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Gators get win but fail to meet expectations

By **MIKE MCCALL**
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Beating Tennessee never felt so disappointing.

In a rivalry that goes a long way toward deciding the Southeastern Conference East, both teams are content to take a win any way they can get it, but No. 1 Florida didn't deliver the smackdown that was expected in its 23-13 win against the Volunteers.

"By the players' attitudes going into the locker room (they were disappointed)," linebacker Ryan Stamper said. "We won by 10 points against Tennessee, and Tennessee has a good team."

"We're used to beating teams by 50 points, but I thought today was a really well-fought match. We haven't had one of those around here in a long time, but I think the hype is a little too much."

Odds makers pegged the Gators as more than four touchdowns better than the Vols, but when the dust settled, the real difference between the two

teams was clear.

Florida had Tim Tebow, and even on one of the quarterback's worst outings, he was far better than his counterpart, UT's Jonathan Crompton.

Tebow was 14 of 19 for 115 yards and an interception — his second lowest yardage total as a starter — and he registered a 66.8 rating, easily the worst of his career as a starter.

This is the second straight year he struggled against the Volunteers. Last season, he completed only 8 of 15 passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns and added 26 rushing yards on 12 carries.

Tebow's nation-leading streak of 30 games with a touchdown pass came to an end, and his fourth-quarter fumble near the goal line caused a 14-point swing.

But Tebow made the plays the Gators needed.

He carried 24 times for 76 yards and a touchdown, con-



Football

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Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin (left) congratulates UF quarterback Tim Tebow after the Gators' 23-13 win against the Volunteers on Saturday in The Swamp. AP Photo

System to aid ailing

■ **UF SPENT ABOUT \$150K ON THE PROGRAM.**

By **LONI CHASE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students absent because of the swine flu may soon be able to watch lectures over chicken noodle soup.

In preparation for a possible major outbreak of the H1N1 virus, UF plans to equip nine auditoriums with Mediasite, a lecture capture system, by Oct. 1.

The system will allow UF in-

structors to record their lectures, including PowerPoint slides and material written on chalk boards, said Andy McCollough, UF's associate provost for information technology, e-Learning and distance education.

McCollough said about \$150,000 from UF's emergency reserve has been spent on the program's installation.

Once available, students will be able to watch lectures from their e-Learning accounts, McCollough said.

Software, software training and additional e-Learning and help desk

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ON CAMPUS

Scalpers scam 78 at game

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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You may have been disappointed with the score on Saturday, but at least you didn't blow hundreds of dollars on fake tickets.

Karen Tanski and her daughter Kayla, a second-year UF nursing student, weren't so lucky.

After shopping around for a pair of tickets Saturday afternoon, they thought they had found the deal they were looking for when a man on West University Avenue was willing to let them go for \$310. Others wanted \$200 to \$250 apiece.

But at the gate, their tickets didn't scan and they were turned over to University Police Department investigators, who told them they weren't the only ones who had been scammed.

A total of 78 fake tickets, some bought for \$500, were handed over to the department Satur-

day, though it's likely many other people chose not to file reports, UPD Lt. Robert Wagner said.

Wagner said Saturday's ticket problem was the biggest he's seen in the last 18 years.

"The positive spin on the whole thing is we saved somebody else from buying a fake."

Karen Tanski
 UF parent

Tanski and her daughter found out how prevalent the problem was when they insisted that officers follow them around to see if they could catch their crook in the act.

Though they didn't find the guy, they confronted another man selling similar tickets.

"I walk up to the man, and I say, 'How much

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■ Senior outside linebacker Ryan Stamper (right) moved inside when Brandon Spikes left the game due to injury. Stamper led UF in tackles, recorded a sack and forced a fumble. See Story, Page 17.



Plane with 4 aboard crashes in Fla. Everglades

MIAMI — Authorities say a plane with four people aboard has crashed in the Florida Everglades, with rescue teams finding no survivors.

A news release from the Broward County Sheriff's office says the small, twin-engine plane crashed near the Broward/Palm Beach County line northwest of Miami about 6 p.m. Sunday. The release says rescue teams used airboats to search the marshy waters.

Federal Aviation Administration spokes-

woman Arlene Salac says the plane left Gainesville, Fla., and was headed to an executive airport in Fort Lauderdale.

She says the pilot did radio that he was having problems with the Piper PA-32. It is registered to Bull Gator Air Inc., in Sea Ranch Lakes, Fla.

A spokesperson for the sheriff's department was not immediately available to give more details.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Asian American Student Union General Body Meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m.
New Physics Building,
Room 1002
An educational segment about Asian culture. There will be a discussion of upcoming events.

Graduate Christian Fellowship meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
CSE Building, Room 404
The fellowship invites graduate and professional school students to its first meeting of the year. Our speaker will be the Rev. Ron Kuykendall of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Visit the Facebook group GCF at UF for details.

Undergraduate Philosophy Society meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Griffin-Floyd Hall, Philosophy Library
Through lecture, Jon Tresan will explore how the four underived concerns (concern for the self, other individuals, groups and properties) affect and explain ethics. Snacks, sodas and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Contact President Andrew McCain at amccain@ufl.edu with questions.

An Introduction to Esperanto

Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Anderson Hall, Room 21
The Esperanto Club will provide an introductory Esperanto lesson.

FORECAST

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UF Relay For Life Early Bird meeting

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Little Hall, Room 121
The UF Relay For Life Committee will host an Early Bird sign-up. Email UFCollegesAgainstCancer@yahoo.com for more info.

Florida Alternative Breaks Student Panel Discussion

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
At this panel discussion, FAB students will share experiences they had abroad.

Learn to Row event

Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Newnan's Lake Boathouse, 7300 E University Ave.
The club, a local nonprofit organization, invites adult rowers to participate in this three-day workshop. Participants should expect individual attention and time rowing on the water.

Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to bkelly@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line and a one-to two-sentence event synopsis.

STATE

Elderly man holds drunken intruder at gunpoint

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a 91-year-old Lake Worth man was able to hold a drunken intruder at gunpoint until deputies arrived.

Robert E. Thompson jumped out of bed early Saturday when his dog started growling and attacking the intruder. He said he got his revolver and went out back to let the guy know how he felt about home invaders.

Thompson, a World War II veteran, said he didn't even notice he was standing outside in the dark without any clothes on.

Authorities arrived to find a drunken intruder being held outside by a naked homeowner.

The intruder was identified as 26-year-old Jose Pasqual. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on a burglary charge.

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Swamp brings back memories for ESPN reporter

■ BROWN GRADUATED FROM UF IN 2003 WITH A CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE.

By JARED MISNER
Alligator Writer

Jenn Brown has 17 unopened law school admission notices hidden in a box somewhere.

Now 28 and one of ESPN's rising correspondents, she's in no hurry to open the envelopes from Harvard, Yale and Stanford.

Brown, a 2003 UF criminology graduate, is now the only female correspondent for Showtime's "Inside the NFL," as well as a prominent personality for ESPN's "Road Trip," a

gig that brought her back to the Swamp Saturday after six years.

"It didn't hit me until I got off the exit at Archer," Brown said. "It was like, 'Wow, I'm back.' It's that surreal moment when it hits you. [It's] where you spend some of the best years of your life."

Although she said her four years in the heart of The Gator Nation were some of the best of her life, Brown said her return with ESPN reminds her of all the fun she missed in college by dedicating her time to academics and the varsity softball team.

She said her career in sports broadcasting was an accident. As a criminology student, she intended to go to law school after taking a year off to prepare for the LSAT.

During that time a friend asked her if she could fill in as a model for "Bikini Destinations," an HDNet show.



Brown

Soon, Brown was offered the opportunity to host segments on the show and left her law school dreams behind. She flew to Los Angeles two weeks later to host HDNet's "The Wild Side."

"Literally, I would wake up every day, and I couldn't believe people were paying me to travel around the world and do the most amazing things you could do in any country," she said.

An ESPN employee approached Brown

and said the network was looking for a new face and not "another 30-year-old white guy."

A self-proclaimed tomboy, Brown admits her job in sports takes her to new levels in a career usually reserved for men.

"I remember being on the playground as a little kid racing the boys. I was always the first picked for kickball," Brown said.

Brown said women have proven themselves, especially in sports broadcasting. She pointed to Erin Andrews, a fellow Gator and ESPN sports commentator, as a source of inspiration.

"I don't feel like I have to prove myself. I got the job. I got it for a reason," she said. "I do more lifestyle pieces. I love the ability to humanize the players that we don't get to see."

INTERNATIONAL Cubans flock to plaza for 'peace concert'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Hundreds of thousands of Cubans flocked to Revolution Plaza on Sunday for an open-air "peace concert" headlined by Colombian rocker Juanes, an event criticized by some Cuban-Americans who say the performers lended support to the island's communist government simply by showing up.

Miguel Bose, of Spain, one of the other singers in the 5 1/2-hour concert, announced the crowd size at 1.15 million — which would be one of every 10 Cubans. It was impossible to independently verify that number, but Juanes' visit to Cuba was the biggest by an outsider since Pope John Paul II's 1998 tour.

Hundreds of public buses ferried young and old to the concert site, and the government laid on even more transportation, hoping for a large turnout.

Most concertgoers wore white — to symbolize peace — and some held up signs reading "Peace on Earth" and "We Love You Juanes."

Puerto Rican singer Olga Tanon opened the concert with a loud shout-out to the crowd, packed under a broiling Havana sun.

"Together, we are going to make history," she said as the plaza erupted in cheers.

Juanes came on stage three hours into the show, gazing out at the multitudes in evident disbelief. "I can't believe what I am seeing with my own eyes," he said.

"We came to Cuba for love. We have overcome fear to be with you, and we hope that you too can overcome it," Juanes said. "All the young people in the region, from Miami in the United States and in all the cities ... should understand the importance of turning hate into love."

He repeated that theme after the concert ended.

"For me, to see more than a million people experiencing happiness, love and peace is incredibly powerful because what happens in politics is people become divided," Juanes told AP Television News. "With music we are all the same ... music is for everybody."

Before the show started, colorful umbrellas sprouted like flowers across the vast square as revelers shaded themselves from the unrelenting sun. Ambulances treated those felled by dehydration and other ailments, many before a single



AP Photo

People, one holding up a Cuban flag, cheer during the "Peace Without Borders" concert at Revolution Plaza in Havana on Sunday.

note was played.

"We are going to stay as long as we have the strength," said Cristina Rodriguez, a 43-year-old nurse accompanied by her teenage son, Felix. They and thousands of others arrived hours before the concert to get a good spot, ignoring government warnings not to turn up until noon.

"We've been here since three in the morning waiting for everyone,

waiting for Juanes and for Olga Tanon," said 18-year-old student Luisa Maria Canales. "I'm a little tired, but I am more excited."

That excitement did not extend to some across the Florida Straits, where Juanes had endured death threats, CD smashing protests and boycotts since announcing his plan for the "Peace Without Borders" concert in Havana.

Police in Key Biscayne, Fla., said they were keeping watch over the homes of both the rocker and his manager, Fernan Martinez Maecha.

Still, the criticism from Florida was far from universal. Spanish-language stations covered the event and several exile groups voiced support, describing it as a rare chance for Cubans to get a glimpse of the outside world.

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ON CAMPUS

Band plays to 1,700

By LYNETTE ZILIO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Sister Hazel received a warm welcome home Friday night at their sold-out performance at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

More than 1,700 fans attended, singing along and dancing in the aisles as the five-man Southern rock group took the stage.

Gainesville was one stop on the band's national tour to promote its newest album "Release."

Before the show, dressed in high top Converse Chuck Taylors, a faded green T-shirt and jeans, the band's lead guitarist, Ryan Newell, said that it was great to be back home.

The band was formed 15 years ago in Gainesville.

"The energy and the vibe that we have when we play in Gainesville is different than when we play anywhere else," Newell said.

Self-proclaimed "Hazelnuts" and UF alumni David and Leslie Ramshaw have seen the band perform about 10 times outside of Gainesville.

"But we're not groupies," joked David Ramshaw, who's been a fan for the

last 10 to 15 years.

"We have some shirts, all their CDs and Christmas ornaments," Leslie Ramshaw said. "Our kids also have shirts."

Before the band took the stage, Gainesville-based singer/songwriter Aslyn performed her opening act.

She received cheers from the crowd as she belted out and played songs on a grand piano.

Following her performance, cardboard replicas of each band member were lowered to the front of the stage. When the real band members came out from behind the cutouts, they were met with screams and clapping.

The cheering escalated into excited shrieks and whoops as the band began to play "Happy."

Stan Lynch, the drummer of fellow Gainesville band Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, made a guest appearance and played a few songs with Sister Hazel. Audience members stood and shouted "Go Gators" cheers.

After what appeared to be the last song, the audience gave the band a standing ovation, who left the stage before returning to play their first hit single, "All For You."



Emily Fuggetta / Alligator Staff

Gainesville rock band Sister Hazel, led by frontman Ken Block (second from right) performs at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts for a sold-out show Friday night.

Hispanic students talk sex, relationships at debate



Juliana Jimenez / Alligator Staff

Diego Recinos, president of the Hispanic Student Association, and Laura Alarcon, an HSA cabinet member, direct the debate panel during The Great Sex Debate at the Ustler Hall Atrium Friday night.

By ALISON SCHWARTZ

Alligator Writer

Megan MacNamara and Philip Nelson didn't need a clever pick-up line to capture the attention of UF students gathered in the Ustler Hall Atrium Friday.

MacNamara and Nelson, psychology interns at the UF Counseling Center, got personal.

"So let's talk about sex a little bit," MacNamara said to the audience of about 70. Nelson stood by her side, ready to hand out condoms and candy to students who spoke up during the presentation.

The Hispanic Student Association hosted The Great Sex Debate Friday night in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, encouraging students to partake in an open-forum discussion about romance, relationships and intimacy.

UF sophomore Laura Alarcon, who manages the UF HSA Web site, led the debate.

"I wanted it to be an educational experience," she said. "It was about the ugly truth and the stereotypes prevalent in the Span-

ish community."

MacNamara and Nelson led the discussion, asking questions about dating habits and sexual intimacy.

MacNamara traced the debate back to the Hispanic community and interracial dating.

"A lot of times there's a culture clash," she said. "Sometimes it's a good educational experience to get familiar with other partners."

MacNamara asked if any attendees were ever pregnant or had Hispanic friends who were pregnant. About half raised their hands.

Alex Laguerra-Sierra, UF junior and the event's internal programming director, said it delivered an important message to the Hispanic community.

"Our community as a whole is often viewed as highly sexual," Laguerra-Sierra said. "Events like this allow us to show that we don't cater to that stereotype."

Hispanic Heritage Month continues until Oct. 15. For more information visit www.ufhsm.com.

5 children, woman found dead in Gulf Coast apartment

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAPLES, Fla. — The husband of a woman found dead in a Florida apartment along with her five young children boarded a flight for Haiti, and police said Sunday the couple had a history of domestic violence calls to their homes over the past decade.

Mesac Damas, 33, who has family in Haiti, left Miami International Airport on Friday, said Collier County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Michelle Batten. Sheriff's officials said they want to talk to Damas, who is a person of interest. They were not calling him a suspect.

The victims found Saturday were Guerline Damas, 32, and her children: Michzach, 9; Marven, 6; Maven, 5; Megan, 3; and 11-month-

old Morgan. Batten would not say how they died.

Family members contacted authorities Friday saying they hadn't heard from the mother. A deputy went to the home and knocked on the front door, but got no answer, said Capt. Chris Roberts of the sheriff's special investigations division. He did not look through any of the apartment's windows.

"With the information the deputy had, I think what he did was reasonable," Roberts said.

A missing person report was filed Saturday, and the sheriff's office later entered the home in a gated community in Naples in southwest Florida and found the bodies, Batten said.

"In no uncertain terms, this is the most hor-

rific and violent event this community has ever experienced," Sheriff Kevin Rambosk said.

Roberts said the couple had been married two years but together for about 10. Police had been called a handful of times to their homes since 2000 for domestic disturbances, he said.

On Thursday night, Damas left Miller's Ale House where he worked as a cook. Investigators found his car at the airport and searched it for evidence.

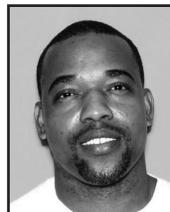
Roberts said the children attended school on Thursday but were absent Friday. Their

mother works at a local Publix and did not show up on Friday either.

The man's father, Jean Damas Sr., told the Naples Daily News that his son had called his brother from Haiti. Roberts said local investigators were working with U.S. agencies that can assist them in Haiti. Any extradition would take time, Roberts said.

Damas Sr. also said his son and his wife have had domestic problems. A phone message left Sunday by the Associated Press for Damas Sr. was not immediately returned.

Collier County court records show Mesac Damas has prior charges for domestic violence against his wife. Roberts said that in January, Damas pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor battery charge against his wife.



Damas

Animal Activists of Alachua protests sold-out circus

■ NINE GROUP MEMBERS RALLIED, HELD SIGNS.

By **ROBERT HARRINGER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The line of patrons curved around the building, and families were turned away from a sold-out circus at the Alachua County Fairgrounds Friday night. However, a few unexpected guests were fine with standing on the street.

The Animal Activists of Alachua, a UF student group, greeted circus patrons with signs that read, "Does abuse equal entertainment?" and "Boycott the circus."

The group, whose Web site says the goal is to "build an organization that would serve as a voice for non-human animals long after its founders had graduated," hopes to see the end of animals in circuses.

"All circuses that have animals tend to abuse them," said Alyssa Cohen, a junior biology major, and president of the activist group.

"This one in particular has been cited by the U.S.D.A. for failure to provide veterinary care and failure to provide shelter during extreme heat," she added.

The Circus Pages, which is based out of Myakka, Fla., sold out its only show in Gainesville. The circus includes lions, tigers, elephants and several other animals in its act.

James Earhart, the circus ringmaster, said the circus has been written up several times for non-compliance issues by the Department of

Agriculture, which regulates circus animals.

Earhart said most of the issues were with veterinary records, and

once the circus was written up for failure to properly shade a lion.

"We were written up because a lion had the sun in his eyes," he

said. "We treat our animals excellent because they're a huge investment. Each elephant cost 300 grand, and a white lion can cost 25 to 50 grand," he said.

But according to a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals flier, the Circus Pages has been cited several times by the Department of Agriculture for mistreating animals.

One citation was for keeping the circus's elephant, Bombi, from lying down in its travel trailer because of a neck chain that forced it to stand.

In 2007, the circus was cited for failing to provide adequate veterinary care as a result of declawing two young tigers, which is not allowed unless done for medical reasons.

The Animal Activists of Alachua had nine members show up to protest on Northeast 39th Avenue in front of the fairgrounds.

A few passing cars honked in support, and one driver screamed "animal rights!" out his window. But the activists' signs didn't keep anyone from entering the circus, according to Cohen.

"None of the cars turned away, but I think we got some people — especially kids — to think twice next time," she said.

But Earhart doesn't think animal-free circuses are a realistic goal.

"It's not a circus without animals — it's only a show," he said.



Robert Harringer / Alligator

Animal Activists of Alachua protestors hold up signs outside of the Circus Pages Friday night at the Alachua County Fairgrounds.

Obama has tough task in renewing talks in Mideast

Israeli prime minister, Palestinian president will meet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Barack Obama will try to get Mideast peacemaking back on track this week in a meeting with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, hoping the weight of the U.S. presidency can resolve a showdown over Israeli settlement construction and get the sides talking again after months of deadlock.

For Obama, it's high-stakes diplomacy that relies on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as key to cracking other world

problems. He'll be bringing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas together in New York on Tuesday for their first encounter since Netanyahu took office in March.

The Israelis and Palestinians have dug in deep to positions that have eluded compromise. Deep divisions among the Palestinians further complicate the process. And it's far from clear whether there is enough common ground between Netanyahu and Abbas.

The Palestinians hope to build a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Je-

rusalem as its capital. Israel captured those territories in 1967. Israel pulled out of Gaza in 2005, but Netanyahu hasn't indicated that he is ready to compromise in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

International News

After the meeting was announced Saturday, Netanyahu's office said he "warmly accepts" the invitation. A senior Israeli official said the meetings were meant to lay the groundwork for negotiations but would not constitute a relaunch of talks.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to articulate government policy on the record. Palestinian officials were traveling to New York on Sunday and could not be reached for comment.

An administration official has said there would be no announcement after the meeting, and it's not clear what progress it might achieve toward renewing talks.

Abbas and his moderate Palestinian Authority are handling talks on the Palestinian side. The Islamic militant Hamas group that overran Gaza in 2007 is not a party to the negotiation process.

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Trash Talk

Online lectures could have unintended results

With the first round of exams approaching, UF may find itself with a pile of unexpected consequences. We aren't talking about "The Butterfly Effect," in which Ashton Kutcher's minuscule actions transform him from frat boy to prisoner to amputee in his future. We are talking about a case where the best intentions could produce unintended outcomes.

To combat a possible H1N1 pandemic, UF plans to equip nine auditoriums with a lecture recording system called Mediasite so that students who contract swine flu can keep up with class without infecting their peers. Additionally, all written class materials must be posted on e-Learning, and students are not required to provide doctors' notes if they miss classes or tests due to illness.

UF's goal may be to prevent a massive campus swine flu outbreak, but these new policies could encourage students without the illness to stay home.

Like welfare, this system can be abused. However, just because there are loopholes that make the system subject to abuse, that doesn't mean the system should be nixed. Instead, it should be tweaked to allow sick students to stay home but also require accountability from students to prevent it from unnecessary use.

Having lectures online could be a good thing. A dutiful student could watch and re-watch lectures, making his or her professors sound like Darth Vader and Alvin from "Club Chipmunk: The Dance Mixes" for maximum entertainment value.

This is the best-case scenario.

On the other side of the spectrum, an already struggling student could decide that a hangover, pure laziness or a beckoning call for a \$5 milkshake at Cheeburger Cheeburger are valid reasons to miss lecture. Why go to class if you can watch it from the comfort of your home?

Likewise, not requiring a doctor's note for sick students who miss class or exams is bound to be abused. No one wants the girl from "The Exorcist" hacking bile all over their Scantrons, but if someone really had swine flu, they could get a doctor's note.

However, these possible consequences are not as extreme as the ones Egypt is facing due to its government's reaction to swine flu.

To prevent a major epidemic, the Egyptian government called for the slaughter of the country's 300,000 pigs. Despite the fact that international agencies quickly pointed out that pigs weren't the problem, Egypt acted.

Now the country finds itself in a huge mess.

Because Egypt's trash collectors rely on pigs to dispose of organic garbage, trash is piling up in the streets. Rotting garbage and discarded food are sprawled all over towns and neighborhoods.

UF's preventative measures are not nearly as extreme, nor are they as misguided. They are, however, somewhat unnecessary and very abusible.

Professors should require doctors' notes from students who miss class, and students shouldn't be able to access online lectures without prior permission and a valid reason.

UF was right to respond to a possible threat. But the hastily crafted solution needs work.

If the system isn't reworked to provide more accountability from students, UF professors could find themselves with an unexpected mess to clean up come exam time.

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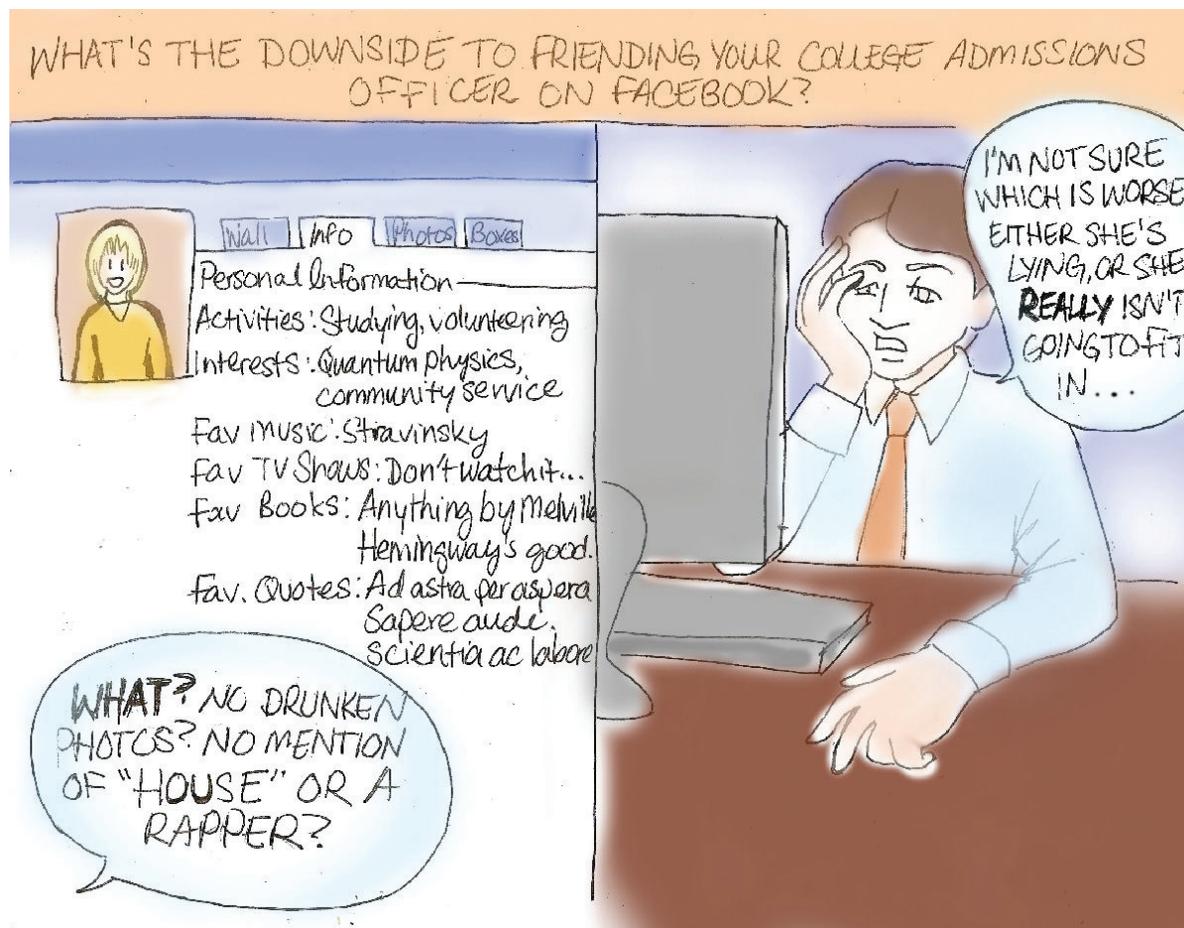
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Column

Probe should focus on policymakers

The intelligence community hasn't exactly felt the love in the past few years.

First, infighting among intelligence agencies helped contribute to the successful Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, as The 9/11 Commission Report happily pointed out. Then, there was the whole faux pas about Iraq and weapons of mass destruction, and that the war would be a "slam dunk!" as former CIA director George Tenet supposedly exclaimed to President George W. Bush in early 2003.

And now, Attorney General Eric Holder's appointment of a prosecutor focusing on detainee torture and abuse by CIA agents only serves as the latest wound to the intelligence community's fragile ego.

As a people who espouse a world view incorporating our benevolent morality and virtue, the CIA and its brethren have often perfected the art of overthrowing dictators, or, in many historical cases, installing pro-American military dictatorships in countries most of us have never heard of. Essentially, they've done the dirty work in the dark so our conscience could remain light.

There is no question that the intelligence community serves a vital role in national security and promoting U.S. interests abroad. Besides providing the foundation for countless action movies, Americans owe a huge debt to the hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens in the intelligence community that defends our interests here and abroad each day.

This is why Holder's decision this past week to criminally investigate CIA interrogators is so galling. The surely resulting macabre atmosphere in the intelligence community will do little to improve the quality of intelligence collected and will only make skittish those responsible for protecting America.

That was also the collective response from seven past directors of the CIA in a letter sent to President Barack Obama last week pleading him to back Holder off from



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the proverbial fence. The former directors, including Porter Goss, Tenet and William Webster, warned that "Attorney General Holder's decision to reopen the criminal investigation creates an atmosphere of continuous jeopardy for those whose cases the Department of Justice had previously declined to prosecute."

The precedent set by Holder's decision to reopen a criminal investigation after it was closed, simply because a new administration has come into town, is reason enough for seven former intelligence directors to pen a letter to the president. But what should infuriate the former directors and anyone else is around whom the investigation is centered.

Holder's decision not to expand his probe to the upper echelons of the last Bush administration and former Department of Justice lawyers, and instead focus on the officers who followed orders, a la Abu Ghraib, is what flies smack in the face of true justice.

Sure, waterboarding, mock executions and threatening to sexually assault detainees' family members — all breaches of conduct found by the 2004 CIA Inspector General Report on Torture — are abhorrent. But what's more appalling is the attorney general's investigation of the interrogators themselves, instead of the policymakers who approved of such atrocious breaches of our national character and the Department of Justice lawyers who mangled the law to allow these breaches, as many now believe to have happened in the previous administration.

Investigating those who performed the abuses is certainly justice, but failing to investigate those who possibly authorized the abuses is anything but justice.

Matthew Christ is a political science sophomore. His column appears on Mondays.

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Reader response

Today's question: If lectures were available online, would you miss more class?

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Local restaurants team up in dine out

By **BROOKE KELLY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Share Our Strength, a national organization working to end childhood hunger in the U.S. by 2015, is hosting its second annual Great American Dine Out this week.

Participating restaurants choose how they want to contribute to the cause, from donating a percentage of sales to creating special dinner promotions, said Cate Puzo, a spokeswoman for Share Our Strength, in a statement to Nation's Restaurant News.

The proceeds from Captain D's, located on Southwest Archer Road, The Melting Pot of Ocala and two McAlister's Deli restau-

rants, located at Southwest 35th Boulevard and Northwest 60th Street, will go toward children's hunger relief by supporting food pantries and other organizations that provide meals to at-risk children and their families.

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"We enjoy helping with events like these," said Tiffany Flores, manager of one of the participating McAlister's Delis.

Last year, the organization raised more than \$500,000 from about 4,000 participating restaurants.

For more information on the Great American Dine Out, visit www.GreatAmericanDineOut.org.

LOCAL

UF celebrates day of peace

By **JARED MISNER**
Alligator Writer

Amy Panikowski was 22 and in Malawi on a Peace Corps mission on Sept. 11, 2001.

Her Malawian landlord told her the news as it trickled into the small East African country — New York was gone — blown off the map.

Today on International Day of Peace, just after the world commemorated the eighth anniversary of that "new day of infamy," Panikowski, a UF Peace Corps recruiter, is unsure whether America has made much peaceful progress since then.

"I'd like to be an optimist and hope that world peace will happen one day," Panikowski said. "It's a slow process, but I don't think it's something we can't do."

In an effort to meet the goal of Panikowski and others with peace in mind, International Day of Peace, a U.N.-established holiday, was designed to end global conflict and promote a greater sense of world peace celebrated every Sept. 21.

Mercedes Machado, director of multicultural affairs at UF, started UF's first peace day celebration this year in hopes that it will continue in the future and contribute to the worldwide peace effort.

"Hopefully this is an event where a whole different group of people can come together," she

said of the kickoff celebration Sunday night, which included a performance from UF a cappella choir No Southern Accent, a poetry reading from local poet Marcee Winthrop and a closing vigil where a moment of silence was observed.

Winthrop, the self-described "Poverty Cinderella," read from her self-published collection of poems and commentary, "Poverty Revolution."

"Education doesn't stop when you leave this university."

Amy Panikowski
UF Peace Corps Recruiter

While both Panikowski and Machado mentioned domestic struggles, including women's suffrage, the civil rights movement and the gay rights movement, as signs of peaceful improvements, both remain optimistic about the future of peace.

Winthrop pointed to a lack of understanding as the biggest threat to world peace.

"I think this next generation is going to get sick and tired of being sick and tired," Winthrop said.

Panikowski offered a suggestion to students. "Try to learn as much as you can," she said. "Education doesn't stop when you leave this university."

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FBI makes arrest in terror plot

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DENVER — Investigators said they found notes describing how to make bombs in the handwriting of an airport shuttle driver arrested as part of a terrorism investigation. They also discovered his fingerprints on materials — batteries and a scale — that could be used in explosives.

The emerging details show that Najibullah Zazi, who has admitted receiving weapons training from al-Qaida, played a direct role in an alleged terror plot, authorities said in court documents released Sunday.

Zazi, 24, has publicly denied being involved in a terror plot. Zazi, his father, and an imam in New York City were arrested late Saturday on charges of making a false statement to the government, though legal experts say more charges could be coming.

Zazi's defense team denied reports that Zazi considered a plea deal related to terror charges, and Zazi's attorney, Arthur Folsom, dismissed as "rumor" any notion that Zazi played a crucial role. Zazi's defense team did not



Zazi

respond to repeated attempts to reach them Sunday.

Federal officials in Denver declined to comment.

Zazi told FBI agents that he received instructions from al-Qaida operatives on subjects such as weapons and explosives. Court documents filed in Denver say Zazi was speaking with agents under an agreement where he might avoid prosecution.

He got the training in the fed-

erally administered tribal areas of Pakistan, the documents say.

The FBI found images of nine handwritten pages of notes on a laptop containing formulas and instructions for making bombs, detonators and a fuse.

Zazi told the FBI that he must have unintentionally downloaded the notes as part of a religious book he downloaded in August. Zazi said he "immediately deleted the religious book within days of downloading it after realizing that its contents discussed jihad."

However, an arrest affidavit says the handwriting on the notes appeared to be Zazi's. The affidavit doesn't mention that they were part of a book, but that they were e-mailed as an attachment between accounts believed to be owned by Zazi in December, including an account that originated in Pakistan.

About 150 with symptoms visited infirmary last week

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support were also included in the installation, he said.

In the past week, the UF Student Health Care Center has seen about 150 students with influenza or influenza-like illnesses, said Dr. Phillip Barkley, director of the UF Student Health Care Center.

"That is probably only a fraction of the total number of people who really have had symptoms," Barkley said. "I suspect there are a lot of people who are dealing with this at home and doing well with it."

Students experiencing flu-like symptoms are encouraged to stay at home, take Tylenol for the fever, stay hydrated and wait 24 hours after the symptoms have resolved before returning to school, Barkley said.

UF instructors have been asked to be lenient with attendance policies and encourage stu-

dents to stay home by providing all written class material on the e-Learning Web site.

Once the possibility of a swine flu epidemic has passed, instructors using the auditoriums with Mediasite will be given the option to record lectures, McCollough said.

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He said students will now be able to have an inventory of their lectures, which will come in handy.

"If I could, I'd re-watch my lectures a second or third time to catch anything I may have missed," said Todd Lanier, a UF senior. "Too bad this wasn't available during my freshman year."

Mediasite will be installed in Weimer, Turlington, Pugh and Norman halls as well as the New Physics Building, McCarty, Computer Science Engineering, Chemistry Laboratory Building and Carleton auditoriums.



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Students 'friend' officials

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Facebook stalking has taken on a new meaning.

College applicants are using the social networking site to hunt down admissions officers, according to a new Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions survey featuring 401 of the nation's top universities.

In fact, 71 percent of college admissions officers at the colleges say they or another admissions officer have received a Facebook or MySpace friend request from an applicant, according to the survey.

Although UF did not participate in the survey, other Florida schools, like Florida Institute of Technology and University of Central Florida, said state schools are using Facebook as a recruiting tool.

The University of North Florida's admissions office has created a page that has about 250 fans.

Katie MacInnes, the assistant director of admissions marketing, communications and articulation at UNF, said the page includes photos, contact information and a list of admissions events.

The page works hand in hand with the

admissions office Web site and aids in the recruitment process, MacInnes said.

Kristen Campbell, the director of college prep programs for Kaplan, said Facebook pages for admissions offices are also useful in an economy that makes it difficult to visit colleges.

Facebook allows more opportunities to share the essence of the college through features like videos, Campbell said.



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She said it was interesting to note how students have switched to being proactive when it comes to letting admissions officers see their profiles. Rather than accusing college admissions officers of invading their privacy by looking at their profiles, students are encouraging the officers to become their Facebook friends, she said.

UF's Office of Admissions does not have a Facebook page.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said the large number of UF applicants would make it difficult to create.

But, UF is not ruling out this new use of social media, Orlando said.

No students arrested at game

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you want for that ticket?' and he said, 'I want \$200,' and I said, 'I bet you do,'" Karen Tanski said.

The man, James C. Parker, was arrested and charged with five counts of ticket fraud.

"The positive spin on the whole thing," Karen Tanski said, "is we saved somebody else from buying a fake."

And even though they had been ripped off, they were still able to go to the game. She said the ticket office was apparently holding extra tickets for people who had purchased fakes.

So they paid another \$80 and watched the game from good seats, sitting next to others who had been in the same situation, Karen Tanski said.

Wagner said the increase in counterfeits Saturday may have been the result of a new ticket scanning system that makes catching fakes easier.

He said the problem has also worsened in recent years since street scalping was made legal.

It's still not allowed on UF property, though.

Wagner cautioned people against buying tickets from strangers on street corners and said many of the fake tickets had "Ticketmaster" printed on them, something real University Athletic Association tickets don't have.

He said UPD will increase its efforts to prevent ticket fraud in the future but declined to reveal specific tactics.

As for other game day offenses, UPD reported eight people were arrested and another 48 were ejected from Saturday's game.

By comparison, when UF played Tennessee in Gainesville two years ago, 37 people were arrested and another 52 were ejected.

None of those arrested during Saturday's game were students.

"I can't remember the last time we had no students arrested," Wagner said.

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- Detroit's Miguel Cabrera captured the American League home run title in 2008 with 37, the lowest total to win the A.L. homer title since when?
- Who holds the Pittsburgh Steeler record for most TD passes in a season?
- Which conference won the most NCAA men's Division I basketball championships from 2000 through 2009?
- Steve Yzerman won three Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings. When was the last one?
- Which two bowlers hold the mark for being named PBA Player of the Year the most times?
- Name the only trainer to win a Triple Crown in a single year using different horses.

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7. D. Wayne Lukas in 1995 with
Williams Jr., with six each.
6. Earl Anthony and Walter Ray
na in '05 and '09).
5. It was the 2001-02 season.
4. The ACC, with four (Duke in
2001, Maryland in '02, North Caroli-
passes in 2007.
3. Ben Roethlisberger tossed 32 TD
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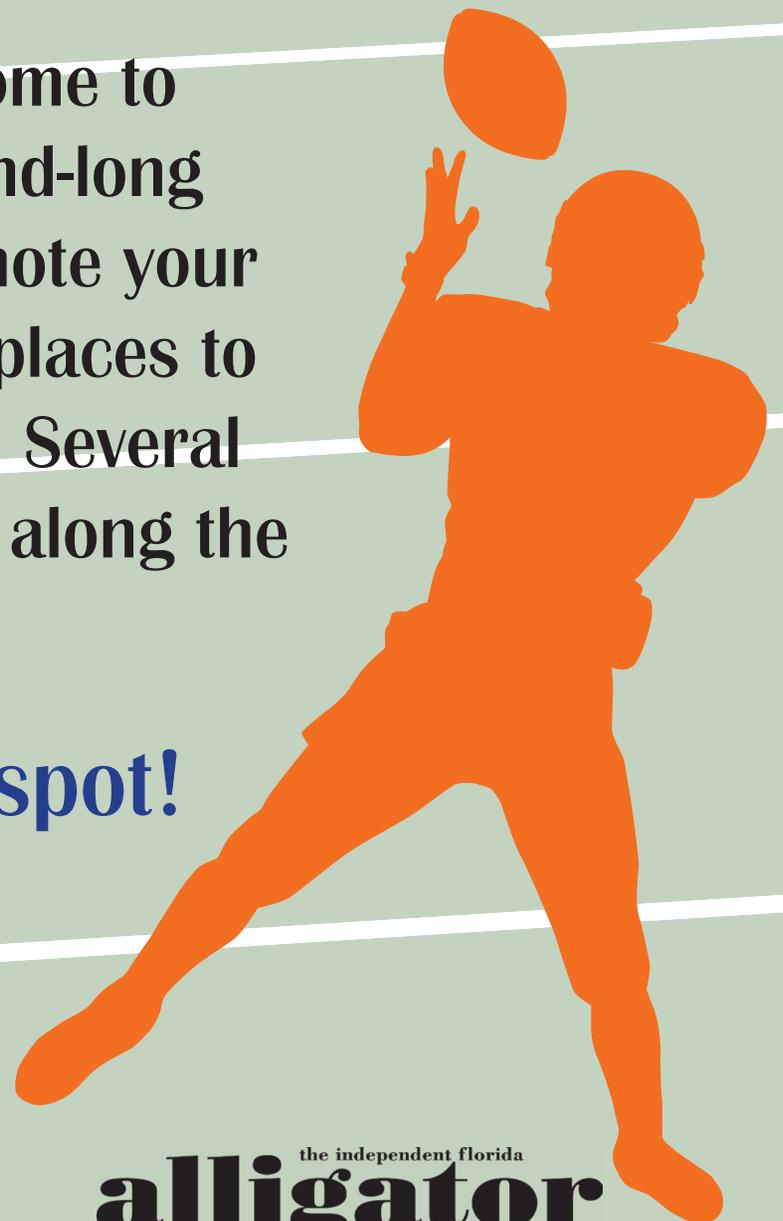
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| 6 El ___, Texas | 2 Oolong and pekoe | 35 Imitator | 47 Underneath |
| 10 SoCal cop force | 3 Not practiced | 36 Unwavering look | 48 Unreturnable |
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| 15 "Baseball Tonight" station | 5 Burden | 39 Poem used in Beethoven's "Choral Symphony" | 50 Pianist Brubeck |
| 16 Prefix meaning "same" | 6 Annoying, like a kid brother | 44 Fell with an axe | 51 Shril bark |
| 17 Elementary | 7 Concerning | | 52 Open one's eyes |
| 18 Bit of sports info | 8 Minor quarrel | | 54 Butterlike spread |
| 19 To-do | 9 Like an escapee | | 55 Exxon, once |
| 20 Pose a question | 10 Southpaw's nickname | | 59 Small battery |
| 21 Capable of doing a job | 11 Greenish-blue | | |
| 24 "To whom ___ concern" | 12 Kitty or kisser | | |
| 26 Tarzan actor Ron | 13 Floppy with data | | |
| 27 Improvises lines | 22 Daddies | | |
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| 31 La ___, Bolivia | 25 Attach with rope | | |
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| 37 Next in line to advance at work | 30 Bow-toting god | | |
| 40 Astound | 31 Assigned as the partner of, as in dance class | | |
| 41 Corp. leaders | 32 Medicinal plants | | |
| 42 Acted boldly | | | |
| 43 Subj. for some immigrants | | | |
| 44 Berlin "Mister" | | | |
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| 46 More than damp | | | |
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UF FOOTBALL

Defense gets job done despite loss of Spikes

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As Florida's defense jogged onto the field clutching to a 23-13 lead with 6:01 remaining in the fourth quarter against rival Tennessee, All-America linebacker Brandon Spikes watched from the sideline.

Spikes developed tendinitis in his Achilles during practice this week and was unable to play the entire game Saturday.

The middle linebacker played the majority of the first half, but the pain was too great to keep him on the field full time, as he rotated in and out for much of the second half.

"I saw Spikes on the sideline with his shoes off and I went up to (defensive coordinator Charlie Strong) and I said, 'What's going on?'" safety Ahmad Black said. "Why isn't our playmaker in the game? He's hurt. I was like, 'Aw nah, he can't be.'"

With Spikes at less than 100 percent, Tennessee was able to run the ball effectively with senior Montario Hardesty, who racked up 96 yards on 20 carries and scored the first touchdown UF's defense has allowed all season.

Florida coach Urban Meyer said he felt the defensive line did a good job controlling the line of scrimmage, but when the Tennes-

see running backs were met in the hole, the Gators missed too many tackles.

Senior outside linebacker Ryan Stamper, who moved inside with Spikes sidelined, didn't blame UF's tackling woes on Spikes' injury.

"We feel like the defense needs to be good enough to step up. Spikes is the leader, he's a great player, but we feel like with the players we have on the defense we should be able to get it done."

Ryan Stamper
UF senior outside linebacker

Stamper led the team with 12 tackles — three of them for a loss — and recorded a sack and a forced fumble.

"We feel like the defense needs to be good enough to step up," Stamper said. "Spikes is the leader, he's a great player, but we feel like with the players we have on the defense we should be able to get it done."

The Gators' offense failed to get it done for most of the game, looking out of sync on its way to scoring just 23 points, UF's lowest out-

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UF linebacker Ryan Stamper pursues Tennessee fullback Kevin Cooper during the Gators' 23-13 win against Tennessee in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday.

Underclassmen spark rout

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Young people can be so impatient.

No. 7 Florida (6-3-0) outclassed Eastern Kentucky (3-6-0) 5-1 on Sunday, and all of the team's goals came from underclassmen.

Freshmen Natalia Torosian and Brooke Thigpen each had two goals, and sophomore Lindsay Thompson scored on a header.

The Gators got on the scoreboard in the 38th minute when Sarah Chapman chipped the ball to Nicky Kit on the left flank. Kit then chested the ball to an unmarked Torosian.

Torosian squared up to the goal after her first touch and ripped a shot over ECU goalkeeper Stephanie Lynch from 25 yards out.

Until that point, the Gators were plagued by sluggish play. A UF victory was a fore-

gone conclusion, but the team failed to impose its will.

Coach Becky Burleigh said she had a feeling UF would play sloppy after losing 1-0 to FSU on Friday in a draining game that took 93 minutes to decide.

"We didn't come into this game with as much hype as we did Friday, and it kind of showed in the beginning," said Thompson, who played the entire game against the Seminoles.

The Gators looked energized by Torosian's goal, but they must have lost their enthusiasm in the locker room because the team resorted to careless play to start the second half.

EKU midfielder Carly Muller chased down a ball near the UF goal line on the right side of the field. With Jazmyne Avant marking her, Muller freed herself after a

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Kiffin won no matter the final score

Lane Kiffin 1, Urban Meyer 0. There is no other way to score Saturday's sloppy affair in which an overmatched Tennessee team was a decent quarterback away from upsetting No. 1 Florida.

Saturday's showdown in The Swamp was one everyone couldn't wait to see, but only to watch how Meyer would exact his revenge against the guy who insulted the Gators several times in the offseason.

If that's how UF plays angry, fans will be on the edge of their seats quite a few Saturdays this fall.

There was a reason people even thought about UF scoring 100 in this game, something Florida hasn't even done against a nonconference cupcake opponent.

The notion was obviously ridiculous, but the Gators are the defending national champions with almost every-one returning and averaged 59 points



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per game before Saturday.

So the fact that Meyer smiled as he jogged off the field Saturday night and pumped his fist in joy with the crowd is absolutely absurd.

Kiffin should be the one smiling. He did everything possible to rile up everyone in Gainesville, and what did the big bad Gators do? They won by 10 points.

Sure, it's impressive that Meyer is now 5-0 against Tennessee and 13-1 in rivalry games.

But of those five victories against the Volunteers, this one was the closest thing to a lock as there can be in college football.

"If there's a way to do this, let's go

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ USC's 16-13 loss to Washington dropped the Trojans to 4-7 in conference openers since 1999. Pete Carroll must be kicking himself for training his assistants so well. ... American Tyson Gay ran a 9.69 in the 100 meters in Shanghai on Sunday, tying the second-fastest time ever. The sad thing is not one part of me thinks Gay will ever beat Usain Bolt head-to-head.

FORMER GATORS

■ Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Percy Harvin had a touchdown for the second straight game and gained 55 yards on seven touches in a 27-13 road win over the Detroit Lions.

ONLINE

■ The UF men's golf team finished in sixth place at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational. The Gators were led by Andres Echavarría's second-place finish. Check out the full story on alligatorSports.org.

Three and Out

What you may have missed Saturday

1. The Gators' defensive tackles were being driven off the ball. Lawrence Marsh, Jaye Howard, Omar Hunter and Terron Sanders shared the snaps in the middle of the defense, and none of them seemed able to establish the line of scrimmage. They have great linebackers, and the defensive tackles just need to hold their ground so the linebackers can make plays on runs, and they could not do that Saturday.

2. Tennessee did a great job of putting pressure on Tim Tebow by blitzing from all over. At least two times, the left side of the line did not pick up a blitzing player, resulting in a sack. The offensive line will need to be better at recognizing blitzes and adjusting accordingly because future opponents will try to pressure Tebow more to have the same success the Volunteers had.

3. On third and 12 in the first quarter, Tennessee handed the ball off to Montario Hardesty, who ran for 20 yards. Then, in a third-and-19 situation, Hardesty was called on again, this time for a 13-yard pickup. Urban Meyer seemed confident in the Joker package against the run despite it being mainly a pass defense, but it could not stop the run on those two plays.

—BOBBY CALLOVI

UF's depleted receiving corps struggles

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verting three third downs and a fourth down with his legs.

On Florida's third-quarter touchdown drive, he pulled off a 4-yard scramble on third and 3 after rolling to his right, doubling back to the left sideline and breaking two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, diving for the first-down marker as he went out of bounds.

"Once it gets to third and 3, you know what's going to happen," UT coach Lane Kiffin said. "They're going to snap it to [Tebow], he's going to run, you're going to have a guy there and he's going to run through him for the first down."

"I guess the answer is, we need to find a Tim Tebow in recruiting. That would help us probably."

Kiffin's offense struggled with Crompton at the helm in key situations.

The Vols had success on the ground, tallying 117 yards, and Crompton picked up most of his 93 passing yards on screens and dumpoffs.

But the only times Crompton was asked to look downfield, he underthrew receivers and was intercepted.

UF's Joe Haden and Ahmad Black were the recipients, snatching second-half interceptions that swung the momentum and sealed the game, respectively.

Haden and Black's interceptions were the longest catches of the game, coming 22 and 25 yards from the line of scrimmage.

The Volunteers shut down the Gators' deep passing game, which was nonexistent without wideout Deonte Thompson (hamstring) in the lineup, and Riley Cooper was limited because of a pinched nerve.

"Right now, our receiving corps is not up to Florida standards," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "When Deonte is in, I think it is."

"There's going to be a lot of urgency this week with that group because it limits you when you don't have a vertical stretch in your offense."

Four other key players were hurt or limited Saturday.

Tight end Aaron Hernandez, running back Jeff Demps and defensive end Jermaine Cunningham were all hampered by illnesses, and linebacker Brandon Spikes had to leave the game after aggravating an Achilles strain.

Meyer said Demps' flu-like symptoms were just beginning, so he could miss some time this week, and he expects Spikes to play through the pain next week against Kentucky.

The Gators being less than full strength certainly made life easier for the Vols, but Kiffin pointed to a different reason for his team's inspired performance.

He was hailed with verbal abuse as soon as UT's buses neared The Swamp, and he wouldn't have had it any other way.

"I think it worked perfect," Kiffin said. "It took all the pressure off our players and allowed us to play free. When you come play the No. 1 team in the country in your third game together, you don't want all the pressure on your players. Put it on me. I'm the coach. I don't have to play the game."

That didn't keep Kiffin from noticing, though.

He said there were "a lot of F-words that aren't Florida" being yelled at him, and one fan held up a large photo of Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, who fired Kiffin, as the Vols came out of the tunnel.

"The picture of Al Davis made me laugh," Kiffin said.



Kiffin



Tennessee 13
Florida 23



SWAMP STUDS



Ahmad Black
S, Jr.

So much for Black not being a starter. He played just like the 2008 Black everyone came to love by playing great against the run (second on the team in tackles) and coming up with an interception that sealed the win.

11 tackles (5 solo), 0.5 tackles for loss, 1 INT



Tim Tebow
QB, Sr.

Tebow continues to be the difference between UF and everyone else, despite not having one of his better games Saturday. Between running head-on into Tennessee safety Eric Berry and his reverse-the-field scamper, this was vintage Tebow—not always the prettiest, but his team won.

14-19 passing, 115 yds, 1 INT, 24 rush, 76 yds, 1 TD, 1 lost fumble



Ryan Stamper
LB, R-Sr.

Stamper is quickly becoming one of the most valuable members of the Florida defense, stuffing the run and dropping into coverage at any of the linebacker positions. If Brandon Spikes misses significant time, Stamper's role will only increase.

12 tackles (5 solo), 1 sack, 3 tackles for loss, 1 forced fumble

T. Tebow - 6	R. Cooper - 2	C. Rainey - 1
A. Black - 3	D. Thompson - 2	R. Stamper - 1
J. Demps - 3		

STANDINGS

TOP THREE PLAYS



Joe Haden's third-quarter interception on Tennessee's first second-half drive



Eric Berry scraped a Tim Tebow pass off the ground deep in Tennessee territory



Tim Tebow's long scramble on third and 5 all the way across the field to pick up the first down as he went out of bounds

TURNING POINT

Joe Haden's interception on Tennessee's first drive of the second half when the Gators led the Volunteers by only a touchdown.

KEY STAT

208—Combined passing yards by both teams. The Gators and Volunteers combined for 76 rushes compared to 38 passing attempts.

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UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators outblocked again in sweep of Razorbacks

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There was more on the line than usual for Florida.

The Gators needed to win in straight sets in order to catch their flight back to Gainesville. If not, they would need to stay overnight.

Apparently, they didn't want to spend any more time in Fayetteville, Ark., than they had to. No. 5 Florida (8-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) cruised to a victory against Arkansas (7-6, 1-1 SEC) in timely fashion Sunday (25-16, 25-19, 26-24) and was able to catch its flight back home.

"The only way we are going to

make our flight is if we won in three sets, so the team was highly motivated," UF coach Mary Wise said.

Sophomore outside hitters Kristy Jaeckel and Colleen Ward seemed especially determined to avoid an extra night on the road.

Jaeckel finished the match with 12 kills and eight digs, just shy of her second double-double of the weekend. Ward continued to show improvement from 2008, accounting for 14 of the team's kills while posting a .448 hitting percentage.

"Colleen is learning that not every set can be hit a million miles per hour," Wise said. "If you take something off the ball and it stays in bounds, we benefit from that,

and that shows the maturing of her game."

Although the match turned out to be a quick win for the Gators, they needed a comeback in the third set to seal the win. Down 22-19, UF used four Arkansas attack errors to narrow the gap and eventually end the match.



Cusack

UF was again outblocked, seven to six. Sophomore Cassandra Anderson is the only player on the team averaging more than one block per set.

Despite that, the Gators' defense

and ability to avoid mistakes turned out to be the difference in the match. They hit six service aces to their five service errors and limited the Razorbacks to a .144 hitting percentage.

But UF was not as efficient behind the line Friday, when it was pushed to the limit by Ole Miss (6-6, 0-2 SEC). The Gators eventually won the match 3-2 (21-25, 25-16, 25-17, 26-28, 15-11) but struggled with their serving the entire night.

UF was only able to hit one ace Friday while committing 14 service errors. But it appears the team was able to fix that Sunday, as it racked up a season-high number of aces.

Senior libero Elyse Cusack dug up a combined 40 balls over the

weekend and moved into third place on the all-time SEC digs list Friday.

The Ole Miss match was also a good one for sophomore setter Kelly Murphy, as she filled up the stat sheet with 20 kills, 32 assists and 16 digs for her second triple-double of the season and the eighth of her short career at UF.

The Gators have completed their longest road trip of the season and will return to the O'Connell Center for the first time since Aug. 31.

"We asked a lot of this team to go three weekends in a row on the road," Wise said. "This was not an easy road trip."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

Secondary extends streak

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put since losing to Auburn 20-17 at home on Sept. 29, 2007.

As a result, UF leaned on its Spikes-less defense, which responded by allowing Tennessee just 210 total yards of offense.

The secondary completely shut down the Volunteers' passing game, holding UT quarterback Jonathan Crompton to 93 yards on 11-of-19 passing.

Cornerback Joe Haden and safety Ahmad Black picked off Crompton, extending the Gators' streak to 15 consecutive games with an interception.

Thigpen emerges as offensive option

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few stepovers and fired a left-footed shot from 15 yards out past goalkeeper Katie Fraire.

At the 53rd minute, the heavily favored Gators were tied with the Colonels 1-1.

Once again, it was Torosian who provided a spark for UF.

"I knew once we got scored on I had to step up again," Torosian said. "One goal wasn't good enough."

Torosian continued to create opportunities for UF, crossing a ball into the penalty box that McKenzie Barney almost headed in, but the team did not score until the 67th minute. Torosian found the ball after a blocked shot was deflected her way. She then dribbled past a defender and took a shot from 18 yards

out that found the upper left corner.

Any hope the Colonels had left was gone 29 seconds later, when Torosian chipped the ball to Thigpen, who took a shot from the left wing. Lynch appeared to record the save, but mishandled the ball as she fell and it rolled into the back of the net.

A minute later, the Gators scored on a Thompson header from Kit, and the game was capped off by another Thigpen goal in the 87th minute.

During the last four games, Thigpen has emerged as a scoring weapon. She has scored three goals and recorded two assists in that span. Thigpen said UF's 3-0 loss to UCLA on Sept. 6 was a wakeup call.

"I personally realized (after the loss that) I got to start playing faster and be more confident and play like I know how to play and not be so intimidated by the college level," she said.



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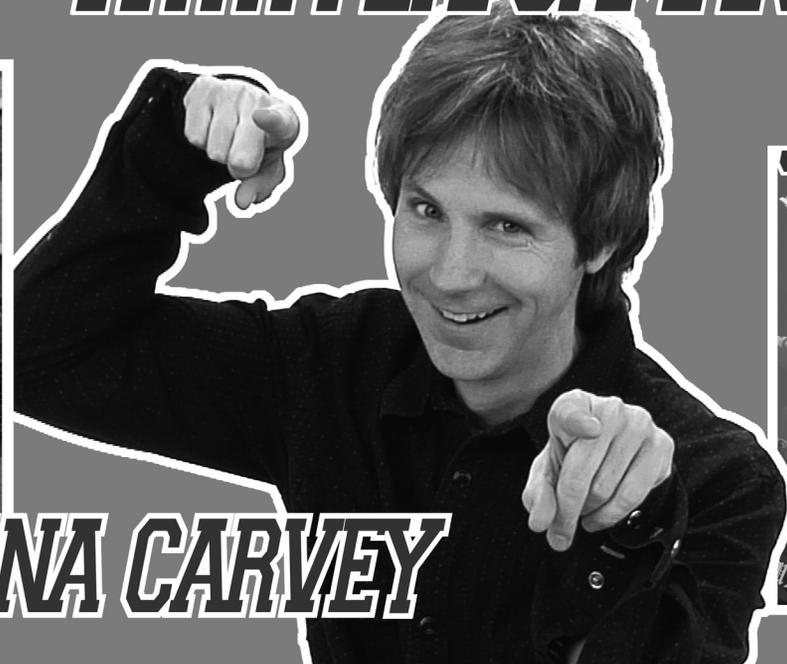
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Men, women victorious in opener for fifth straight year

■ CHARLOTTE BROWNING WON THE WOMEN'S 5K.

By **JESSICA ETTER**
Alligator Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams began the season on the right foot as both placed first in the Mountain Dew Invitational on Friday night.

"It was a great way to start the season," UF coach Todd Morgan said. "We didn't let up on our training this week, and our team had great results."

The No. 14 women's team, which beat 22 other teams, had four runners place in the top five. Following the Gators in team results were Tampa and South Florida, which came in second and third, respectively.

Charlotte Browning won the women's 5K with a time of 17:25.08. The junior clocked the third-best time ever recorded on Mark Bostick Golf Course, where all UF home meets are held.

"I think this has shown how well we have progressed as a team," Browning said. "Our team is so good this year, and I am glad

others (think so), too."

Genevieve LaCaze, who won last year's meet as a freshman, came in second with a time of 17:41.03. Junior Kaitlin Shiver and senior Julie Northrup finished in fourth and fifth, respectively. Northrup recorded a personal-best time of 17:52.18.



Cross Country

The men's team, which finished first ahead of 17 other schools, had runners finish in every place from second through seventh.

Embry-Riddle's Evans Kirwa won the men's 8K with a time of 24:21.1 leading his team to a second-place finish and North Florida finished in third.

Junior Anthony Morales, who placed second, set a personal-best time of 24:24 and recorded the 10th-best time for a UF runner on the Mark Bostick Golf Course.

Daniel Manco finished fourth but was on crutches following his run.

Morgan said he was unsure of the extent of the injury but feels the redshirt freshman will get better as the season continues.

Along with injuries, Morgan said some runners, including graduate student Stacey Johnson, were kept out of the invitational due to illness.

"We've had some sickness come through us pretty fierce," he said. "But I'm glad it is going around now and not later in the season."

The teams will not have another race until Oct. 2, when they compete in the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

Last season, the men tied for sixth at that meet while the women placed fifth.

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move the Florida Gators to a deserted island somewhere and let's go play football and not worry about all this nonsense and just go play the game," Meyer said. "I've never seen anything like it this past week. You just try to shelter them and make sure they focus on what's important and not this silly nonsense."

Poor, poor Florida.

That's what happens when you have the most talented team in the country. It's time for the Gators to show it.

Simply winning Saturday should not have been the objective, not if winning back-to-back national titles is a goal.

Talent alone will win this UF team almost every game it plays, and that's a huge

credit to the Gators' recruiting.

But Lane Kiffin and his father Monte, Tennessee's defensive coordinator, laid out a pretty good game plan for teams looking to upset Florida.

Run the ball and use a zone defense while sprinkling in some blitzes.

It worked like a charm for Tennessee, to the point that if quarterback Jonathan Crompton wasn't completely inept, the Volunteers could have pulled an amazing upset.

Tebow was sacked three times and was forced into running the ball 24 times, more than running backs Emmanuel Moody, Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey combined. It was the most Tebow carried since the 2007 South Carolina game, in which Tebow rushed 26 times for 120 yards and five

touchdowns.

Tebow was indecisive in the pocket, holding onto the ball too long and taking off too many times. He had an interception deep in his own end and a fumble in the red zone.

Meyer admitted Tebow didn't play his best game, and the whole offense reeked of early 2008 — conservative playcalling and production way below the Gators' potential. UF had two plays longer than 20 yards — runs by Moody and Demps.

Monte Kiffin's zone defense forced Florida to keep everything short in the passing game, and with the success Tennessee had, the Gators should expect to see it again.

Florida must find some consistent playmakers at receiver. No Gator had 30 yards receiving. Tebow didn't have a passing

touchdown for the first time in 31 games.

On offense, Tennessee slowed the game down, and it proved to be very effective. The Volunteers ran 32 times for 117 yards, an average of 3.7 yards per carry, helped by Florida missing far too many tackles.

"I think there's so much pressure on this team to perform perfectly," Meyer said after the game. "I mean, I'd rather be on that end than, 'Boy, great job, we lost by 10.' I don't want to do that. There's a lot of pressure on these guys, and I felt it in [the locker room]."

And the Gators will continue to feel it all the way through January. That's the unfortunate consequence of being the No. 1 team in the country.

Now it's up to Florida to start playing like it.



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