarter million-plus to handle your bills?

We hope the Board of Trustees approves your bonus, but even more so, we hope you will follow in the footsteps of several other university leaders by refusing to accept your bonus this year.

Millions of people are struggling to find work, and you're having money handed to you on a silver platter.

We would love to be in your position, and we assume it would be incredibly difficult to turn down a \$285,000 pat on the back for a job well done.

Hell, if somebody wanted to tell us our editorials were "righteous" and "kick-ass," and then offered to shotgun a beer with us, we would pee our pants with excitement.

Listen, Mr. President, we can only imagine how far that amount of money could go, but for the sake of economy (and nobility), please refuse your bonus if it gets approved.

Unless, of course, you want to give the Editorial Board front-row seats to the BCS Championship game in Miami.

Blame Game

The ticketing system employed by the University Athletic Association has more than lived up to its irritating reputation this semester.

Forget the UF-Georgia game. We play them in Jacksonville, so driving for an hour to hang out ticketless at the Landing isn't really the end of the world. It ended up not mattering this year anyway.

The ticket debacle before the Southeastern Conference Championship made us want to Frisbee-toss our laptops out of our bedroom windows.

After arriving in Atlanta, the privileged few who got tickets to the UF-Alabama game had to suffer through slow-moving lines because UF wanted to ensure the tickets issued to its students weren't being scalped.

The exact problem with the UAA's ticketing system can't really be pinned down,

so we won't try.

Instead, we're going to blame the whole process top to bottom, students included.

No matter how the UAA goes about distributing tickets, someone is going to whine about something.

If you didn't get tickets, get over it. You still have a TV.

If you did get tickets, don't complain that you had to wait to get into the Georgia Dome because everyone else was sitting at home watching the game.

And if you work for the UAA, don't lose any sleep over the complaints because they're always going to be there.

All we're trying to say is, no process is perfect, and some people have to be skipped over or left out.

Let's just be happy our football team is good enough to provide us with so many chances to complain.

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Column

Most UF students pretentious, dumb

Here's some breaking news for you: Going to college plus making noise with your mouth does not equal saying something intelligent. Shut up — I'm tired of hearing you blabber.

I cannot walk 10 feet without hearing another one of you babbling about socioeconomic issues that you do not understand, and how we have to change them.

I constantly overhear you telling each other about how you won't buy this or that because of the moral atrocities the company has committed, but you walk around with electronics in your pocket worth enough money to feed the entire Christian Children's Fund for a month.

Stop talking about banning dihydrogen monoxide — it's water.

Don't open your mouth about the viability of ethanol fuels — it's your fault corn prices got so high and gas prices didn't do a damn thing except keep going up.

Stop trying to solve world hunger. People have to be hungry; it's the way the world works. We have the ability to feed the entire planet. We can do it. Here's the problem: If we put that much food on the market, food prices would plummet, the farmers would go bankrupt and then no one would have food. Solving world hunger is a bad idea. Shut up and live with it.

Stop talking about how we have to change the world and how China is such a terrible place. Their culture wants the government they have because they have a different social paradigm than we do over here.

For you to tell them they don't have enough freedom is oppressively arrogant. For the U.S. to force its understanding of the social contract on any other nation is the restriction of freedom of which you are accusing the Chinese government.



Wes Hunt

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Stop babbling about genetically engineered foods. Genetically engineered foods lower the cost of production, which allows us to feed more people without bankrupting the farmers.

And no, putting jellyfish genes in a tomato so it will glow in the dark will not make you glow in the dark. If that was how it worked,

we would be walking around with an udder or two, filling our own milk glasses, and teenagers would knock us over while we slept standing up.

Do not tell me about fighting for people's freedom. No one is free. That is the summation of the social contract. If I eat an apple, you are no longer free to eat that apple.

By existing, I am infringing upon your freedoms and vice versa.

People who have to spend their day working to pay for rent, food, utilities and gasoline, but can't afford the spare time or money to play the sport or instrument they love, whenever and wherever they want is free.

To the UF population (save for a few): You are morons. More coherent thoughts can be found in a randomly chosen preschool. Of course, preschoolers have the advantage of not having been intellectually corrupted by two decades of being told what is important, what they should be doing and where their lives should go.

Please, close your mouths. Anyone who understands the implications of your words will just find you to be an idiot.

Anyone who doesn't is an idiot. You're all giving me a headache.

Wes Hunt is a history senior.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think UF President Bernie Machen should refuse his bonus?

Friday's question: Would you get down in the stacks?

68% YES

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Letters to the Editor

Campus smoking ban ineffective, silly

As a smoker on campus, I have been told to move to beyond 50 feet by a UF employee. Not nicely or properly, but in the form of walking by, saying "50 Feet!"

Most students would have had no idea what she was saying.

I was already standing about 50 feet from the building.

Stand next to a building the next time you are on campus. Take 17 strides (no baby steps, they should be about three feet each). You are now about 50 feet from the building.

See how close you are, then think about how silly this policy is.

Why not set up small smoking areas in a few places across campus instead of sweeping bans?

Santa Fe College's policy is being better enforced because their police officers will write you a ticket.

Nothing says compliance like The Man handing you a bill.

Allen DeLaney
UF alumnus



Cutting language programs cuts culture

Think back to when you applied to college. There were piles of applications and many opportunities to go to other schools, but each of us chose to come to UF.

I chose to become a Gator after visiting the campus and hearing about the openness and diversity of UF. I felt like I belonged.

With the recent budget cuts, I question our university's dedication to that vision.

Last Wednesday, more than 60 students representing various organizations, including Asian-American Student Union, Black Student Union and Student Government, rallied at Dauer Hall to show their support for the Vietnamese and Korean language programs.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' layoffs eliminate these language programs completely. Andrea Pham, a tenure-track professor, is the sole Vietnamese professor. Losing her is losing the program, and students are not happy. Both Vietnamese-American students and non-heritage students enjoy the class.

All Vietnamese classes this semester are

over the cap, and registration for next semester is already full.

Many students, including me, are taking Vietnamese now, as it may very well be the last chance we get.

I would like to thank the CLAS faculty for voting to reinstate our professors and lecturers.

Kudos to the Alligator for documenting our efforts.

To the administration, please don't take away these programs. It's more than a dollar sign. It's our language, our heritage and our culture.

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Megan Vu

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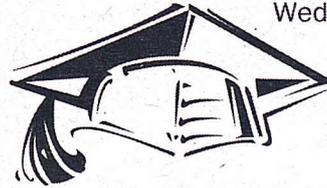
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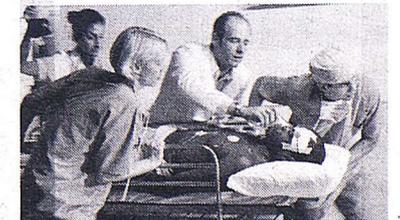
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County to use grant for soil, water contamination tests

■ SPRINGSTEAD CREEK WILL BE TESTED.

By **ANDREA ASUAJE**
Alligator Writer
aasuaje@alligator.org

County scientists will use grant money this January to perform tests on possible hazards of a local contaminated site.

A \$108,295 grant will be used

toward existing programs and also to fund projects to test the water and sediment at Cabot-Koppers, a location off North Main Street known as a Superfund site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The site was contaminated by a wood-preserving chemical plant, which is still on the site.

The soil at Cabot-Koppers will be tested for wood-preserving chemicals, such as arsenic and

copper, that are used at the plant, said John Mousa, pollution prevention manager with the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department.

Springstead Creek, which flows through the site from North Main Street into Hogtown Creek, will be tested for toxic materials, Mousa said.

Residents around the creek have observed some tar in the water and at the bottom of the creek

and have begun to ask questions, he said.

"There were concerns that this tar might be hazardous," he said.

He said the tests would determine whether this is true.

Mousa said the last time the sediment was tested was about 10 years ago, and the tests were not extensive.

"This is going to be a much more thorough, more comprehensive service," he said.

Superfund sites can be found all over the country, he said.

He said the sites are contaminated and either must be cleaned up or the contamination needs to be contained.

Mousa hopes these tests will address some of the residents' concerns, though he is unsure of how the tests will turn out.

LOCAL

Husband accuses wife of setting car, clothes on fire

By **KATIE EMMETS**
Alligator Writer

A Gainesville woman was arrested and accused of lighting her husband's sport utility vehicle on fire after an argument Saturday morning.

On her birthday, Patricia Dandridge, 44, asked her husband for money to pay their utilities bill, Gainesville Police spokesman

Lt. Keith Kameg said.

Her husband, whose name was not available, told police that when he refused, she poured lighter fluid on his clothes and personal belongings.

The belongings were inside his 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer, a GPD arrest report stated.

According to the report, Dandridge's husband watched her light the fluid and

set his SUV and belongings on fire 15 feet away from their house at 1404 N.E. 20th Place.

The fire destroyed the Trailblazer and everything inside, totaling \$16,000 in damage, the report stated.

The fire also melted nearby Christmas decorations, and smoke discolored a portion of the house, the report stated.

When police arrested her at 12:43 p.m.,

Dandridge told them she started the fire, the report stated.

Dandridge was charged with arson of a structure or dwelling and criminal mischief.

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Gators prepare for high-scoring Sooners offense, QB Sam Bradford

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"Zero sleep," Meyer said. "And when I say zero, zero. ... It's an imperfect system, but I think it's a system that's functional right now. You just never know."

This team's season was defined back in September after a loss to Mississippi. At that point, Meyer did not think he had a team that could get to a national championship game.

"I didn't see the same maturity level (as I do now)," Meyer said. "I saw a very talented group, but I was hoping it would develop into this."

After reeling off nine straight

wins in dominant fashion, the Gators were rewarded Sunday night.

When the UF logo appeared on the giant projector screen alongside Oklahoma's in the Gator Room inside the Heavener Complex, players raised their arms in the air and cheered. Their steak dinners could wait.

Mike and Maurkice Pouncey walked around the room giving thumbs up to all who would look, then walked to fellow offensive linemen Phil Trautwein and Jim Tartt to give them congratulatory shoulder rubs.

Percy Harvin, sprained right ankle and all, hobbled over to that side of the room, a smile on his face. Players jostled for position around

Meyer as he prepared for his live television interview.

It was almost as if UF were continuing its rampant celebration from Saturday night's victory.

Now, the Gators have more than four weeks off before facing what may be their toughest challenge yet.

Fans have been asking to see a matchup of teams from the Southeastern Conference and Big 12 Conference all season. Ask, and ye shall receive.

The Sooners bring a Heisman-hopeful quarterback in Sam Bradford, who leads the country's best offense into South Florida. Oklahoma has put up at least 58 points in its last six games, including victories against No. 8 Texas Tech,

No. 13 Oklahoma State and No. 25 Missouri in the last three weeks.

"Our defense, we like to have challenges," UF cornerback Joe Haden said.

"People are saying (Alabama) wasn't a really good offense, so we want to play against one of the best offenses so we can really prove how good our defense is."

A second national championship in three years is not out of the question if UF's defense is able to hold down Oklahoma like it did Alabama in the SEC Championship Game.

As Saturday's revelry wound down, defensive end Carlos Dunlap

held the SEC Championship trophy aloft to the hundreds of fans still remaining as he walked into the locker room.

Inside, Dunlap admitted the win had not hit him yet.

Junior running back Brandon James piped up from the other side of the room.

"It'll hit your ass when you get back to Gainesville," James said.

They're back in Gainesville now, and the victory is all behind them.

Perhaps one more victory is ahead, and that one could elevate this team's status to the greatest in school history.

"Miami sounds real good," Haden said Saturday.

See you there.



Football

UF 31 ALABAMA 20

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Alabama	10	0	10	0	20
UF	7	10	0	14	31

Scoring summary

First quarter

08:17 UF — Ca. Moore, 3 yd pass from Tebow

07:23 UA — Coffee, 18 yd run

08:17 UA — Tiffin, 30 yd field goal

Second quarter

08:59 UF — Phillips, 19 yd field goal

02:59 UF — Nelson, 5 yd pass from Tebow

Third quarter

06:20 UA — Ingram, 2 yd run

00:08 UA — Tiffin, 27 yd field goal

Fourth quarter

09:21 UF — Demps, 1 yd run

02:50 UF — Cooper, 5 yd pass from Tebow

Team statistics

	UF	Alabama
First downs	19	18
Rushing attempts	9	11
Net yards rushing	142	136
Passing yards	8	7
Total offensive yards	358	323
Fumbles: Number-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-yards	6-45	2-31
Possession time	32:04	27:56

UF

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Tebow	17	62	5	57	0	14	3.4
Demps	14	54	1	53	1	12	3.8
Moody	4	23	0	23	0	10	5.8
James	3	7	0	7	0	4	2.3
Murphy	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Rainey	2	0	3	-3	0	0	-1.5

Passing

Att-Comp	YDS	TD	INT
25-12	187	0	1

Receiving

NO	YDS	TD	LG	
Murphy	4	86	0	34
Hernandez	3	43	0	22
Nelson	3	27	1	13
Cooper	2	56	1	51
Moore, C.	1	3	1	3
Moore, K.	1	1	0	1

Punting

NO	YDS	AVG	LG
3	143	47.7	57

Alabama

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Coffee	21	112	0	112	1	18	5.3
Ingram	8	21	0	21	1	9	2.6
Wilson	3	13	11	2	0	9	0.7
Fitzgerald	33	147	11	136	2	18	4.1

Passing

Att-Comp	YDS	TD	INT
25-12	187	0	1

Receiving

NO	YDS	TD	LG	
Jones	5	124	0	64
Walker	3	37	0	17
Hanks	3	19	0	10
Coffee	1	7	0	7

Punting

NO	YDS	AVG	LG
4	164	41.0	47

Quotable

"He's not just the leader on offense. He's the leader on defense, too. And the kickoff team. You see us in the huddle, you're going to see Tebow coming in. It's not even in the stat sheet, it's just being around him, his love for the game."

— UF cornerback Joe Haden on quarterback Tim Tebow

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TURNING THE TIDE

Gators take home SEC crown

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ATLANTA — Urban Renewal has paved the way for Urban Domination.

One of the more historic runs in recent college football history continued Saturday afternoon as then-No. 2 UF outlasted then-No. 1 Alabama 31-20 in front of 75,892 orange, blue, crimson and white fans at the Georgia Dome, clinching the Gators' spot in the National Championship Game on Jan. 8 against Oklahoma.

And this time they did it in a whole new way. They won by coming from behind.

Trailing 20-17 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Gators were 15 scoreless minutes away from a probable Sugar Bowl bid that would've left them in the hallowed "should've" and "would've."

"We really haven't had to play in the fourth quarter for a long time," cornerback Joe Haden said.

Tim Tebow must've been saving up his fourth-quarter energy for a long time, then.

Tebow was about as perfect as a signal-caller can be in a quarter as he led the Gators on two scoring drives, sealing the biggest UF win since the Gators' National Championship Game victory two years ago.

The two drives engineered by Tebow totaled 19 plays and 127 yards and gobbled up 10:24 of clock. Tebow kept the ball in his hands on 9 of those nineteen plays.

"I don't know the entire history of the University of Florida," UF coach Urban Meyer said, "but I can imagine that drive and that fourth quarter will go down as one of the greatest ever at University of Florida."

That fourth quarter left UF's Heisman winner all tuckered out, too. As has become tradition, Tebow took a victory lap — but this time he did so after playing the fourth



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF senior wide receiver Louis Murphy (bottom) and other UF players celebrate after their 31-20 win in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game against Alabama in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Saturday.

quarter rather than standing on the sidelines waiting for 15 minutes.

"That was practically the hardest part of the day," Tebow said of the victory lap. "I was getting so tired."

So was Alabama's defense. The Gators came in as the team with speed, but they left with much more.

"The only reason they looked past our

toughness is because (of) our speed," Haden said. "Our speed outweighs our toughness, but that doesn't mean we're not tough. We can still be fast and tough at the same time. We're just as tough. We can still be pretty and tough at the same time."

Unfortunately for the Tide, they found that out the hard way.

"They say we weren't tough. They say we

weren't physical," said senior wide receiver Louis Murphy, who had a team-high 86 receiving yards. "Today, we out-toughed and out-physically played them."

While the critics will now stop talking about the Gators' lack of physicality, they'll just keep on yapping about the Gators' speed.

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Tebow's comeback fourth quarter fills gaping hole in resume

ATLANTA — The Southeastern Conference Championship was hyped as an old-school-versus-new-school clash, but in the end, there was only one major difference between No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 UF.

Without top playmaker Percy Harvin in the lineup, the Gators' electrifying brand of football disappeared. The Crimson Tide defense's closing speed made mis-

direction runs, sweeps and option plays largely ineffective.

But UF had a trump card: quarterback Tim Tebow.

"The Chosen One" delivered the performance coach Urban Meyer and UF fans expected when Tebow first shipped off to Gainesville three years ago, throwing for 216 yards and three touchdowns on 14-of-22 passing in the Gators' 31-20 win.

Alabama's John Parker Wilson



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fourth quarter, Wilson was sacked

didn't play poorly, tallying 187 yards on 12-of-25 passing, but his performance wasn't enough to balance out Tebow.

In the

twice (though one was called back), completed just one of his four passes and threw an interception on the Crimson Tide's final offensive play. Tebow led two 60-plus yard touchdown drives to give the Gators the lead and put the game away.

"When the score is 20-17, we didn't finish like we needed to, and they did," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "And (Tebow) made a lot of those plays."

The fourth quarter filled in a few holes on Tebow's resume as a starting quarterback, as he added an SEC title as well as a come-from-behind win, the absence of which has plagued him since high school.

At St. Augustine Nease High, Tebow's Panthers were on the losing end of close games more often than not, and it was much the same

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Receivers rise to challenge without injured Harvin

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ATLANTA — Somehow, UF has discovered even more offensive firepower.

On a day when the Gators needed to replace the irreplaceable, they did.

With star do-it-all junior Percy Harvin sidelined with a high right ankle sprain, then-No. 2 UF opened up its toy chest of playmakers and discovered a few new, shiny knickknacks in its 31-20 win Saturday afternoon in the Southeastern Conference Championship.

Juniors David Nelson, Riley Cooper and Carl Moore each caught one of Tim Tebow's three total touchdowns.

"We can't replace Percy," Cooper said. "That's obvious."

The Gators did their best to make that a vague concept against the Crimson Tide.

And it wasn't just the fact that they caught the touchdowns, it was when they did it.

Cooper caught what ended up being the game-clinching score with 2:50 left on third-and-goal from the 5.

That catch made the game 31-20 and officially put it out of reach for Alabama's run-oriented offense.

Moore's catch that gave the Gators the momentum at the beginning of the game, and

Nelson's grab put Florida up at halftime.

"I basically told (the team), this is it," said Harvin, who addressed the team before the game. "Don't come back in the locker room if you ain't leave it all out on the field or you'll have to face me and look me in the eye and tell me you hadn't given everything."

Just a few weeks ago, it was hard for even Nelson himself to see this coming. Nelson has been known as a blocking receiver, but the past few weeks he showed he can do more.

"I didn't come in a superstar. I didn't come in a starter," Nelson said. "I just stepped in for Percy. It's an unbelievable feeling."

With the way Nelson has been playing, it's a feeling that may continue.

The trio of Moore, Cooper and Nelson were quiet early — and some even expected Moore, one of the top-rated junior college players in the country last year, to start — but those three are starting to find a groove.

"Now playing, actually doing something, it's special," Nelson said.

Making plays can take its toll on you, though.

"I was so out of breath celebrating, I sort of had to push everybody away," Cooper said.

Maybe he should gasp for air more often.



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UF wide receiver David Nelson runs after a reception in the Gators' 31-20 win against Alabama in the 2008 SEC Championship Game in the Georgia Dome on Saturday.

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story for the last two seasons at UF.

In losses to Auburn and LSU in 2007, Tebow had late chances to lead the Gators to victory, and another shot at last-minute heroics fell short in September against Mississippi.

But Tebow wasn't to be denied in the biggest game of his career, turning in a clutch performance.

All three of his touchdown tosses came on third downs, and he converted on all three of his third-down rushing attempts. And when the Gators faced adversity in the fourth quarter for the first time in more than two months, Tebow went to work, completing all five of his passes for 72 yards.

He put the nail in the Crimson Tide's coffin with a 5-yard scoring strike to roommate Riley Cooper with 2:50 remaining.

"That fourth quarter was vintage Tim Tebow," coach Urban Meyer said.

In two of the game's key moments,

Tebow drew enough attention from the defense to open up lanes for others. When defenders ran to him on a third-and-5, he flipped a shovel pass to tight end Aaron Hernandez for a 6-yard gain.

Two plays later, Tebow drew the same attention on a run to his left, and when he pitched to running back Jeff Demps, there was nobody left to keep the speedster from the end zone.

That score was UF's first of the second half, putting the Gators ahead 24-20. When they got the ball back a few minutes later with their lead intact, words weren't necessary.

"He doesn't have to say anything," receiver David Nelson said. "He has this quiet confidence and this aura about him where you know that he's going to lead you to victory. When he steps in that huddle, everybody respects him and trusts him, so when he looks you in the eye, you know it's time to go to work."

Now Tebow will have a chance to round out his legacy in the BCS Championship Game, and there's no reason to think he won't be the difference in that contest as well.

UF gives up just 4.1 yards per rush

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With the emergence of other receivers such as Riley Cooper and David Nelson, the potential return of Percy Harvin in the title game is going to make Oklahoma quiver while watching tape.

"We didn't want to come out here today and risk anything serious," Harvin said. "So I'll be ready for the National Championship Game."

When offensive linemen Carl Johnson and Marcus Gilbert chest-bumped each other, you could almost see the Gators' past opponents squashed in the middle.

Now nobody is standing between them and a trip to the national championship.

"If we don't prepare the right way and we make mistakes and we play without our energy and our passion, they can beat us then," middle linebacker Brandon Spikes said. "If we come out and hitting all our keys and playing with a lot of passion, they can't beat us."

That's something Alabama coach Nick Saban found out the hard way. The Crimson Tide ran the ball well, totaling 136 yards on the ground, but UF's depleted de-

fensive line rarely had a total breakdown. UF gave up just 4.1 yards per rush.

When you're going against UF's offense, however, you have to run the ball better than that to control the clock and keep the ball out of the Gators' hands.

"Man, we had them covered about as well as you can cover them," said Saban, referring to UF's fourth-quarter drives. "That ball is in a small space that they made good catches on."

Now the Gators are one game away from their second national title in three years.

"They got one more game to go," said former UF quarterback Chris Leak, who was the starting signal-caller on the 2006 title team.

For Meyer, who was hired four years ago, this is just another chapter in what's becoming a novel of achievements.

"This will go down as one of the great wins in Florida football history," Meyer said.

Just wait until January. Meyer might have to say those words again.



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UF advances to Round of 16 after weekend sweeps

■ THE GATORS WILL FACE NO. 2 STANFORD ON FRIDAY.

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For weeks, UF coach Mary Wise has paid lip service to the remarkable improvement of her team during the last three months, but now she has something tangible to measure it by.

On Sept. 13, Colorado State sent UF home from its two-game road trip on the wrong end of a sweep. It was the first time out of Florida for the Gators' six true freshmen, and UF looked like a team depending on a large contingent of first-year talent.

Saturday night, the Gators (27-3) got a chance to prove how far they have come when they squared off with the Rams (23-7) in

the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

UF returned the favor, sweeping (25-21, 25-17, 25-23) Colorado State in the O'Connell Center in front of a modest crowd of fans that wasn't busy celebrating the UF football team's win in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game. The Gators also swept Florida A&M in the opening round.

UF advances to regional play, which is held in Fort Collins, Colo., for the 17th time in Wise's 18 years as coach.

The No. 11 Gators will take on No. 2 Stanford on Friday in the regional semifinals and will take on No. 6 Hawaii or No. 10 Purdue if they advance.

"They're a young team, but I think they played with a great deal more maturity tonight than they did when they were at our place," Colorado State coach Tom Hilbert said.

The biggest surprise of the night wasn't that UF found a way to top Colorado State, it

was the way the Gators defeated the Rams.

UF out-blocked Colorado State nine to five after being out-blocked in the first meeting 12 to two.

"I don't know which stat is more surprising, the fact that we had nine blocks or the fact that they had only five," Wise said. "Both are pretty amazing."

In addition to the dominance at the net, the Gators sided out extremely well and didn't allow the Rams to run points in the serve game.

Colorado State aided UF's sideout success by recording 12 service errors and just two aces. By comparison, the Gators committed only three errors against four aces.

As they have all season, UF's freshman class had a huge impact on the outcome.

Setter Kelly Murphy and outside hitter

Colleen Ward showed just how far they have come as a unit.

"I know we always talk about having a young team, because we are a young team, but I don't even think of them as freshmen anymore," senior middle blocker Kelsey Bowers said. "They're so mature now, and it's great playing with them, they're right on pace with everyone else."

Ward logged seven kills on a team-high .429 hitting percentage and added six digs on defense.

"We tried to pick on her a little bit, and it didn't work out very well," Hilbert said.

Murphy put down eight kills on a .353 hitting percentage, dished out 13 assists and dug out five balls in her usual well-rounded performance.

"That's the best recruiting class in the United States," Hilbert said. "We know all those players. We did not underestimate Florida. We know they're good."



Ward

SWAMP STUDS: Game 13

Following each game, the alligatorSports staff will vote on the top three UF football performances of the week. The No. 1 player will receive three points, the No. 2 player will earn two points and the No. 3 player will get one point. At the end of the year, the player who earned the most combined points will be given the title of alligatorSports Player of the Year.

1



Tim Tebow
QB, Jr.

With that performance against the No. 1 team in the country, Tebow might have convinced some voters to give him the Heisman. All three of his touchdowns came on third downs inside the 10-yard line, and he also had three third-down runs and one third-down pass that earned his team first downs. In his first ever comeback win after entering the fourth quarter behind, Tebow helped send UF to Miami for the BCS National Championship Game.

14-22 passing, 216 yds, 3 TDs, 17 rushes, 57 yds

2



Jermaine Cunningham
DE, Jr.

In a game where the Gators' defensive tackle roster was down to just four players, Cunningham made up for it by putting the pressure on Alabama quarterback John Parker Wilson from the outside. Cunningham got the game's only sack on Wilson late in the fourth quarter, effectively ending any chance of a Crimson Tide comeback. He would have tallied another if the Gators weren't flagged on one play in the fourth quarter, and he rushed Wilson into throwing a game-ending interception to Joe Haden.

5 tackles, 1 sack

3



Riley Cooper
WR, Jr.

With Percy Harvin not in the mix, the Gators' other wide receivers and running backs needed to step up to conquer the Tide. Cooper did just that. With a huge 51-yard reception down the right sideline that led to a field goal for the Gators and a key touchdown catch on third-and-goal to put the Gators up 11, Cooper made his impact.

2 recs, 56 yds, 1 TD

Season Standings:

Tim Tebow, 14	A. Hernandez, 2
B. Spikes, 12	Carlos Dunlap, 2
Percy Harvin, 12	B. Hicks, 2
B. James, 8	J. Jenkins, 1
Jeff Demps, 6	Louis Murphy, 1
Chris Rainey, 3	J. Haden, 1
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J. Cunningham, 3	Riley Cooper, 1

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UF FOOTBALL

Defense steps up in fourth quarter to stop Alabama

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ATLANTA — Joe Haden thought his ankle was ruined.

UF's cornerback was squirming in pain midway through the second quarter on the Georgia Dome turf, teammates crowding around him to see if he was OK.

No. 1 UF's entire defense was hurting at that point in the game, as then-No. 1 Alabama was racking up rushing yards at will behind running back Glen Coffee.

But Haden got back up. He tested his ankle on the sideline, ran a few sprints and when the trainers asked if he could continue, he answered definitively.

"I was like, 'Yeah, I can go,'" Haden said. "I didn't know if I was gonna get out of this (without) my ankle having to get cut off."

Nothing that dramatic had to happen. Haden recovered in time to break up a pass and make a tackle on Alabama's next drive.

"I was going to get hurt even worse if I was thinking about it," Haden said. "I just had to go out there and just act like I was healthy."

The UF defense recovered, too, in time to stonewall Alabama's running backs.

Coffee, who had dominated up the middle and collected 110

yards in the first three quarters, finished the game with 112 and couldn't add to Alabama's final tally of 20 points.

"Twenty points against that outfit?" coach Urban Meyer said. "We'll take that and go."

And even when the Crimson Tide passing game tried to get things going late, the Gators' decimated defensive line — down to just four healthy tackles — had an answer.

Alabama quarterback John Parker Wilson completed just a single pass for 10 yards in the game's final frame, and the Tide ran just seven plays.

Defensive end Carlos Dunlap laughed when he recalled how crazy he made Wilson in the final minutes.

"I knew I had to get back and get in his face, otherwise he would make the plays," Dunlap said.

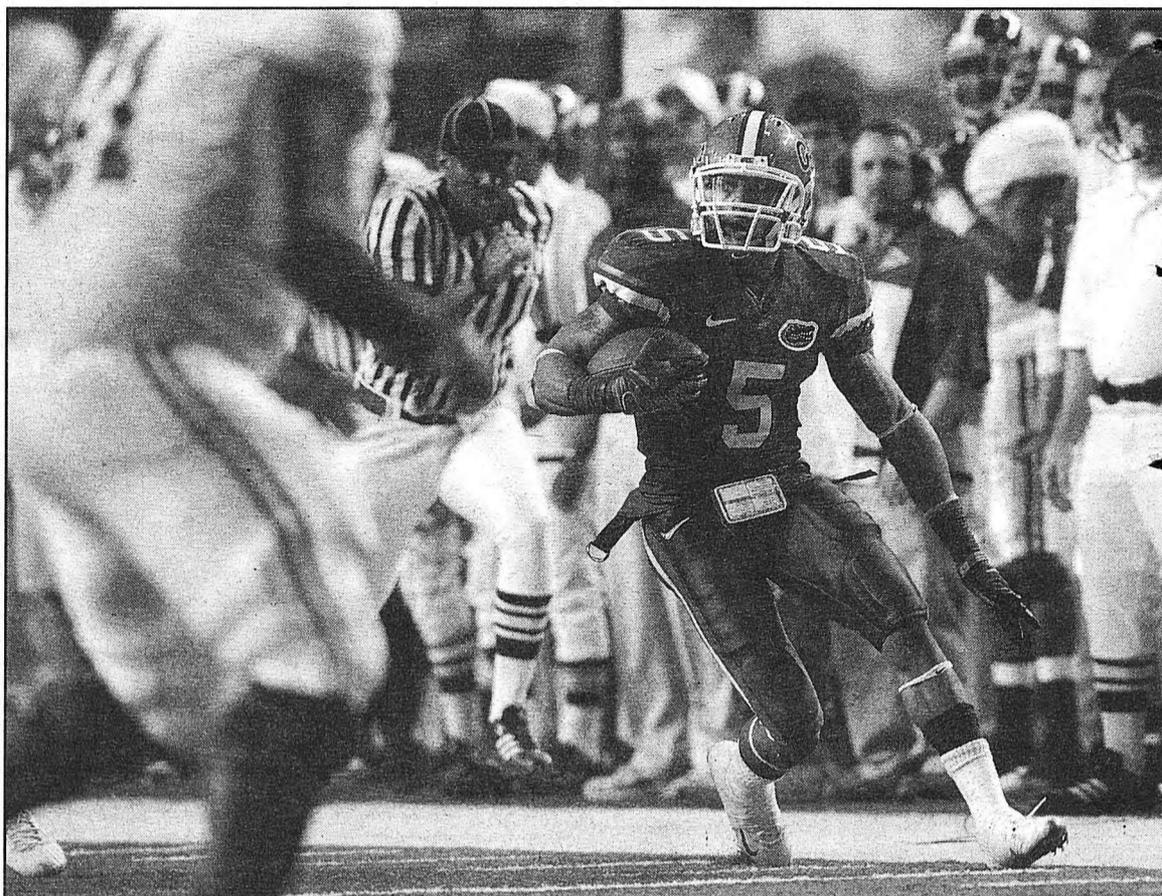
"I figured I had to make the play first."

Defensive tackle Brandon Antwine, who tore his ACL against FSU on Nov. 29, was standing on the sidelines with "SEC 2008" shaved into his head.

After the game, he leaned on crutches, rolling down his face.

"It's family effort," Antwine said. "I wouldn't say team effort. We're a family, man."

In Alabama's final drive, UF defensive end Jermaine



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UF sophomore cornerback Joe Haden runs after intercepting a pass from Alabama quarterback John Parker Wilson in the fourth quarter of the Gators' 31-20 win against the Crimson Tide.

Cunningham put pressure on Wilson, causing him to heave up a desperation pass.

throw? Haden and his seemingly fine ankle.

"That's just how he's been preparing all year," Dunlap said.

"He's been practicing all summer and getting everything ready and being one of the best lockdown corners in the nation."

UF pays back N.C. State

■ THE GATORS HAVE WON THEIR LAST EIGHT GAMES.

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For a team looking to avenge its season-ending blowout loss at North Carolina State last season, UF was led by seniors and sparked by newcomers to help it seek revenge Sunday.

UF (8-1) returned to Raleigh, N.C., more than eight months after an 80-55 pounding, and led wire-to-wire in a 66-61 victory, thanks to the help of seniors Marshae Dotson and Sha Brooks.

After Dotson struggled against the Wolfpack in March, scoring just 6 points, she added 13 points and nine rebounds this time around, including a key shot late in the game.

"My hat goes off to Marshae because she was 6 of 9 tonight, and I feel like she's just getting her head beat in every time that she is in the paint," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "She gets no calls. It's kind of like Shaquille O'Neal. It seems like she gets fouled on every play, and she still keeps battling, has done a great job of maintaining her composure, despite all that contact."

Meanwhile, Brooks, starting her 100th consecutive game, single-handedly iced the game from the free-

throw line, tallying 9 of her 15 points from the charity stripe.

Junior transfer guard Steffi Sorensen and freshman guard Trumae Lucas provided the spark the Gators needed in the second half, hitting big shots at the right time to help extend UF's lead late in the game.

When North Carolina State seemed to be recapturing momentum nearing the five-minute mark, Sorensen nailed a three to put the Gators up 57-46 and cease any hope the Wolfpack had left.

"That's players making plays," Butler said of Dotson's and Sorensen's clutch shots. "That's not coaches drawing up plays or anything like that."

Lucas, who had friends and family from her hometown of Greensboro, N.C., in attendance, had her biggest game to date, adding 9 points.

UF has now won eight in a row, including five away from home.

"It's going to be important for us to maintain our intensity," Butler said. "When you win a few ballgames in a row, you maybe start thinking about how good you are. So it's going to be important for us to keep pushing and being demanding."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.



Dotson

Gators lose to 'Noles again

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TALLAHASSEE — On a night when the Seminoles student section taunted Nick Calathes with poker chips and gambling references, the last card fell in favor of FSU.

With the Gators down by 2 and the clock slipping under five seconds, Dan Werner took a cross-court pass from Calathes and put up a prayer.

But Lady Luck was still in Atlanta. Werner sent the ball off the front iron, and as it fell to the floor, garnet and gold confetti floated alongside it.

"It felt good," Werner said of his shot. "I thought it was in."

The Seminoles (8-1) ran their winning streak against rival UF (6-2) to three in a row Sunday night with a 57-55 win in Tallahassee.

After trailing 39-30 with just less than 13 minutes left in the second half, the Gators rallied back to tie the game at 42 inside of eight minutes.

Calathes, who was investigated several weeks ago for running up a significant debt playing online poker, sparked the run with a step-back three and closed the gap with an alley-oop to Alex Tyus.

The two sides would go on to trade baskets down the stretch until FSU's Ryan Reid drilled a turn-around jump shot in the face of Werner (10 points) with 33 seconds

left to put the Seminoles up 54-51.

"Just because they beat us two times in a row didn't mean they were going to beat us again," Werner said. "It was a different year and a different team. But they did. Do they have our number? I don't know."

The Gators struggled to contain the towering Seminoles frontcourt. Reid (13 points) and 7-foot-1 center Solomon Alabi (11 points) outmuscled Werner and Tyus for most of the night.

In the face of constant antagonism from the rowdy FSU crowd, Calathes nearly willed UF to victory.

The sophomore scored 16 points and dished out six assists amid chants of "Full Tilt Poker.com" and "You owe me 600 bucks."

"I thought we got the shots that we wanted. We just didn't knock them down," Calathes said. "I'd trust Dan to take that shot any day."

Donovan chose to play freshman Ray Shipman and not senior Walter Hodge in the game's waning minutes.

While Hodge, who hit a game winning 3-point shot against Washington earlier this season, watched from the bench, Shipman (6 points) scrapped his way to several critical rebounds in the final seconds.

"At the time, I thought we needed a little more size," Donovan said. "Ray gave us some really good minutes."



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