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UF police search for mobile masturbator

Police said a man was seen masturbating in a pickup truck near Sorority Row twice in the last week.

The latest incident occurred on Friday at the intersection of Southwest Eighth Avenue and Southwest 13th Street, police said.

A woman on a scooter looked

over into the man's pickup truck, which was stopped next to her at a stoplight, and noticed he appeared to be masturbating inside the vehicle, University Police Department spokesman Capt. Jeff Holcomb said.

A few days earlier, a student

walking back to her sorority house noticed a man in a pickup truck on Museum Road who appeared to be doing the same thing.

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The suspect is described as a white man, 35 to 40 years old, with short,

brown, wavy hair and brown eyes.

He was wearing a light colored shirt and driving an older model — possibly 1995 to 2000 — light blue Toyota Tacoma pickup truck, police said.

Police were handing out fliers

around the area on Friday to notify residents and will be increasing patrols.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incidents to call UPD's Criminal Investigations Division at 352-392-4705.

— THOMAS STEWART



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Healthy Debate

College Republicans member Bryan Griffin looks over at his Democratic opponents during Monday's debate on health-care reform in Pugh Hall. See Story, Page 8.

UF ADMINISTRATION

Faculty union cries out against salaries, sick pay

By THOMAS STEWART

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The faculty union declared a deadlock Friday in contract negotiations with UF over issues such as salaries and sabbaticals.

Union members argued UF is refusing to compromise and isn't taking negotiations seriously.

They argued that UF's salaries are in the bottom 10 percent of institutions in the Association of American Universities, a group of top research schools, and that UF is claiming it doesn't have the money to raise them, even though it plans to spend money on other initiatives, such as \$12 million on a study center for students and \$10 million on hiring up to 100 new faculty next year.

"The data shows that the president and the

trustees have the money, they just don't want to spend it on current faculty," said Chris Snodgrass, head of the union's bargaining unit.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes declined to answer questions and said others involved are not authorized to comment. Sikes released a statement explaining UF's position.

"We understand that the budget situation has been difficult, and we still face many challenges," the statement reads.

"Nevertheless, we have a \$16 million recurring budget gap to fill and we need to address it. Regardless of the union-declared impasse, we will continue to negotiate with the union in good faith, and our ultimate goal continues to be reaching a satisfactory agreement."

But Snodgrass said UF's negotiators aren't playing fair. They cancel meetings, end them

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One body found in wreckage

THE PLANE CRASHED SUNDAY AROUND 6 P.M.

By EMILY FUGGETTA

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The search continued Monday for the passengers aboard a plane that crashed in Broward County Sunday evening.

The plane is said to have left Gainesville and was headed to a Fort Lauderdale executive airport, according to the Associated Press.

The single-engine plane crashed around 6 p.m. near U.S. 27 just south of the Broward/Palm Beach County line, according to Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue.

Local News

Because the crash occurred in a remote location in the Everglades, the rescue crews had trouble accessing the site. The crews worked overnight Sunday and continued Monday.

BSFR confirmed one death, and the continued search includes Broward Sheriff's Of-

fice homicide detectives, BSO marine and crime scene units, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the FAA, an unconfirmed report showed that four people were seen boarding the plane.

The plane is registered to Bull Gator, Inc., in Sea Ranch Lakes, according to the Associated Press.

The cause of the crash has not been determined.

Cyclist crashes into minivan, taken to hospital

A cyclist was admitted to Shands at UF after crashing head-first through the rear window of a stopped minivan at Southwest 13th Street and West University Avenue early Monday afternoon.

UF student Stephen Little, 24, was riding his brakeless bicycle north on Southwest 13th Street and entered the left turning lane toward West University Avenue, according to a Gainesville Police report.

Little was unable to stop his bicycle in

time to keep from hitting a minivan that was stopped at the intersection, according to the report.

The impact launched him into the rear hatch window. His helmet shattered the glass, and his neck and chin were deeply cut by the metal window base, according to the report.

According to the report, Little's injuries may be life threatening.

— KATHERINE BEIN



■ Riley Cooper (right) and the UF receivers failed to make a pass play of more than 20 yards against UT. The Gators didn't have a passing TD for the first time since '05. See Story, Page 14.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Undergraduate Philosophy Society meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Griffin-Floyd Hall,
Philosophy Library
Jon Tresan will explore how the four underived concerns (concern for the self, other individuals, groups and properties) affect and can 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

Today, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Anderson Hall, Room 21
The Esperanto Club will provide an introductory lesson of Esperanto, a neutral language created for international communication.

Teach the World: Rome!

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Study Abroad Fair, Reitz Union Colonnade
A new study abroad program open to all juniors, seniors and masters students in education. It is a two-week internship program offering cultural opportunities in Rome between Spring and Summer A of 2010. For more information contact Russell Robinson, 352-273-3190, rlob@ufl.edu

Red Cross Gators meeting

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.
Anderson Hall, Room 101.
Open to anyone interested in volunteering and internships with the American Red Cross.

Peace Corps Foreign Language GlobeTalk

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
The Hub International Center
Come to the Foreign Language GlobeTalk to hear more about the opportunities in the Peace Corps for those with foreign language skills. Peace Corps volunteers who served with foreign language skills will share experiences. A recruiter answer questions about the application process. E-mail peacecorps@ufc.ufl.edu for more.

UF Relay For Life

Early Bird meeting

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Little Hall, Room 121
TheUFRelayForLifeCommittee will host an Early Bird sign-up and informational party. Interested teams and organizations should attend. E-mail UFCollegesAgainstCancer@yahoo.com with questions.

FORECAST

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
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Florida Alternative Breaks Student Panel Discussion

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Through education, service and reflection, FAB immerses students in a social issue through regional and international trips during UF breaks. At this panel discussion, FAB students will share rich experiences of how they touched lives and, in turn, had their own world views expanded.

Business Study Abroad Info Session

Thursday, 7:15 p.m.
Stuzin Hall, Room 200
Highlighting the Warrington College of Business study abroad programs. All UF students are welcome. Come learn about the programs offered every semester in London, Rome, Paris and Madrid. Contact Lucy DiLeo or Joe Rojo at 352-273-0165 if you cannot attend.

Sausagefest: Murphree Area Tailgate Party

Saturday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Murphree Area Courtyard
During this Saturday's football game against Kentucky. Giant water slide, live bands, and food. Free for all students.

Got an event?

And want to post it here? Send an e-mail to bkelley@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line and brief event summary.

ON CAMPUS

SNAP adds new van

Gainesville, do not fear. A new van is here.

Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol, or SNAP, has added a fourth van to its fleet, according to Capt. Jeff Holcomb of the University Police Department.

Prior to this fall, SNAP had three vans in service and a fourth van kept as backup.

The fourth van will be put in service this semester to address the increased demand and wait time.

"We have a 9- to 10-minute goal," he said. "When a longer wait is the norm, not the excep-

tion, we look at expanding the service."

SNAP has also expanded its hours of operation from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Holcomb said SNAP tracks the number of phone calls it receives, and a large amount of calls come in later at night.

After a push from Student Government, the patrol decided to extend its hours to accommodate the closing time for Gainesville bars.

For more information, call 352-392-SNAP.

— EMILY HANSON

LOCAL

Swamp ranks in Playboy poll for best sports bars

Playboy named The Swamp Restaurant among one of the best 10 college sports bars in the nation.

"The Swamp is a frequent bar that draws in die-hard UF football fans, and that's why it made Playboy's list," said Playboy publicist Abi O'Donnell. "It is a fun atmosphere to hang out and especially watch a game".

Ohio State University's The Varsity Club and Oklahoma State University's Eskimo Joe's joined The Swamp on the list, which was released on the Playboy Web site Sept. 18.

"The Swamp is the most popular local watering hole," said Ron DeFilippo, the restaurant's owner, adding that hundreds of students and alumni stop by on a weekly basis and even more come by on game days.

But football isn't the only entertainment The Swamp offers. It holds events like holiday parties and Martini Tuesdays. It's even had performances by Sister Hazel and David Archuleta.

"Any award is good in my business," he said. ESPN and COED Magazine have also named The Swamp one of the best college sports bars in the nation.

— REBECCA ASTORGA

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Aramark lowers prices in response to complaints

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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Students may now find their money going a little further at the Reitz Union Pollo Tropical.

After students cried foul over high prices, Aramark, UF's food service provider, lowered them to more closely match the prices at other locations across the state.

The biggest changes were made to the menu's value meals, with one meal — the quarter-chicken with two sides — seeing a 33 percent drop in price from \$6.69 to \$4.49. Other value meals are between 50 cents and \$1.70 cheaper.

Meals in the TropiChops section saw price drops of up to \$1.40.

Students have also complained about the prices at Cheeburger Cheeburger, which replaced the cheaper Wendy's chain.

Aramark may add cheaper items to the menu. Possibilities include a smaller burger — perhaps a 4-ounce burger in the \$4 range — and smaller milkshakes, said Bob Miller, UF's associate vice president of business affairs. Fries and drink combos might also change.

As for Pollo Tropical, Miller said the price changes were made to reflect the prices at The Florida State University's on-campus location, but Aramark spokeswoman Jill Rodriguez wrote in an e-mail that the changes were made to bring the location in line with other corporately managed locations in the state.

Menus requested from other Florida loca-

tions indicate the prices are similar, though there are differences. Some regular size meals in the TropiChops section are still 40 cents more at the Reitz Union location, while large size meals are 10 cents cheaper.

Rodriguez wrote that because there are no other Pollo Tropicals in Gainesville, Aramark initially set the prices based on prices at similar restaurants in the area.

Some students weren't deterred by the higher prices at the Reitz Union, however.

Pollo Tropical posted almost \$73,000 in sales during the first two weeks of fall. By comparison, Capeesh — which was replaced by Pollo Tropical this summer — sold about \$25,000 in the first two weeks of Fall 2008.

Cheeburger Cheeburger did well too, but it didn't top Wendy's old numbers. It saw about \$75,000 in sales, versus about \$92,000 by Wendy's in the first two weeks of Fall 2008.

There are other changes at campus restaurants that may help students on a budget. The Moe's Southwest Grill at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, for example, is now offering a line of junior burritos.

Miller said the corporate office decided to make the change when students complained about the absence of the cheaper burritos.

The Reitz Union Subway is also offering \$5 footlongs for the first time. Aramark put the cheaper subs on the menu after it took over operations from the franchisee, who had refused to offer them, Miller said.

On-campus restaurants will still not be able to offer free drink refills, as is common at off-campus versions of the chains, though, be-

cause of logistical hurdles.

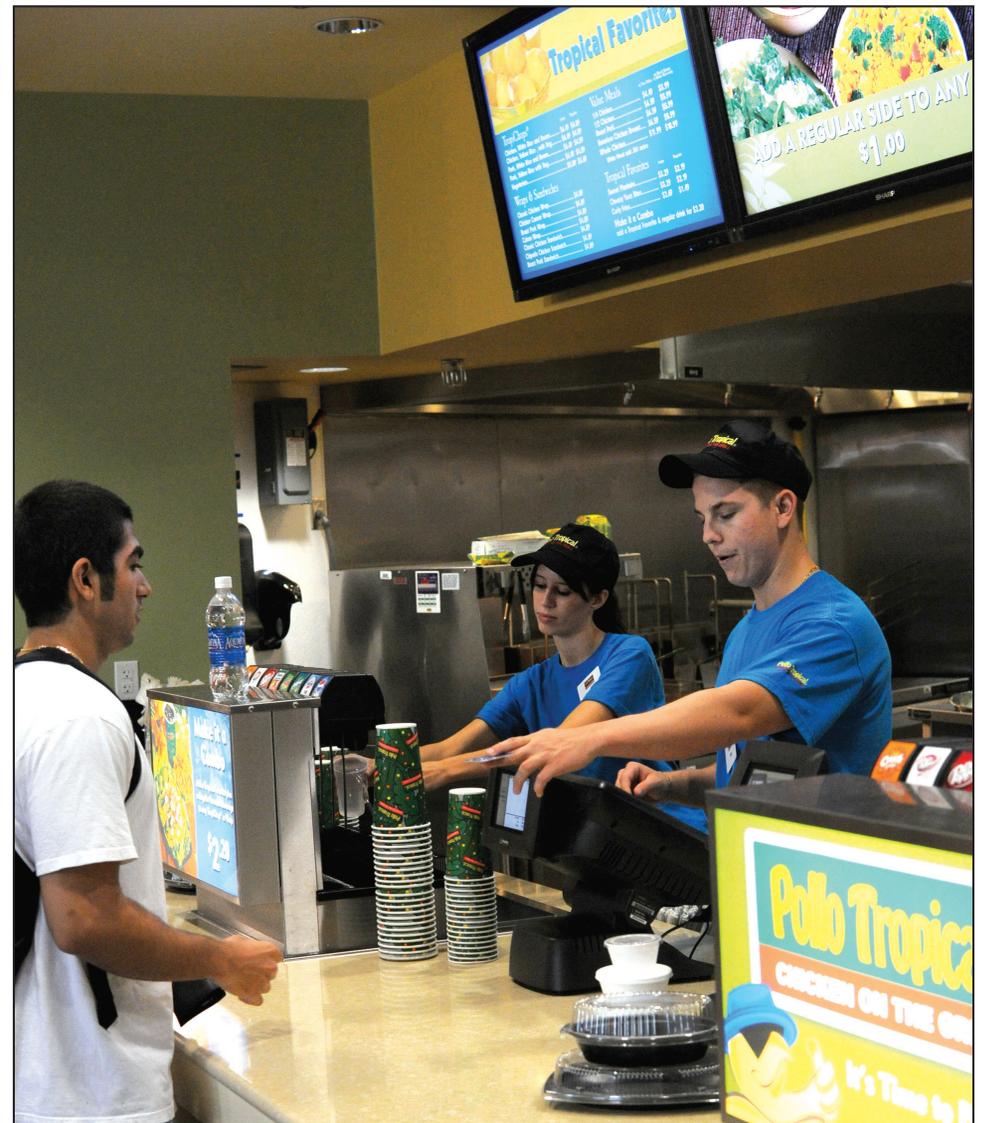
"It's just logistically difficult to have a drink island for customers but not for people just sitting there studying," Miller said.

Nonetheless, students will likely be happy with many of the menu changes. Environmental engineering junior Katie Graf said she's

glad Pollo Tropical dropped its prices. The first time she ate there she didn't realize how expensive it was until they rang her up.

"I was kind of put-off," Graf said. "I was like, 'I'll probably be going to Subway more.'"

"Now," she said, "I'll think about going here [Pollo Tropical] more."



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Pollo Tropical employees serve a customer Monday inside the Reitz Union food court.

Pollo Tropical PRICE DROPS

item	old price	new price	item	old price	new price
Half Chicken with two sides	\$7.49	\$6.59	Chicken TropiChops® with beans	\$5.49	\$4.09
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ON CAMPUS

Number of students studying abroad down in 2009

By **LAURA MONTALTO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Despite an increase in applicants for the class of 2013, the number of students studying abroad is down this year, according to the UF International Center.

"The economy definitely is having an effect on students' decision to go abroad. We're seeing that right now," said Kirsten Eller Laufer, senior adviser at the UFIC. "Students want to go, but the cost is a huge issue."

Prices range from \$8,000 to \$15,000 per semester, Laufer said.

While the number of interested students visiting the UFIC has slightly decreased, the number of students who are actually able to

go is even lower, she added.

"The recession is a definite factor because we can't send every student," she said.

But Laufer said UF hasn't seen the same large decreases that other schools across the country have seen, and the number of scholarships available through the UFIC hasn't been affected. The UFIC gives \$80,000 every year to students going abroad for yearlong, summer-long and semester-long programs.

"It's absolutely worth still going abroad," she said. "Today, going abroad sets you apart."

Laufer offered some alternatives to students who want to go abroad but don't want to break the bank.

"Going during the summer is a great op-

"The economy definitely is having an effect on students' decision to go abroad."

Kirsten Eller Laufer
Senior adviser at the
UF International Center

tion because it's more affordable," she said. "We have summer programs that go from three weeks to 12 weeks."

Laufer also recommended going through a UF exchange program because students pay UF tuition, which is much more affordable.

At UFIC's Study Abroad Fair, which takes place Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

the Reitz Union Colonnade, students can meet with faculty who teach overseas and find information about outside study-abroad programs and other UF-approved schools like Boston University and The Florida State University. Students can also ask peer advisers, students who have already been abroad, questions.

"Students who want to go should get to the fair as soon as possible because the brochures the outside programs bring with them always run out quickly," said Angela Grindal, UFIC's event coordinator.

Despite the economy, the UFIC expects a normal turnout on Wednesday.

"It's a great opportunity to see what's out there, even if study abroad isn't feasible," Laufer said.

UF's Documentary Institute moves to Wake Forest

THE PROGRAM WAS CUT IN APRIL.

UF's Documentary Institute, a graduate program that was eliminated during the April budget cuts, has been relocated to Wake Forest

University.

Institute co-director Churchill Roberts said the program had a good track record of producing work that brought UF national visibility.

"It's discouraging whenever you're in a program that's being

eliminated," said Jon Bougher, a graduate student in the program.

National News "It makes you feel kind of unnecessary."

Last spring, the program's alumni set up an online petition in an attempt to save the in-

stitute, collecting 1,171 signatures, but failing to rescue it.

The nine students in the graduate program will now graduate with Master of Arts degrees. Bougher said some students might go to Wake Forest for a year and also receive a Master of Fine Arts degree,

which is considered a terminal degree, or the highest possible degree in an academic field.

"I guess I have mixed feelings," he said. "I'm happy in the sense that I don't want it to be at a college where it doesn't get support."

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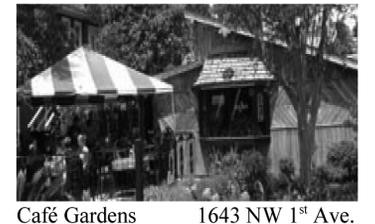
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Husband planned to surrender

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — A Florida woman slain along with her five children endured regular abuse from her husband but seemed overwhelmed by trying to raise the kids herself and wanted him around as a father figure, Department of Children and Families records show.

Police in Haiti on Monday detained Mesac Damas, wanted for questioning in the slayings of his wife, Guerline Damas, and the couple's three boys and two girls

in their Naples, Fla., apartment. A relative said detectives told them their throats had been slit.

Collier County Sheriff's deputies have called Mesac Damas a person of interest in the slayings. The **State News** 33-year-old boarded a flight to Haiti from Miami on Friday, a day before police found the bodies.

Mesac Damas told The Associated Press at the police station where he was being held in Port-au-Prince that he had planned to surrender and that he returned

to his native Caribbean nation "to say goodbye to my family."

"I was going to turn myself in. You see I've got my suit on and everything," Damas said as police led him from a backroom where he was interrogated to a jail cell.

He did not respond when asked if he killed his wife.

Just before he left the U.S., a Department of Children and Families worker made an unannounced visit to the home and wrote in a report that the children, ages 11 months to 9 years, seemed healthy and safe.

AROUND GAINESVILLE

'Radical Rush' recruiting starts

By RENEE MONTALTO
Alligator Contributing Writer

Rush week is over, but not for the Civic Media Center.

Wednesday through Friday, the CMC will hold its biannual "Radical Rush" on the Plaza of the Americas from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CMC coordinator James Schmidt described the event as a "drive for progressive activist groups on campus."

Radical Rush targets any student interested in progressive or radical organizations for social change, social justice or environmental protection.

Schmidt said the event is open to any student.

"Whether or not one is interested in joining a group, it's a way to let students know about activities," Schmidt said. "It's about getting the word out on what's going on around campus."

The rush process will end with a Friday night social at the Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ Student Center at 7 p.m. A donation of \$5 is requested, but Schmidt said they won't turn anyone away.

Sherry Wolf, a gay rights activist and author, will be at the student center to talk about the upcoming National Equality March in Washington, D.C., in October. She will also be promoting a book she has recently written about LGBT issues.

The Civic Media Center is located at 433 S Main St.

UF wants fewer sabbaticals

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early and decide not to honor agreements they've already signed, he said.

"They keep taking steps to make it impossible to finish," he said. The negotiations have labored on for four years now, with no agreement in sight, he said.

The impasse comes as UF is proposing to end a program that converts unused sick leave to cash when faculty leave UF. Faculty expressed their concerns about ending the program at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Snodgrass said the other issues that led to Friday's impasse include UF's unwillingness to allow faculty to take research sabbaticals.

UF currently allows semester-long sabbaticals and wants to cut down on them, while the union wants year-long sabbaticals every seven years, like other universities, he said.

"Some faculty that have been here 20, 30 years and have never had a sabbatical," he said.

Another issue involves intellectual property. The union says UF wants to be able to force faculty to produce online course content and other materials, which will be owned by UF. The union says faculty shouldn't be forced to produce content they will not even own the rights to.

Tom Auxter, first vice president of the union, said the main issue is salary compression. Faculty are hired at market rates and then are not given raises over time to keep their salaries in line with other universities.

"You end up being unable to meet life's expenses and take care of the development of your career," Auxter said.

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Editorial

Krafty Business

Food industry giants use labels to fool consumers

Major food corporations are hoping that the average American will cling to catch phrases rather than read food nutrition labels.

First, the awesome refrigerator from "The Jetsons" was "smart." Then, that tiny car next to you on Interstate 75 stopped being ridiculous and became "smart." After that, Glaceau even managed to make water "smart." Now, foods like Froot Loops, mayonnaise and Fudgsicle bars are dubbed "smart," too.

"Smart Choices" was promoted as a universal nutritional ranking system that would make it easy for consumers to identify healthy foods without having to scour over nutritional facts. However, since it is controlled by major food industry players, it is closer to a marketing ploy than a real nutritional system.

Companies behind this new program include PepsiCo, General Mills and Kraft Foods. Each pays up to \$100,000 a year to use the labels, according to a report by MotherJones.com.

Because companies have to pay to use the label, "Smart Choices" has a huge incentive to apply it to as many products as possible. To meet the "Smart Choices" criteria, a product only has to be better than the nutritional worst.

For example, Froot Loops can get the "Smart Choices" logo on the front of its packaging because it is a "smarter" choice than other breakfast foods, like doughnuts.

Ideally, the United States wouldn't need a universal nutritional labeling system to solve its obesity problem.

Some people just don't realize that eating a package of Fruit Gushers doesn't count as eating a serving of fruit, though.

On-the-go Americans who don't have the time or desire to read nutritional labels deserve a system that's better than "Smart Choices."

Labeling foods like Reese's Puffs as nutritional isn't "smart," it's a deceptive scheme by companies trying to profit off of ignorance.

Missing the Mark

At last, UF and Aramark have responded to student outcry over high food prices on campus.

Prices at Reitz Union restaurants Pollo Tropical and Subway now reflect similar restaurants off campus.

Changes might be in the works for Cheeburger Cheeburger, the overpriced replacement to Wendy's, according to UF's associate vice president of business affairs.

We applaud Aramark for actually responding to the concerns of students, but we have to ask: What

more can UF and Aramark do to lower food prices?

Noodles are good and all, but considering they cost next to nothing to make, they should never cost more than \$5.

In the meantime, let Aramark know that as students, you have other options for lunch.

Save yourself a couple of bucks and eat Krishna Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas. Step across University Avenue and grab a slice of pizza. Better yet, throw a Fruit-by-the-Foot and some cheese sticks in a bag and call it a day.

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Column

Freshmen: It's OK to not like college

A question for first-years here at UF: How are you holding up?

It seems like a relevant question to ask during week five of the semester. If this is your first year, you've probably gotten a decent feel for the school and its people and culture by now.

Plus, the first "actual" football game of the season was this past weekend, and the first cluster of exams is probably popping up either this week or next.

Maybe most importantly, this is about the time when the excited high of living away from home and being at a new school begins to fade a bit, and people start asking themselves if this is the place they want to be. And it's tough — possibly tougher at UF than at most other schools — if the answer is anything other than yes.

Consider this: It's not a secret that UF has no shortage of school spirit. We proudly don Gators apparel and cheerfully end e-mails, voice mail greetings and occasionally conversations with "Go Gators," and it's not just because our football team kicks ass. (They do, though.)

It's also out of necessity; ours is a school of about 50,000 students, and the culture of Gator-dom affords us all common ground when, given UF's size, common ground would otherwise be hard to come by.

It's a bonding experience that's intensely effective, and it's the reason why UF alumni who don't know each other can have random conversations but graduates from, say, the University of Phoenix usually can't. But if it doesn't take for whatever reason — you have no previous connection at all to UF, for instance, or if school spirit isn't really your thing — it can be intensely alienating.

If you're already inclined to feel that way, the problem is only exacerbated because you're very much supposed to like UF. When you're a freshman, there is in-



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deed a correct answer when people ask how college is going — usually, "Yeah, UF's awesome, love it" or some variation thereof — so that you don't look too negative or out of place. And it doesn't help that very well-meaning freshman advisers and Preview leaders sometimes treat having reservations and insecurities about UF not as a completely natural feeling but

as a disease that needs to be cured ("Get involved! Make the campus smaller! Meet people in the laundry room!").

Don't get me wrong. There are so many reasons why it is, in fact, great to be a Florida Gator, and you'd be completely justified if you've fallen in love with UF and the people in it. But if you haven't, that's OK, too.

With all the talk of how college is supposed to be the best years of your life, it's very easy to feel pressure to make your college experience amazing and even easier to get disappointed when your attempts fall short. You might have gotten saddled with a bad stack of classes, you're not clicking with the people you meet, or you just really miss your friends back home.

And if it's any comfort, whatever your insecurities, there are probably a dozen other people on your dorm floor alone who are, to some degree, feeling the same way — even if they say "Yeah, UF's awesome, love it" when you ask them how things are going.

Remember, as exciting and exhilarating as college can be, it can also be boring, frustrating and lonely, and that's true for everyone. Feel free to factor that in when deciding how you're holding up.

Joe Dellosa is an advertising senior. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Have Reitz Union food prices deterred you from eating on campus?

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

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Letters to the Editor

Wall Street Journal should be available

As a McCain supporter and a conservative, I've always wished there was a more conservative newspaper voice on campus.

And as a conservative supporter of the Progress Party, I'm excited to see they are supporting bringing The Wall Street Journal to campus alongside The New York Times. They have proposed cutting wasteful spending in other places to achieve this goal. It's refreshing to see a party that encompasses both sides of the spectrum when making decisions.

Nick Alsaka
2LS



Wasted SG money could fund paper

In a year when budget cuts incited outrage over the proposed elimination of The New York Times, isn't it better to cut costs that don't directly benefit students?

Each year Student Government spends around \$100,000 of students' tuition on unnecessary internal costs. Money from cutting this waste can go toward funding improvements such as expanding free printing and offering The Wall Street Journal on campus along with the Times. The Progress Party campaigned last year for SG

pay cuts from day one by signing a pledge that they would not receive any monetary compensation for their executive positions. They've also targeted specific unnecessary programs, which can be cut or reduced immediately, and reroute the funds to more student-oriented initiatives.

Rather than lead with kamikaze legislation or defending wasteful spending during budget cuts, Progress will continue lead by example and make concrete proposals to help the students, not themselves.

Nick Mildebrath
4LS



Scalpers show business sense

In response to the letter in Monday's Alligator that called student ticket scalpers a disgrace to Gator Nation: What a load of crap.

The kid that's getting a hundred bucks for a student ticket isn't a disgrace to anyone. He or she is a testament to UF's Warrington College of Business Administration.

Student season ticket holders are already hamstrung in that they can only sell their tickets to people with Gator 1 cards. If a hundred bucks is market value out in

the more or less free market of nonstudent ticket prices, then the student who gets that much for a ticket should be applauded.

We're in a recession. Even before that was the case, jobs were scarce for student-aged people in Gainesville (another direct function of supply and demand in a college town). The stereotype of the poor college student is no myth, even at UF.

Buying student season tickets and selling them for 10 times face value is an easy way to watch a relatively small investment yield huge profits.

If you're struggling to make rent and another student wants to pay you a lot of money to watch Tim Tebow and Brandon Spikes hit Lane Kiffin's boys in the mouth, don't feel like you're a blight upon the school for accepting the offer.

Jon Levy
6JM



Community needs classical station

I can't tell you how much I miss classical music from UF radio. You have cut it, perhaps, to give students a chance to report news. But what is the community supposed to do? Do you have no obligation to us?

It is very, very sad to live without mu-

sic, and you don't care. I've never lived anywhere without a good classical station. Until now. This makes Gainesville an impoverished community.

Barbara Wickwire
Gainesville resident



SG official right to resign

I was surprised to hear of the story last week about William Sedgwick, a UF Student Government official who was arrested on a DUI charge and resigned.

Eight years ago, UF had a Student Body president who was arrested on a DUI charge, which was an embarrassment to the student body. But he remained in office.

It is a sign of sensible character that Sedgwick resigned his public office and that the SG president accepted it, accepting responsibility for his lapse in judgment.

Of course, this does not excuse SG and its long-running majority party for its ongoing lack of transparency or fairness to UF's "independent" parties — but it does show that there has been a modest ethical improvement since my time at UF as a student senator.

Kenneth Kerns
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Campus political groups debate health-care reform

The forum was sponsored by Chomp the Vote

By LIZ BEHRMAN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students listened to fiery arguments surrounding national health-care reform Monday night.

About 60 people sat in the Pugh Hall Auditorium while members of the College Democrats and College Republicans answered questions during the Chomp the Vote Health Care Forum.

Chomp the Vote Director Jenna Stern said the purpose of the debate was to inform students about the issue of health-care reform.

"They now know the Democrat and Republican platforms, where they stand and

have a better understanding about why the debate is so heated," she said.

Representing the College Republicans were Bryan Griffin and Johnathan Lott, while Eric Conrad and Ben Cavatara represented the College Democrats.

Each side had one minute to answer each question, and the opposing team had 30 seconds to make a rebuttal.

The panel discussed points such as the fiscal responsibility of the proposed reform strategies, the efficiency of Medicare and Medicaid versus private insurance and other ways besides a public health insurance option that could offer coverage to all Americans. Although both sides had differing opinions

on the matters, they agreed reform is necessary.

"We're both trying to achieve the same goal here," Griffin said. "We're both trying to keep people alive for as long as possible."

Throughout the debate, the College Republicans argued against a public option for health care, while the College Democrats were in favor of it.

"This is a chance for people to choose their care, stay alive longer and have a better quality of life," Conrad said.



Conrad

"I think if somebody was undecided, hopefully they have made up their mind by the end of the night," said sophomore Jacob Smith, a member of the College Democrats.

Smith said he thought the debate was a little redundant at times but was very informative.

Stern said she was glad the debate brought the issue to the attention of the students.

"Chomp the Vote really wants to engage students," she said. "Our job is to register and educate the campus about what's going on locally, in the state and in the nation."

Stern said the two groups asked Chomp the Vote to set up the debate. She said they might consider hosting similar events in the future. For now, she said, this was just a forum for students to argue their opinions on a national issue.

LOCAL

Gainesville nonprofits struggle with decreased funding

By ERICA JOHNSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

In a period when joblessness is common and businesses are closing left and right, some of Gainesville's nonprofit organizations are feeling the crunch.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity, a local branch of the national organization that builds and repairs houses for the poor, is struggling against decreased funding and staff.

Courtney Middleton, the manager of the Alachua Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store, said despite the fact that people are often forced to buy used goods during financial crisis, sales are down.

The store sales, which are usually about \$2,000 a day in a healthy economy, have dropped to as low as \$200 and average about \$700.

"We have a lot of people coming in, but they still want stuff for cheaper than we can give," Middleton said.

The main source of income for Habitat for Humanity, which has built more than 100 homes in the county since January, is donations. The regular monthly donations are continuing to come in, but spontaneous donations are down, said Peg Iwata, Habitat for Humanity's resource and development manager.

The decline has inspired staff to take new approaches to fundraising

by hosting events such as auctions, pancake breakfasts and walk-a-thons. One event the organization

will be holding is a large auction called Signature Event 2009 on Sept. 25 in High Springs.

But despite the efforts to make up the money, Iwata said the group has been forced to take a new approach

to its work.

Rather than focusing on buying chunks of land and building neighborhoods, she said, they are beginning to shift back toward buying small pieces of land or having them donated and asking for people in the community to help out.

But some organizations, such as Rebuilding Together North Central Florida, a fellow home-repair organization, are not feeling strained from the recession, said Melisa Miller, the group's director.

"We are a smaller organization that hasn't grown as large as some of the others have," Miller said. "We are already used to working on a shoestring."

Rebuilding Together is a 4-year-old organization that specializes in emergency home repairs, accessibility for the elderly and energy efficiency.

Miller said she believes one of the reasons the organization has been able to withstand the economic condition is that they help improve what has already been built rather than doing any development themselves, much like Habitat for Humanity's new plan.

"It's very interesting for us, because we have been receiving more donations than ever," Miller said. "I think a lot of times when there's a recession people concentrate on what's most important."



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Wanda Wesley, 54, browses the shelves looking for a cell phone charger at the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store on Monday afternoon.

Homeless awareness activist announces city commission run

■ FITZPATRICK HANDED OUT FOOD IN FRONT OF CITY HALL MONDAY.

By CJ PRUNER

Alligator Writer

For his 18th birthday, Patrick Fitzpatrick asked for a pair of flashy track shoes for the upcoming season. For his 50th birthday, he was hoping to find a gift-wrapped ticket to the UF-Tennessee football game.

For his 60th birthday, Fitzpatrick wanted to get arrested.

As a light drizzle fell on the large signs that read, "Would Jesus Feed the Homeless?," "5th Meanest City" and "Homeless Rights are Human Rights," near the stairs of Gainesville City Hall, Fitzpatrick and a few others broke the law Monday by handing out food to Gaines-

ville's homeless population.

The law, passed in 2003, prohibits the non-city-sponsored distribution of food in front of City Hall.

"We're breaking this law because we have a conscience," said Fitzpatrick, who didn't get his birthday wish. "I don't care who they are — nobody can tell us who we can or can't give a sandwich to."

After the display of civil disobedience, Fitzpatrick, longtime homeless awareness activist, announced that he will run for the 4th District city commissioner seat, which will empty in March when its current holder, Craig Lowe, runs for mayor.

As the homeless munched peanut butter sandwiches and chocolate cake in cadence with faint, live accordion music, Fitzpatrick assured observers and reporters of the seriousness of his campaign and the need to resist the ever-growing power of current officials, who

he referred to as "the robber barons."

"The curve of politics typically goes in favor of the wealthy," he said. "The curve of justice, however, goes to the poor."

If elected, one of his first orders of business will be to rescind the 130-person limit on the amount of food served at the St. Francis House shelter. Fitzpatrick plans to establish a permanent place for homeless residents to stay.

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Danny Griggs, a Hawthorne resident who assists Fitzpatrick in caring for the homeless, believes the restrictions imposed at the St. Francis House need to be addressed immediately.

"I saw with my own eyes a pregnant woman get turned away because she happened to be No. 131," he said. "That's just not right."

According to Griggs, one of the main problems contributing to Gainesville's homeless problem is a misguided perception that all

homeless residents have only themselves to blame for their circumstances.

"They're smart people," Griggs said, mentioning innovations made by homeless people to survive such as secretly cultivated gardens in which they grow assortments of vegetables. "Some of them just can't do it by themselves."

"Over there are the really stupid people," he said, pointing to the tall buildings across from City Hall that house local businesses.

To David Wayne, who has been homeless for the past four months, the issue isn't about politics or winning elections — it's about getting the next meal. Wayne, whose battle with leukemia made his face jerk and contort as he speaks, sleeps near the courthouse. But despite his problems, Wayne said the efforts of homeless advocates like Fitzpatrick give him hope.

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5. Venomous snake
6. Type of garment
7. Put

ANSWER

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CLUE DOWN

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 - 14 Castle protection
 - 15 Finish second
 - 16 Halo wearer
 - 17 Quarreling once more
 - 19 "A Beautiful Mind" star
 - 21 Give off
 - 22 Elegant tapestry
 - 26 Lanka
 - 29 Certain mollusk's protection
 - 33 Colorful aquarium fish
 - 35 Tough-guy trait
 - 36 "___ Only Have Love": Jacques Brel song
 - 37 Pretentious one
 - 39 Broadway event
 - 40 Bloom with sword-shaped leaves
 - 42 With a single voice
 - 43 Marathoner's bane
 - 46 Onetime Leno announcer Hall
 - 47 The "A" in "CAT scan"
 - 48 Philbin's sidekick
 - 50 Steal a herd
 - 57 Gambling metaphor for a risky venture
 - 60 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
 - 61 Gigantic
 - 62 Storybook monster
 - 63 Standing upright
 - 64 "Yeah, sure!"
 - 65 Steno's need
 - 66 Sausage servings
- DOWN**
- 1 Night twinkler
 - 2 Half of Mork's signoff
 - 3 Cardiologist's tests, for short
 - 4 Pee Wee of the '40s-'50s Dodgers
 - 5 Catch-22
 - 6 Univ. military org.
 - 7 Barber's concern
 - 8 Conductor
 - 9 Suspected Soviet spy of the McCarthy era
 - 10 ___ constrictor
 - 11 TV forensic drama
 - 12 Obama, before he became pres.
 - 14 Blended ice cream drinks
 - 18 Inundated
 - 20 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
 - 23 Do a smith's job
 - 24 ___ Joy: candy bar
 - 25 Lost speed
 - 26 Scarlet letter, e.g.
 - 27 Stomach acid problem
 - 28 Formal words of confession
 - 30 Bit of mudslinging
 - 31 Water, in Cannes
 - 32 Watch display, for short
 - 34 It's rolled out for celebs
 - 37 "The Raven" writer
 - 38 Utah's capital: Abbr.
 - 41 Like bks. with pictures
 - 42 Clothes
 - 44 Rugged ridge
 - 45 Speaker's amplifying aid, briefly
 - 49 Video game pioneer
 - 51 Boutique
 - 52 Old Roman attire
 - 53 British title
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 - 55 Moist, as a stamp
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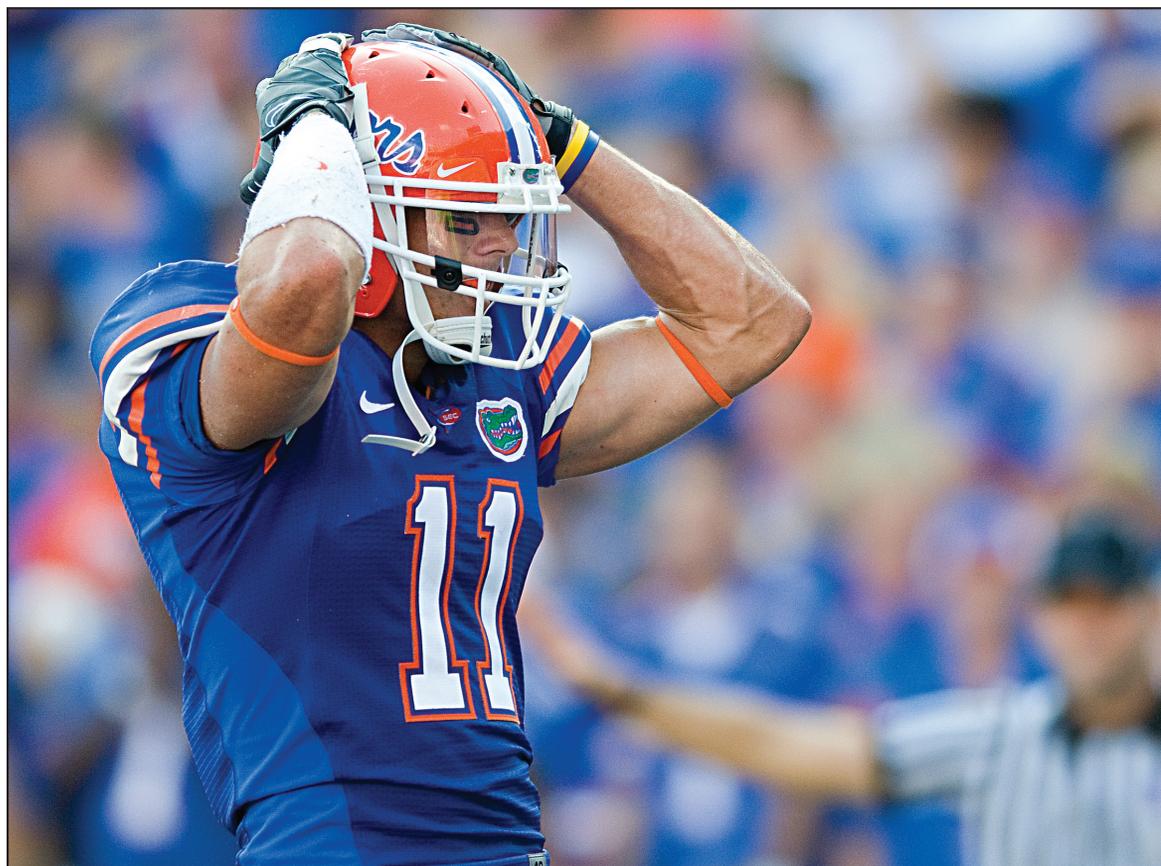
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UF wide receiver Riley Cooper shows his frustration after dropping a pass during Florida's 23-13 win against Tennessee in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday.

UF searching for solution at receiver

■ NO WR HAD 30 YARDS RECEIVING AGAINST UT.

By PHIL KEGLER
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A casual glance at Saturday's stat sheet might lead a casual observer to think there was a typo.

In every Florida football game dating back to 1997 until the Tennessee game, one Gator had at least 30 receiving yards.

That streak — 156 games (and likely longer, but individual box scores from 1996 and earlier are not readily available) — came to an end against the Volunteers, when tight end Aaron Hernandez and wide receiver David Nelson led the Gators with 26 yards.

The closest UF previously came under coach Urban Meyer was Dallas Baker leading the Gators with 31 receiving yards in Florida's 21-17 loss at LSU in 2005.

"I'm not feeling good at receiver

right now," Meyer said after Saturday's 23-13 victory. "I sit in my bed at the hotel room, and I watch this, and I'm thinking we're going to pull out eight blazing receivers. We're not doing that right now. We have to get better at receiver."

Injuries and illness may be partly to blame. Wide receiver Deonte Thompson did not play due to tightness in his hamstring, Riley Cooper was bothered by a pinched nerve for most of the game and Hernandez was battling the flu, which caused him to be put in isolation Friday. Receivers coach Billy Gonzales admitted Sunday that contingency plans had been drawn up in case Hernandez was forced to sit.

UF coaches and players also pointed to a Tennessee defensive game plan geared around not giving up the big play. Meyer said the Volunteers played zone the entire game, taking away the Gators' deep passing threat.

"A big part of what we do is we

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UF FOOTBALL

Meyer credits UT personnel

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The Volunteers' defensive game plan succeeded in limiting the Gators' usually high-powered offense Saturday.

It is a scheme future opponents are likely to use in an attempt to have the same type of success Tennessee had, but UF coach Urban Meyer thinks the personnel on the field had a lot to do with it, citing last season's game against UT as an example. The Volunteers held the Gators to just 243 yards of total offense in 2008 and quarterback Tim Tebow had only 96 passing yards.

"The year before, (former Tennessee defensive coordinator John) Chavis did a nice job as well," Meyer said. "I think the common theme is great players."

That doesn't mean the Gators won't see other teams trying to recreate some packages drawn up by UT defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin.

Tebow certainly expects to see more opponents playing the same style of defense as the Volunteers.

"I'm sure we will see a lot of what they did,

but we just have to get ready for it," Tebow said.

MORE FLU: The flu bug has struck again.

This time, it was a member of the coaching staff who was affected. Wide receiver coach Billy Gonzales had a 104 degree fever Monday and was receiving treatment for the flu.



Meyer

Running back Jeff Demps and tight end Aaron Hernandez were both feeling better after struggling with flu-like symptoms during Saturday's game.

Defensive end Jermaine Cunningham is still showing signs of the virus.

INJURY UPDATE: Meyer said wide receiver Deonte Thompson (hamstring) and linebacker Brandon Spikes (Achilles) are probable for Saturday's game against Kentucky.

Thompson worked with a track coach to help speed up recovery. As for Spikes, Meyer said he just has to be smart because he has a type of injury that tends to linger.

Gators can't explain WR play

Apparently explaining the lack of production from Florida's wide receivers is harder than anyone thought.

When the media had the opportunity to speak with senior receiver David Nelson and wide receivers coach Billy Gonzales after practice Sunday, we were expecting them to help us figure out what went wrong against Tennessee.

No wideout caught more than three passes, gained more than 26 yards or made a single play longer than 14 yards as Tim Tebow threw for a mere 115 yards on the day.

Anyone watching the game could tell UF had no way of stretching the field with Deonte Thompson sidelined, and the receivers that were on the field often failed to get open or even



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catch the ball.

UT defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin masterfully put together a zone coverage scheme that took away the very principles the spread offense is founded on: get your playmakers in one-on-one situations in space.

Still, the Gators are one of the most talented teams — if not the most talented team — in the nation, and the Volunteers aren't exactly a national powerhouse at the moment.

There has to be some sort of

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TEING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ Texas QB Colt McCoy fought off the flu during halftime Saturday by eating a PB&J and drinking Pedialyte. Next, he'll battle pneumonia with a Capri Sun and animal crackers. ... More questionable way of naming a champion: The BCS or the system UF coaches used to grade the three WRs? ... I hate when coaches gag order players, but I wouldn't mind seeing Lane Kiffin gag order himself.

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Which UF receiver has been the most disappointing this fall?

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Kiffin continues war of words back in Knoxville

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin says he put his Volunteers in the best position they could be in to beat Florida. Then he took one more shot at Gators coach Urban Meyer.

Meyer said Sunday that he kept his game plan conservative in No. 1 Florida's 23-13 win after he felt the Vols didn't appear to be playing for a win. He also said several of his players had been hit by the flu.

On Monday, Kiffin said he didn't want to respond to Meyer's comment. But asked whether he was worried about the flu also hitting Tennessee, he said: "I don't

know. I guess we'll wait and after we're not excited about a performance, we'll tell you everybody was sick."

Tennessee (1-2, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) was tagged as a 30-point underdog thanks in part to some of Kiffin's offseason comments about Florida.

The Vols' first-year coach pledged to sing "Rocky Top" after beating the Gators at the Swamp and accused Meyer of an NCAA violation in trying to hang on to a recruit who eventually joined Kiffin at Tennessee.

SEC commissioner Mike Slive reprimanded Kiffin for the latter and warned all coaches about taking shots at one another.

"This offseason the commissioner made a big deal of renewing

vows in terms of what we say about other teams, other coaches and other players" Kiffin said. "Obviously Urban feels he doesn't need to follow that. We won't say anything else."

Tennessee didn't play its role in what was supposed to be a Florida

blowout.

With 11:37 left in the game and Florida (3-0, 1-0 SEC) holding a 23-6 lead, the Vols recovered a fumble by Tim Tebow at their own 2. Kiffin turned to running backs Montario Hardesty and Bryce Brown to pound out runs and catch short

passes.

That's where Meyer felt Kiffin wasn't concerned about winning.

"They wanted to shorten the game. I remember looking out there and there's 10 minutes left in the game and there's no no-huddle, they are down, I think it was 23-6

and (there's no) urgency," he said.

Kiffin said he preferred to turn to his tailbacks, who had little trouble moving the chains against the Gators' defense, rather than the Vols' struggling passing game.

It worked. Montario Hardesty scored on a 17-yard run with 8:11 left to cut the margin to 23-13.

"That was the best thing to put us in position to win, and we moved the ball doing that," he said. "That was how we needed to play at that time."

With about 2 minutes left in the game and a chance to score, Kiffin gave Jonathan Crompton — who had already thrown one interception — a chance to throw down field to Denarius Moore. The pass was picked off by Ahmad Black for Crompton's seventh interception of the season.

"People should know the truth. We came out to play," Moore said. "They said it themselves. They didn't expect us to come out and play like that. We just played our hardest, and so did they."

Kiffin said the Vols got beat by Tebow, who made some key scrambling plays in third-and-long situations. He'd also like another shot at the senior quarterback who he calls "Superman."

"I wish it was like basketball where we got another chance to play them, where we play them two times in a year," he said. "Unfortunately we won't get to play him again, and they'll have to play without (Tebow) next time."



AP Photo

Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin (left) and UF coach Urban Meyer shake hands after the Gators' 23-13 win against the Volunteers on Saturday in The Swamp.

Beasley back with teammates after month in rehab

The second-year forward will be with Heat at training camp

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Michael Beasley rejoined his Miami Heat teammates Monday following a monthlong stay in a rehabilitation facility to address substance abuse and other issues.

Beasley took part in a voluntary offseason workout and quickly drew rave reviews from coaches, many of whom were able to visit and work with him during the rehab stint. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra personally saw Beasley three times in the past month, and someone from the Heat staff was with the second-year forward daily.

"We want to bring him back to the family, bring him back in here," Spoelstra said. "We're 100 percent behind him. We've invest-

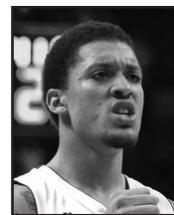
ed in him, not just financially but emotionally. We've spent a great deal of time with him this summer, trying to develop him on the court but also off the court. He's ready. He was excited to be back here."

Beasley, who starred at Kansas State for one season before jumping to the NBA, was not available for comment Monday. No specifics of his treatment have been offered, with both the Heat and people close to Beasley citing privacy concerns.

The No. 2 pick in the 2008 draft will be with the team when training camp opens officially on Sept. 29. Players kept in touch with Beasley through text messages and Twitter over the past month.

"I have no concern at all," Heat forward and

captain Udonis Haslem said last week when asked about Beasley. "He's working out, he's staying in shape, he's keeping himself sharp. It's not like he doesn't know the plays and with Beas, if all else fails, he'll shoot it. So he'll be fine when he gets back."



Beasley

Beasley entered an in-patient Houston facility sometime around Aug. 20. A series of posts on his Twitter account around that time sparked concern for his well-being, including entries that said "Feelin like it's not worth livin!!!!!! I'm done" and "I feel like the whole world is against me I can't win for losin."

He also was fined \$50,000 last year for being in a hotel room where the scent of marijuana was detected during the league's rookie symposium.

Through it all, the Heat — from team president Pat Riley, to Spoelstra, to many teammates — have insisted Beasley is still valued.

"We have great structure here within the franchise and I think what the NBA and everybody saw is that we're 100 percent behind him," Spoelstra said. "We were with him every step of the way and we're expecting great things from him this year."

Spoelstra said Beasley's summer was filled with plenty of on-court "work and development." He spent about two months working out in Miami before going to Houston, and since the end of last season has gotten quicker, plus added 10 pounds of muscle while maintaining a low body fat level.



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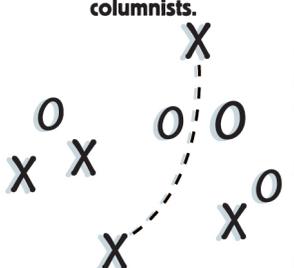
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GATORS IN THE AP POLL

UF RECEIVED 55 OF THE 60 FIRST-PLACE VOTES SUNDAY.
HERE'S HOW THE OTHER FIVE VOTED.

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2. Florida
3. Alabama
4. LSU
5. Miami

■ **John Adams, Knoxville News Sentinel**

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2. Florida
3. Texas
4. Miami
5. LSU

■ **Ray Ratto, San Francisco Chronicle**

1. Texas
2. Alabama
3. Florida
4. Ole Miss
5. Penn State

■ **Doug Lesmerises, Cleveland Plain Dealer**

1. Alabama
2. Miami
3. Houston
4. Cincinnati
5. Florida

■ **Jon Wilner, San Jose Mercury News**

1. Alabama
2. Miami
3. Texas
4. LSU
5. Florida

Source: Pollspeak.com

Gators fail to have 20-yard pass play for first time since '05

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try to let [Riley] Cooper — Deonte couldn't play — run by a guy," Meyer said. "You're not going to run by a guy that's retreating.

"We like man coverage around here. You get us man coverage, it's a little easier to operate."

Florida may also finally be feeling the departure of Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy, who are starting in the NFL this fall.

In the Gators' first Southeastern Conference game without the duo, they had no pass play longer than 18 yards. Gonzales grades his unit on "big plays" of 20 yards or more, and Saturday was the first time UF failed to have such a gain in the passing game since Nov. 5, 2005 against Vanderbilt — 47 games ago.

"Could we use Percy Harvin as a playmaker and everything? Absolutely," Tebow said. "But I think the other guys are doing a great job. There was games when Percy was here when we weren't just running 80-yard touchdown runs too."

There were no aerial trips to the end zone either Saturday. Tennessee held Tebow with-

out a touchdown pass for the first time in his 30 starts at UF. The last time the Gators didn't record a passing touchdown was in 2005 against LSU.

"Players make plays, the play doesn't make the player," Gonzales said. "You've seen plenty of receivers over the last four or five years catch a hitch and take it the distance."



Football

No one seemed ready to put the blame on a specific player or position Sunday night. Nelson, a redshirt senior, said it's the receivers' job to get open but subsequently said UF wideouts were successful in getting open.

Gonzales pointed to UF's success on third down — 24/36 (67%) through three games — as a testament to his position group's contribution. Florida converted eight of 13 third-down opportunities against Tennessee. Half of those came through the passing game, the longest being a 18-yard screen pass to Hernandez on third and 14 in the second quarter.

"We're really damn good at it right now," Gonzales said. "We've gotta make sure that's

a money down for us."

A big question is whether any young wide receivers will be able to develop in time to add depth this fall. The method to gaining the coaches' trust is production in Tuesday and Wednesday practices, players and coaches agreed.

Redshirt freshmen Frankie Hammond Jr., Omarius Hines and T.J. Lawrence have been mentioned as possible options, but none caught a pass against the Volunteers.

"We've never been (big on) the word gamer," Gonzales said. "You've gotta make the plays over and over in practice."

The upcoming game against Kentucky will give Florida wideouts their next chance to shine. The Wildcats are 45th in the nation in passing defense, allowing an average of 185.5 yards per game, including 245 yards against Louisville last week.

"I'll never say that we're not as explosive as we used to be or we're not as good as we used to be," Nelson said. "I think we're every bit as good as we were last year, we're just looking for an opportunity to prove that."

"Maybe we didn't show it this past weekend, but we won the game. That's all that matters."

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explanation for what happened on the Gators' side of the ball.

Yet, what we got from Nelson and Gonzales was an eventual dismissal of all the plausible explanations.

Somehow all three starting wide receivers graded out as champions, which means that Nelson, Riley Cooper and Brandon James did what was asked of them on almost every play, according to Gonzales.

It's hard to believe they were never asked to make a play in the passing game in between blocking for the running backs.

Either way, it wasn't the receivers fault. They did what was asked of them according to the coaches.

Perhaps it was more a matter of the personnel that wasn't on the field, as explosive Andre Debose and Thompson watched from the sideline.

"We've got playmakers now," Gonzales said. "We just have to make sure we put them in the right spots to make plays."

OK, so not a lack of playmakers.

Maybe the coaches didn't put them in the right places at the right times.

"Players make the play, it's not the plays that make the players," Gonzales added no more than two minutes later.

Now I'm confused.

On the one hand, it's the coaches responsibility to put them in a position to succeed, but on the other hand, it's ultimately the players' responsibility to make plays regardless of the what is drawn up.

But we already know the receivers must have taken care of that responsibility, they graded out as champions, remember?

Alright, maybe it was that underachiever Tim Tebow. Or that offensive line.

They had to be the ones messing things up. After all, you can't get the ball to the receivers without blocking and throwing.

"It's never the quarterback and it's never the offensive line, so it's got to fall on our shoulders," Nelson said. "I put the blame solely on us, and we watched film today. There were some plays where we could've been open. There were some plays where some guys were in the wrong spot at the wrong time at the wrong situation."

Wait a minute, I thought you guys all graded out as champions?!

But how do you grade out as champions if you're not getting open?

"We were open," Nelson added. "We were open this weekend. We were making plays. We made some plays this weekend that we were really excited to see."

Didn't you just tell us that the blame fell solely on the receivers?

And that there were plays when you could've done a better job getting open?

But now you were actually open the whole time?

After talking to Gonzales and Nelson, we can eliminate the coaching, the lack of personnel, the quarterback, the offensive line and the receivers themselves as reasons for the poor performance.

Either Eric Berry and Co. were better than we thought, or the definition of "champion" has significantly slipped in Gainesville.

where are the
wideouts?



Riley Cooper, Sr.

13 catches, 212 yds, 1 TD



Brandon James, Sr.

5 catches, 72 yds, 1 TD



David Nelson, R-Sr.

5 catches, 39 yds



Deonte Thompson, R-So.

2 catches, 39 yds, 2 TDs



Frankie Hammond, Jr., R-Fr.

1 catch, 13 yds



Omarius Hines, R-Fr.

7 catches, 98 yds



T.J. Lawrence, R-Fr.

0 catches

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