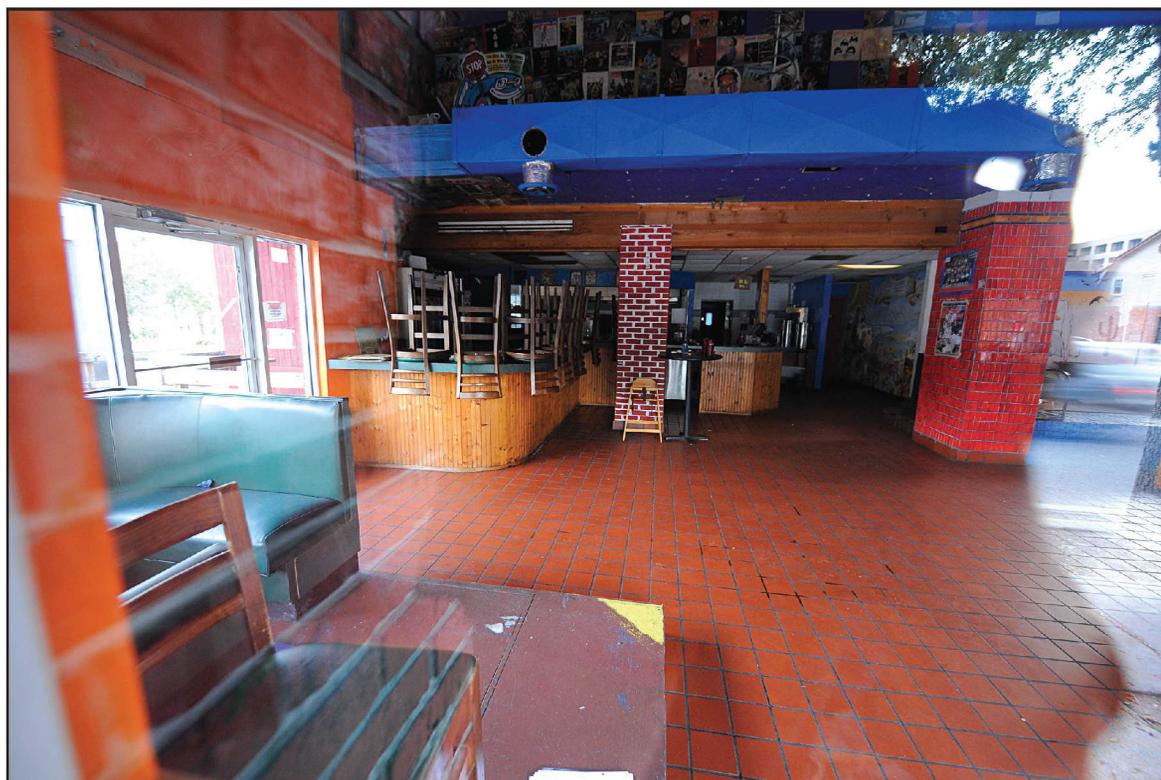




LOCAL NEWS

Restaurant closes doors with little notice



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

The interior of Mellow Mushroom seen through its front door Thursday afternoon. The University Avenue restaurant closed Tuesday night.

By **JARED MISNER**
 Alligator Writer

Gainesville residents will have to get their psychedelic fix somewhere else now that local pizza favorite Mellow Mushroom has closed up shop.

Mellow Mushroom, 1209 W University Ave, closed its doors indefinitely Tuesday night due to a host of ambiguous reasons.

"We've had a lot of problems with the equipment and the whole building in general, really. It's dilapidated," said Zach Joiner, 24, a server and cook who worked at Mellow Mushroom for more than 2 1/2 years.

Joiner, who last worked as a cook Monday night, said a manager told him via text message late Tuesday night that the owner of the restaurant, Deo Klein, was permanently closing the Gainesville location and the doors would be locked Wednesday.

Klein could not be reached for comment.

"There are probably still a few employees who don't know," Joiner said.

Mellow Mushroom CEO Richard Brasch said the Gainesville location was the only location to close in "quite some time."

"The condition of the store would have ultimately required a substantial amount of infrastructure investment, and the owner was hesitant to make that financial commitment," Brasch said of the franchised location.

Although Brasch could not comment further on the exact reasons for the close, he said the economy might have been a factor.

"The decision by the owner to close was not shocking," Brasch said.

Joiner had a different reaction. "It was definitely very unexpected," Joiner said.

Stephanie Rogg, a UF sophomore and a frequent Mellow Mushroom customer, also expressed shock and disappointment.

"I mean, some restaurant had to close. I'm just surprised it was this one," Rogg said, referring to the economy. "I used to go to Mellow Mushroom every day before

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H1N1 vaccine on order

By **MARIA PIQUET**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County's first batch of H1N1 vaccines is expected to arrive early next week.

The Alachua County Health Department put in an order for about 1,500 H1N1 vaccines this week, and they are expected to arrive Monday or Tuesday.

More shipments are expected to arrive weekly until January, and people can receive them at ACHD, 224 SE 24th St., for free.

"Because we're not getting them all at once, we're going to have to prioritize who is getting the vaccine first," said Paul Myers, assistant director of ACHD.

Children will receive the first vaccines because they are one of the most vulnerable groups to the virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Myers said.

There are two types of swine flu vac-

cines. There's a nasal spray, which contains the live, attenuated influenza virus, and there's a shot, which contains the inactive virus, Myers said. The upcoming shipment will only include the nasal spray.

Because the nasal spray contains the live influenza virus, it's not suitable for people who have underlying health conditions such as asthma or diabetes, he said. They will have to wait a couple of weeks before the flu shot starts getting included in the shipments.

The Health Department hopes to give doses of the vaccine to the UF Student Health Care Center within the next month or so, Myers said.

"It all depends on how much we receive up front, what type of vaccine we're getting and what kind of penetration into the most vulnerable populations we get," Myers said. "Then we'll start getting into

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Local News

Students rush to sell high-demand tickets

By **ANDREW NORRIS**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Patrick Reynolds walked into Library West at about 5:45 p.m. Monday. He sat down, opened his laptop and waited until 6 p.m. Congratulations — ticket found.

Reynolds, a UF sophomore, is one of the 5,000 students whose computers ran the virtual gauntlet that is Ticketmaster and emerged with a ticket to the UF-Georgia game Oct. 31.

"When it got to my place in line, I was really excited," Reynolds said. "I knew if I got a ticket, I'd be able to sell it and make some extra cash."

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Patrick Reynolds
 UF sophomore

A look at Craigslist shows Reynolds wasn't alone in that thought. Since Monday, student and alumni tickets have been listed for sale from \$100 to more than \$200.

"It's frustrating," said psychology senior Josh Hernandez. "I feel like people who really want to watch the game and support the

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■ Top-ranked Florida heads to Baton Rouge for a primetime showdown with No. 4 LSU in Tiger Stadium (right). The Tigers have won 32 straight Saturday night home games. See Story, Page 17.



Alligator to hold second open house to fill positions

In order to meet its daily demands, the Independent Florida Alligator will hold its second open house of the semester today from 2 to 5 p.m.

Section editors will conduct on-the-spot interviews to fill open positions, which include opinions editor, multimedia stringers, bloggers, copy editors, reporters and photographers. The open house is open to UF and Santa Fe College students of all majors. Students are encouraged to bring any

clips, resumes and story ideas they have.

"Most importantly, we need to hire an opinions editor," Managing Editor / Print Brian Kelley said. "I am not witty."

Editors have also had trouble assigning stories.

"It would really be nice if stringers called us back," Metro Editor Emily Fuggetta said.

The Alligator is located at 1105 W University Ave.

— **CHELSEA KEENAN**

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Everybody Dance Now (Free Lecture)

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Nadine McGuire Pavilion,
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A presentation centered around 20th century social dance forms: Charleston, rock 'n' roll, lindy hop, hip-hop, house, crip walk and other social and club dance forms.

UF Orchestra presents: The Bad Boys of Music

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium
Conducted by Raymond Chobaz. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for UF faculty, staff and non-UF students, and free to UF students. For tickets, call 352-392-ARTS (2787) or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Workshop: "Immigrant Cultural Production in Europe"

Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dauer Hall, Room 215
Eight scholars will present their work about forms of creative expression produced by members of immigrant groups, touching on their experience of exile and dislocation. Sponsored by the Center for European Studies.

Shabbat with the Machens

Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
Today, services at 7 p.m., dinner at 8:30 p.m.
UF President Bernie Machen and his wife, Chris Machen, will join students at UF Hillel for this week's Shabbat and speak about their recent trip to Iran. Candle lighting and services will begin as usual at 7 p.m., followed by dinner and the Machens' speech at 8:30 p.m. The dinner is free for UF students and \$20 for community members.

JumpstART II: Going Solo!

A Workshop in Creative Entrepreneurship
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Harn Museum of Art
JumpstART II is a full-day workshop that engages participants with interactive discussions, lectures and activities, allowing for the exchange of ideas and networking among aspiring local artists and entrepreneurs. Much of the workshop will focus on entrepreneurial topics such as business planning, marketing and fundraising. The workshop is open to all visual and performing artists in the area.

Simchat Torah 1000! at Chabad

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
2021 NW 5th Ave.
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grand Simchat Torah celebration; Dance with the Torah. Evening Service and Hakafot: Refreshments, a hot buffet and L'chaim will be served all night.

Dante Alighieri Society of Gainesville meeting

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
The Tower Club at The Village
Interested in Italy and Italian culture? Come to the first meeting of the 2009-2010 season. Mary Watt, associate professor of Italian at UF, will be talking about the real Christopher Columbus. Visit dantegainesville.org for more information.

Close-Knit Gators Meeting

Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Close-Knit Gators is a charity knitting organization on campus. Crocheters and those with minimal experience are also welcome to join. We are making pumpkin hats for babies at Shands this month and would be happy to have your help. Visit our Facebook page or e-mail korman33@ufl.edu for more information.

Black Women's Image Initiative

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Ustler Hall
Join the group as they take some time to appreciate ambitions and dreams in "The Skin I'm In."

Engineers Without Borders general body meeting

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Bartram Hall, Room 211
Come to the meeting to find out how you can help implement sustainable development solutions for less fortunate communities locally and globally. All majors are welcome.

UF Society of Professional Journalists

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union, Room 285
Join SPJ's campus chapter of the year Tuesday night as new-media doctoral student Jennifer Cox discusses media convergence. This is an important meeting for those interested in the future of journalism and multimedia journalism careers.

UF Relay For Life Kickoff Party

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Little Hall, Room 121
Join UF's Colleges Against Cancer committee. At the kickoff party you can register your team, get fundraising ideas, receive information about Relay For Life events and more. For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/uffl or e-mail UFcollegesagainstcancer@yahoo.com.

Alpha Zeta fundraiser

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Gelato Company
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Reitz board takes first at conference

By JARED MISNER
Alligator Writer

Showing up with one of the smallest programming budgets, UF's Reitz Union Board Entertainment left with the biggest prize Saturday at the National Association for Campus Activities' regional conference in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Kristen Huff, RUB Entertainment president, attributed UF's first-place finish Saturday to a dedicated, tight-knit group of students all working together to produce better programming for UF's diverse Student Body.

"It means so much to me," Huff said. "It's a recognition for all the hard work we do."



UF beat Eckerd College's Palmetto Productions from St. Petersburg to win the top prize in the \$150,000 and below budget bracket.

"When she announced it was us, we exploded — we were screaming and shouting," said Amy Casaletto, vice president of external affairs for RUB Entertainment. "People from other schools were Gator chomping for us."

RUB Entertainment's budget of \$118,000 provides UF with free movie viewings, comedians, karaoke programs and a variety of other free nightly programming.

"A lot more schools had a lot more money than we do," Casaletto said. "I really think that's why we won, because we do something every night and it's always quality and it's always free."

Although the award carries no monetary value, Huff hopes the top award will mean a greater amount of funding in future years.

"We just want students to have as much fun as we do," she said.

Wall lets students express worries

By NICOLE LYNN GREINER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students expressed their concerns over cockroach infestations, stress and the national debt at the Wall of Worries Thursday afternoon.

The event, which was put on by Student Government's Disability Affairs Cabinet, took place on the Plaza of Americas and was held in honor of UF's Disability Awareness Month.

Andrea Perez, a women's studies junior, wrote about her battles with stress on the wall.

"Even though I have tried to stop, I just can't break the cycle," she wrote.

Perez took some time to put her worry on the wall, adding she already goes to the UF Counseling Center on campus. She said events like the Wall of Worries help students to know they are not alone.

Caroline Robichaux, director of Disability Affairs Cabinet, said mental disabilities are the second-largest registered disability on campus.

She said the idea behind the Wall of Worries and the other events is to raise awareness and inform students about mental and physical disabilities on campus.

Students who contributed to the wall were given tea and peppermints to help ease the stress they were under.

"It's different," said UF sophomore Stephen Holmgren. "I can't say I have seen anything like that before."

Holmgren said he is worried about the national debt.

He said it's a problem that our generation is going to have to worry about and eventually pay off in the future.

The campaign will cost SG about \$1,500, Robichaux said.

Accent and SG have also arranged for Louis "Twitchels" Centanni to speak on Oct. 21. Centanni was profiled on MTV's "True Life: I have Tourettes." Centanni's appearance will cost about \$2,500.

A Halloween carnival will end the campaign Oct. 29 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The carnival will raise money for 15 students at the Sidney Lanier School, a school for people ages 3 to 22 who have disabilities.



Juliana Jimenez / Alligator Staff

Religion junior Vickie Machado prepares to write on the Wall of Worries. The SG Disability Affairs Cabinet displayed the wall Thursday on the Plaza of the Americas for Disability Awareness Month.

Common, Kid Cudi may come to UF

■ IF SCHEDULED, THE SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE DEC. 4.

Flavet Field might be getting a double shot of rap in December with Common and Kid Cudi, thanks to Student Government Productions Music & Entertainment.

The SG-funded organization filed papers recently seeking funds for a possible Dec. 4 show.

Common, an established rapper from Chicago, could get paid \$45,000 while Kid Cudi, an up-and-comer known for his single "Day 'N' Nite," is currently slated for

an estimated \$30,000.

The show would be the second major event at the new band shell, which was finished this summer. It hosted a concert at the end of August with Citizen Cope and The Whigs. About 4,000 people showed up.

Common

Allen Johnson, a sports management senior, said he's a big fan of Common and likes Kid Cudi too.

"Common isn't like other artists who use vulgar language in their music," Johnson said. "I think Common is a good representative of the African-American community."

He took issue, however, with the combined price tag of \$75,000.

"Hell no," he said. "That is way too much money."

Instead, he'd like to see the money spent on saving a program or a professor's job.

"We need to be putting that money somewhere else," he said.

—THOMAS STEWART

Women's charities receive grants from local organizations

Commission awarded \$500 to two groups

By KATHLEEN BIRKHIMER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville's Commission on the Status of Women is meeting the economic climate with a policy of generosity.

The group recently doubled the budget of the mini-grant it introduced this fall, which aids women's advocacy projects.

They awarded two \$500 grants this weekend to The Arbor House and The Displaced Homemaker

Program.

"We were so impressed by these two applicants that... the board gave us the funding to fund a second full grant this first round," said Megan Silbert, a member of the GCSW and a leader in the mini-grant selection process.

The Displaced Homemaker Program aims to benefit women who have primarily been homemakers throughout their lives but must now enter the workforce.

"The experience that we've gathered over these years is extremely important..."

Nancy Griffin
Program coordinator

The program received a blow when its funding was cut by 40 percent beginning July 1.

Although the mini-grant can't come close to covering the organization's \$67,000 cut, coordina-

tor Nancy Griffin said the money will buy workbooks she considers essential tools for these women.

"The experience that we've gathered over these years is extremely important and we want to be able to give that information away freely and not be charging people," Griffin said.

"These women will be able to go out and have a stronger economic situation for them, which also will benefit our community in terms of productivity and may benefit their children if they're also parenting," Silbert said. "If we have higher unemployment,

then it's even harder to get a job and they are more needed."

The Arbor House, which declined an interview, provides safe housing, counseling and career resources for single and expectant mothers, according to their Web site.

The GCSW received 13 complete applications, submitted by for programs ranging from women's self-defense to religious empowerment. The selections were based on factors such as how well the applicants could measure their effectiveness and the sustainability of the programs.

Environmentalism speaks about history of Fla. activism

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Joe Browder may have talked about the Florida's history of environmental activism, but he warned his audience not to take history too seriously.

Browder spoke to a crowd of about 85 Thursday night at Pugh Hall.

He said history has a tendency to make struggles like the environmental movement seem less intense than they were.

"History has a way of sanitizing conflicts and making the prevailing participants appear to have been safer and more acceptable than they were at the time," Browder said.

Browder, an environmental activist who worked in the Carter administration and served as the conservation director of Friends of the Earth, helped preserve the Florida Everglades and continues to work as an environmental consultant.

Browder said the environmental activism of the 1960s and 1970s was possible because of the public awakening that occurred across Florida and the nation.

He said the public's frustration over the Vietnam War and the struggle with discrimination led to an increased openness to the movement on a national level, while South Florida was open to an op-

portunity to end its associations with land fraud and crime.

"I think we were riding somebody else's waves," Browder said.

Looking back on his role as an environmental advocate, Browder said he encouraged students interested in protecting the environment to develop a thick skin and a willingness to engage in conflict.

Ryan Scott, a Gainesville resident, said Browder's message emphasized standing up for the environment even in the face of adversity.

Scott said the speech taught him how the history of Florida's natural resources involves a connection between industry, the economy and politics.

Jack Davis, an associate professor of history at UF, said he values Browder for his ability to offer precise, first-hand memories about his role and the roles of other figures in the environmental movement.

Davis interviewed Browder for his biography of environmentalist Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, who worked with Browder.

"He has a steel-trap mind," Davis said.

Browder will be donating letters, newspaper clippings and photos to the UF Libraries Special Collections during a ceremony at Library East at noon today, Davis said.



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Joe Browder, principal of environmental consulting firm Dunlap & Browder, speaks in Pugh Hall Thursday night about the Everglades, its history and the work he has done to preserve it.

ON CAMPUS

Smathers Libraries holds Internet search competition

By **KRISTEN BOWE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students tested their abilities to find random historical facts Thursday night.

Forty-eight students assembled

in Library West to take the 30-minute, 20-question Digital Literacy Contest put on by the Smathers Libraries.

According to the libraries' Web site, the contest tested students' Internet search knowledge.

Daniel Poynter, a graduate of

Purdue University in Indiana and co-founder of the event, said the contest was like Jeopardy in that students would be penalized for wrong answers.

During the competition, students turned, sighed deeply and played with their nails and facial

hair.

UF political science junior Ben Cavataro won the event by a large margin. Poynter said he received the highest score ever recorded for the contest.

Cavataro said he "came in on a lurch," adding he didn't have high

hopes when he came in.

"I used Google and LexisNexis," he said. "I tried to use a lot of search engines for better results."

Cavataro, who won \$200 cash, said he was going to use the money for paying rent and having a little bit of fun.

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Editorial

It's been a pretty stressful week at the Alligator. Not only do we all have exams coming up, we've also been doing the jobs of several people. It's been so rough that we might even take our three-day weekend early. On that note, we present to you a doing-homework-at-home-has-never-sounded-so-appealing edition of...

Darts & Darts

And Laurel.

First and foremost, we fire a big, fat DART to the 10-day "sore"-cast on Weather.com. At 3 p.m., it should not feel like 103 degrees. Did you not get the memo, Mamma Nature? October is here.

In fact, it's so awful hot in this sunny state of ours that a Tallahassee man has been stripping down to his skivvies to keep cool and comfortable during his daily bicycle ride.

But not for long.

Richard Irby, 55, was ordered not to wear a thong in public any more and to stay out of trouble by a Leon County judge Monday. Irby was charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct Aug. 17 for showing too much while donning his banana hammock in a mobile home park, according to an article by The Associated Press.

However, the article fails to mention Irby's disability. Locals call him the Bikini Bicyclist, and in a video on the St. Petersburg Times Web site, it's made clear that the man isn't stripping for attention.

Irby had to learn to eat, speak and walk again after he was hit by a car in high school. He's most comfortable riding his bike in a Speedo, like your grandpa does at the beach.

Let's launch a haven't-you-ever-seen-skin-before? DART at the Leon County judge who ruled against Irby, and hit all hit-and-run drivers with a can't-you-own-up-to-your-actions? DART, preferably one dipped in salt and lemon juice.

On a serious note, we launch a don't-drop-the-soap DART to the 53-year-old former UF employee accused of sexually violating a 9-year-old girl last year. If what this girl says is true, then there's a special place in Hell for you, David Blankenship.

The "unusual" and "luxury" gift store Brookstone has come under fire after some say its new Frog-O-Sphere is not habitable for the amphibians it houses.

Don't get us wrong; we're all about pets. One of our moms even has a Shrimp-O-Sphere with a snowflake-sized crustacean named Roscoe residing on her window sill. However, Roscoe has been alive for a more than a year. These frogs are reportedly dying within weeks.

We can't understand how these Frog-O-Spheres offer a "starting point for learning about life in ecosystems," as Brookstone's Web site claims. According to PetCo's Web site, African Dwarf frogs — the kind Brookstone sells — should be kept in a 10-gallon tank at minimum.

So, for keeping its product on the market just to make a buck, we fling a poison DART frog at Brookstone.

And finally, a LAUREL to all of the bright and shining faces we'll see tomorrow from 2 to 5 p.m. during the Alligator's second open house of the semester. Remember to bring clips, resumes and at least half a brain. We know, it's Friday, and the last thing you probably want to do is look for work.

Now that you've finished reading this edition of Darts & Darts (& Laurel), bring a clipping of it today when you apply for opinions editor. This is a test.

Be sure to wear your seat belts when driving to (and from) Louisiana this weekend. Gooooo Gators!

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Column

Media obsessed with college athletes

As you read this, I am hard at work imbibing the contents of my giant, green Bubba Keg on a bus to Baton Rouge.

I'm surrounded by more than 100 of my best friends on this trip, and one thought continues to run through my mind: Is Tim Tebow dead?

Actually, that question is probably irrelevant in the ultimate scheme of things because John Brantley's Heisman campaign just now seems to be heating up. Without fail, every time I turn on ESPN, check Yahoo! Sports online or pick up the Alligator, I read about the imminent demise of Tebow and the rise of Brantley.

Did you know that his high school numbers were better than Tebow's? Watch any news source for more than a passing second, and you soon will.

To be completely honest, I'm flabbergasted that Brantley hasn't yet jumped to the top of ESPN.com's Heisman Watch poll. Both his passer rating and touch-down-to-interception ratio are better than Tebow's.

Let's just go ahead and fly him to New York now and award him the Heisman Trophy.

Frankly, all this attention focused on the quarterback situation here in Gainesville is flat-out ridiculous. Without a doubt, some press is due when the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback of the No. 1 team in the nation goes down with a concussion. But the national media obsession with Tebow and Brantley has spiraled out of control.

In the end, though, this is just another symptom of the media's fixation with college athletes such as Tebow. It is simply unacceptable for the media and nation to feast on the ups and downs of college athletes, no matter what sport they participate in. At the end of



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the day, these student athletes are just that — student athletes.

Asking them whether they are virgins (as they did to Tebow during a press conference) is unethical and not newsworthy. If you wouldn't ask a college student standing next to you on the bus ride to the office the question, you certainly should

not be putting these twenty-somethings on the spot in front of the national spotlight.

Taking it a step further, some have even advocated paying college athletes in the power conferences by not only giving them free tuition but a flat salary. Aside from destroying the slight parity that already exists in college sports, this would completely eliminate the student part of the equation.

If you attend a university and are granted a degree, you damned well better have earned it. The current system makes that outcome questionable for thousands of college athletes, and a change to a salary-based system in college sports would only make the value of their degrees laughable.

Tebow and his backup, Brantley, are just two of the many examples of media excess and infatuation with college stars. There should be coverage, without a doubt. But there should also be respect for the fact that they are both athletes and scholars.

Otherwise the media should be covering the speed with which I just downed the full 72 ounces of my Bubba Keg.

Kyle Robisch is a political science and economics junior. His column appears on Fridays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you ride a bicycle to class?

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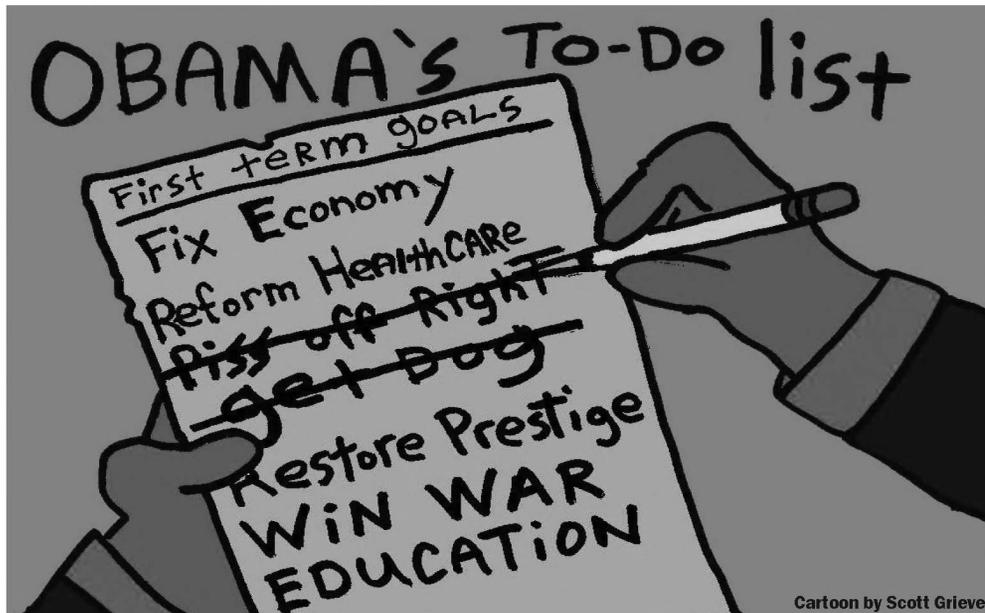
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Letters to the Editor

Philadelphia doesn't hate dogs

I am shocked and extremely insulted from Tommy Maple's article about my birthplace and the city in which most of my family resides. I am not going to comment about the dog fighting subject because I love dogs and know their value to our society.

Maple, who is a grad student in international communications, has managed to examine the moves of two separate parties and conclude that 1.4 million people feel the same way. If he is with international communications, this is not a good way for him to start off. Is he going to call other countries bad names when he grows up to be a real grown up and has a job?

This article should be about two parties only: the 3rd District Court in Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Eagles management. The courts let Vick play. This has nothing to do with the city or its residents, yet he calls them heroin addicts and drug dealers. I have news for him. There are drug dealers everywhere, even in Gainesville. Most importantly, there are thousands of UF students with relatives from Philly and who are from there.

In a student newspaper, you have insulted an entire nation of good people who hold our city in the highest regard by printing his trashy, sensationalized column. Let me be clear — the city does not hate dogs. That is my main point.

There are 1.4 million people in that city and millions of others who love dogs, some have even given up their season tickets because the Eagles signed Vick. They chose dogs over their football team. Let me ask Tommy this question: If you had season tickets for the Gators, would you throw them away if Brandon Spikes had a dog fighting ring?

I ask that you retract his sixth paragraph about Philadelphia's people and apologize to me and all of the students families you have insulted. I would much rather speak to Maple personally, but he doesn't have the face of a brave man. I am very interested to know where he is from, so I can Google ugly

incidents that happened in his hometown as well. I do not expect him to reply, but would love to hear from him. Alligator staff: Please, for the sake of others, do not print garbage that insults your student community.

Greg Fulginiti
Associate Director of Development
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Thursday column's author misinformed

I'm a Gator, and I read the Alligator every day. Tommy Maple's Thursday column is one of the worst I have read and one of the most obvious examples of an author not doing his research.

First of all, just because a manager, owner and coach of a sports team decides to acquire a specific player does not mean the entire city is in favor of it. I live in and was in Philadelphia this summer when they acquired Michael Vick. There was an incredible outcry from Philadelphia fans. So many people were disappointed and there were even people protesting in front of the stadium. People have given up season tickets and vowed to attend no more games because of what the Eagles decided to do. Don't assume that everyone is in favor of the idea.

Quite frankly, I am not sure what the point of this column even is. Are you upset with the Eagles? Philadelphia? From this article it's pretty apparent that the author has never really experienced Philly. Philadelphia is extremely rich in history and art, and clearly the author has no appreciation for culture. I don't think the entire city of Philadelphia should be looked down on because of one team's decision to acquire one player. Yes, Philadelphia has some of the most knowledgeable and passionate sports fans out there but in no way does this make them bad people. This makes Philly a great city to visit and live in.

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UF ADMINISTRATION

Nursing dean one of three finalists for spot

The dean of the College of Nursing is one of three finalists for the presidency of Georgia Southern University, officials announced Thursday.

The university, located in Statesboro, Ga., announced last month that Kathleen Long was one of six finalists, but the field has now been narrowed by half.

The other finalists are Brooks A. Keel, vice chancellor for research and economic development and professor of biological sciences at Louisiana State University, and David Belcher, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University

of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The current president, who has been in office since 1999, will resign at the end of December. Long has been the dean and a professor at UF's nursing college since 1995.

Reached by phone on Thursday, college spokeswoman Tracy Wright didn't comment on the college's plans if Long departs.

—THOMAS STEWART



Long

H1N1 takes 4th victim

■ SHE WAS 20 YEARS OLD.

By LEORA ARNOWITZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

The swine flu claimed its fourth victim in Alachua County with the death of a 20-year-old woman in late September.

The woman, an Alachua County resident, was not a UF student, according to Paul Myers, assistant director of the Alachua County Health Department. He said she had severe, underlying health conditions when she contracted the flu.

"Our deepest sympathies are extended to family and friends," said ACHD spokeswoman Jean Munden.

While most cases of the swine flu are mild, pre-existing health conditions play

a large role in determining how someone will react to the virus, according to an ACHD press release.

Symptoms of the flu include coughing, sneezing and a fever of more than 100 degrees. People who are infected may experience a sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, diarrhea or vomiting.

To prevent the spread of the swine flu, ACHD encourages those who are feeling sick to stay home and away from others. Also, before visiting a medical office or clinic, ACHD recommends sick individuals contact their medical provider for instructions.

"We continue to receive and investigate reports of flu transmission in the county and urge citizens to exercise precautions against infection," Munden said.



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Stringing Along

Natalie Chang, a music junior, performs on Turlington Plaza to promote the upcoming UF Symphony Orchestra concert, "The Bad Boys of Music." The concert will be held at the University Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Slow shifts signaled close

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games. It just sucks."

Joiner said that Monday's trivia night was one of the slowest he's seen in years, whereas past Mondays at Mellow Mushroom defied the industry trend of slow shifts.

"I think Tuesday was one of the slowest lunches we've had. I think we only made about \$300 for the whole lunch period," Joiner said about the restaurant's last lunch shift.

Brasch could not confirm rumors that Mellow Mushroom would open another store in Gainesville.

"We are going to work diligently to create a plan to resurface in [the Gainesville] market," he said. "We're going to do everything we can."

Brasch elaborated, saying that a reopening of Mellow Mushroom in Gainesville at a different location would depend on a number of factors, including whether to keep the Gainesville location a franchise and whether to market the Gainesville location strictly to UF or to the entire community.

"It depends, in some respect, on the interest we get from

Gainesville residents that are really craving Mellow Mushroom to come back," Brasch said.

Joiner, who has already filed for unemployment, said there was some initial confusion as to whether employees would receive their final paychecks. According to Joiner, a manager distributed paychecks Thursday night.

Joiner directed feelings not necessarily to UF students such as Rogg, who said she'll miss the house calzone the most, but to the Mellow Mushroom regulars who came in everyday.

"I mean it was good food. I really enjoyed the food," Joiner said. "I can't really say that for all the places I've worked in."

As of Wednesday night, the restaurant's Twitter and Facebook accounts were down, but the company's Web site still listed the Gainesville location in operation as of Thursday night.

"It's not like we wanted this result, but now that we're faced with this reality, we have to ask ourselves, 'OK, what's the best solution?'" Brasch said.

Local News

UF-Georgia tickets sell for \$100 to \$200

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team are kind of undercut by people who just want to make a profit."

Hernandez spent the few minutes before 6 p.m. in his living room with friends — laptop ready — but wasn't as lucky. This is the first year since attending UF that he will have to buy a ticket secondhand.

"I don't mind paying a lot of money for tickets, but it's tough being a college student and spending that much money just to see your team play," Hernandez said.

Reynolds, who bought his season football tickets from a graduate student, doesn't see a problem with buying and reselling tickets.

"He just wanted a few bucks for rent and stuff, and I just wanted a ticket," he said. "It's the same with these. If someone wants a ticket badly enough, they'll be willing to pay up to a certain amount with-

in reason. We both get what we want."

Although there were some complaints last year about the new system, which switched from the phone method to online, the University Athletic Association said the sale ran glitch-free.

"Besides the fact that the tickets went very fast, everything ran fine with Ticketmaster," said Mike Masson, student ticket supervisor for the UAA. "There were no glaring issues that we saw."

Some students say the system still has issues. "I think the current system isn't working," Hernandez said. "Although it's convenient to do everything online, it seems like there's too many things that can go wrong."

Hernandez said while waiting in line, his screen froze. He had to sign in again, likely losing his ticket.

"I actually prefer the old method of calling on the phone. Even though it took a long time, you were rewarded for your persistence," Hernandez said.

Children to take priority for H1N1 vaccine

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the college and the students."

Dr. Phillip Barkley, director of the Student Health Care Center, said the clinic is following the ACHD guide on who receives the vaccinations first. He is waiting for word on when UF students and staff will become the next priority.

According to a recent AP poll, only 45 percent of people ages 18 to 29 will be lining up for the vaccine, something Barkley expected.

"We've known for years that people who are recommended to be vaccinated sometimes choose not to be," Barkley said.

Over the years, only about 13 percent of pregnant women, 40 to 45 percent of healthcare workers and two-thirds of those over the age of 65 have received

the seasonal flu vaccine, even though it's recommended these groups be vaccinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices, Barkley said.

"But your primary defense against getting influenza is to get vaccinated."

Paul Myers
assistant director of ACHD

For those who choose not to be vaccinated, Myers stands behind the public health messages the ACHD has been pushing: If you're ill stay home, practice good cough and sneezing etiquette and continue to wash your hands.

"But your primary defense against getting influenza is to get vaccinated," Myers said.

Gators to host Tide, defense key

■ THE DEFENSE ALLOWED THREE GOALS IN A DOUBLE-OT MATCH WITH OLE MISS.

By **TYLER JETT**
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The UF soccer team ran this week.

And ran. And ran.

But the Gators weren't conditioning their bodies; they were adjusting their mindsets.

Tonight, when No. 14 Florida (8-4-1, 2-1-1 Southeastern Conference) hosts Alabama (5-4-1, 1-1-1 SEC), the Gators will have a chance to show how different they are from the squad that left Oxford, Miss., disappointed five days ago.

After a rough weekend in which the Gators blew a late lead, coach Becky Burleigh said her defense needed passion.

Defenders have been giving opposing forwards too much of a cushion, they were told during a team meeting Monday. If the back line applies more pressure, its presence will limit the attacking players' options.

The back line also needs to improve its team defense, which includes double-teaming the player with the ball, Burleigh said.

"The biggest issue is the lack of aggressiveness on our part," she said. "If you can do it for a half, you can do it for a whole game."

Coaches tried to rev up the back line's intensity in practice this week through competition.

The Gators were divided into three groups. Two of the groups scrimmaged while the other ran with strength and conditioning coach Karin Werth.

After one scrimmage, the losing group ran with Werth and the other two scrimmaged.

"It's constant. You don't get a break," defender Kathryn Williamson said.

After rallying to a 2-1 lead in the 78th minute Sunday against Mississippi, Florida appeared to have the match wrapped up.

Burleigh even admitted she thought it was over.

But the Gators succumbed to pressure from the Rebels, allowing a tying goal in the 84th minute and a golden goal in the second over-

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Strength and conditioning coach Karin Werth ran UF's players extra hard in preparation for Alabama after a poor defensive weekend.

UF looks to keep up strong blocking effort against LSU

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**
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During Florida's recent blocking drought, senior libero Elyse Cusack wrote a quote on the whiteboard before practice that the team will play by for the rest of the season.

"Offense wins games, but defense wins championships."

If No. 6 UF (12-2, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) has plans of winning its 19th consecutive SEC title, it will have to continue its recent high level of defensive play.

"I think the extra attention we've been putting into blocking is finally paying off in the matches."

Elyse Cusack
UF senior libero

After failing to outblock an opponent in the first 10 matches of the season, the Gators have now done so in three out of their last four matches. They will look to keep it up as they travel to Baton Rouge, La., to take on LSU (11-4, 5-1 SEC) at 7 p.m. on Sunday in a match televised on ESPNU.

"In practice, we have been doing so much blocking, and players have been going in early and getting in extra reps," Cusack said. "I think the extra attention we've been putting into blocking is finally paying off in the matches."

In the last couple of seasons, blocking has been a key statistic for UF. The team is undefeated in its last 20 regular-season matches when it outblocks an opponent, dating back to 2008.

Sophomore middle blocker Cassandra Anderson has led the charge for the Gators, as she has averaged 1.23 blocks per set this season. She had 10 block assists in the team's win Wednesday against South Carolina.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Young runners will get chance to earn spots at FSU

By JESSICA ETTER
Alligator Writer

A few UF runners are hoping to secure spots later in the season with strong performances at the FSU Invitational on Saturday morning.

Coach Todd Morgan said the meet will give the younger runners a chance to step up and get another race under their belts before the Southeastern Conference Championship on Oct. 31.

Junior Ali Crabb, who finished fifth at the SEC meet in 2008, will be one of six women

participating in Tallahassee on Saturday.

"I know some of the girls (who will be running) haven't had a chance to race in a while, and they are ready," she said. "They have been training well, and it should be a great race for them. I'm excited to get a chance to run again and prepare for SECs."

Alison Babb, Callie Cooper, Sydney Devore, Mandy Perkins and Erica Taltos will also be running in the 5K race with Crabb.

Morgan can run 10 women at the SEC meet. He said there are three spots up for grabs and anticipates the women who run well at this invitational to be considered for those positions.

UF suffered first winless weekend since 2007

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time.

The loss, coupled with a 1-1 tie at Mississippi State on Oct. 2, gave UF its first winless weekend of SEC matches since the beginning of the 2007 season.

"To score two goals on the road at Ole Miss, the disappointing part isn't our offense," Burleigh said. "It's giving up three goals."

Burleigh said the team's objective after a weekend of SEC play is to walk off the pitch two wins — and six points — closer to finishing first in the conference for the fourth straight year.

"We're complacent," freshman Kayla Bala said. "We've won the SEC so many times, when it comes to teams like Mississippi State and Ole Miss, we're like, 'Oh, we're going to beat them.' We have the state of mind that we're going to crush those teams, but we have to go in there thinking that anything can happen."

While the team failed to live up to Burleigh's expectations last weekend, Florida will have a chance at redemption with a two-match homestand that ends Sunday against Auburn.

Unlike the two teams the Gators couldn't beat last week, the Tigers, who reached the NCAA Tournament last season, come to Gainesville respected by Florida.

But playing a tougher opponent might be just what UF needs.

"When we were playing FSU, the defense was on point, and everyone was really sharp because we knew their forwards were really good," Bala said. "But when you're playing teams that you don't think are as good, you become passive."



Soccer

Wise sees blocks, digs as effort statistics

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But she wasn't the only one who thrived on the defensive end that night. Sophomore setter Kelly Murphy finished the match with 17 digs, while Cusack racked up 18.

"We always say there are two stats that really scream effort," UF coach Mary Wise said. "One is block assists, the other is digs."

Though the outside hitters are not known for their defense, even they are getting in on the action. In their last four matches, Kristy Jaekel, Colleen Ward and Callie Rivers have combined to dig up an average of 18.25 balls per match.

Jaekel has quietly improved her defensive play this season. After averaging just 1.17 digs per match last year, she has the second highest dig average this season after raising that number to 2.23 per set.

But the leading force behind the team's improved defensive effort has been Cusack, a player who takes pride in her defense and leads the team in digs.

"I think that, especially for me — defense being my position, great teams are great defenders," Cusack said. "That's blocking and digging balls, and if you do that, you are going to beat your opponent."

Despite the abrupt defensive turnaround, Wise does not believe UF has reached its full defensive potential yet.

"There have been some years that I can say, 'This is as good as we are going to get,' and that's just not the case this season, not with as many sophomores as we play," Wise said. "I really like the potential of this team."



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UF libero Elyse Cusack led the team with 18 digs in a 3-1 win over South Carolina on Wednesday.

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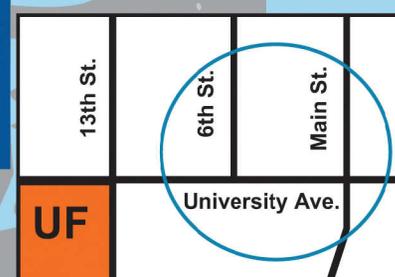
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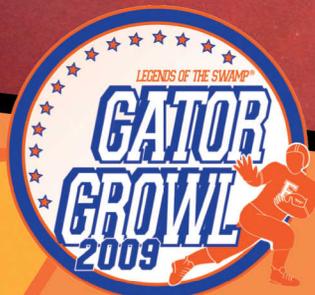
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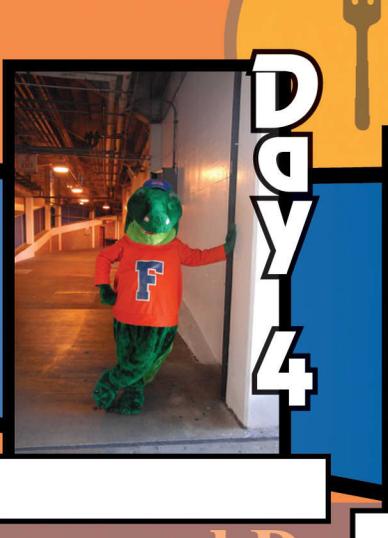
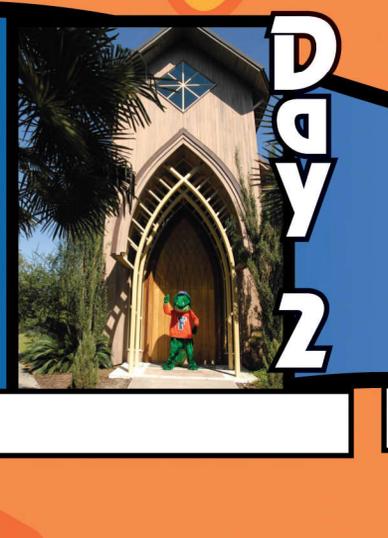
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Florida looks to end Tiger Stadium streak LSU has won 32 straight Sat. night games

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**
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It doesn't matter if it's John Brantley or Tim Tebow who gets the start at quarterback, No. 1 Florida (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) will face its toughest test of the season Saturday night as it heads to Death Valley to take on No. 4 LSU.

UF coach Urban Meyer said Tebow will likely be a game-time decision.

If he is unable to go, backup John Brantley will get his first career start under the lights.

"(John has) always been a guy who could throw the ball. It's like a running back that just can run.

Now, he seems to be a quarterback who has command of the game, command of the huddle," Meyer said.

Brantley has completed 22 of 30 passes for 232 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions this season.

"He's getting the full (playbook). When he's in that game, there's no baby steps. He's going to go play," Meyer said.

The Tigers (5-0, 3-0 SEC) have been dominant when playing at home on Saturday nights, winning their last 32 games, including 21 straight under Les Miles.

Since 1960, LSU is 211-59-4 all time at night in Tiger Stadium. Its last Saturday night home loss came against Alabama in 2002.

"It's the toughest place I've played at since I've been here," cornerback Joe Haden said.

Two years ago, Tim Tebow received death threats on his

cell phone the week before the game. This year, LSU fans were able to get a hold of Brantley's and wide receiver Riley Cooper's phone numbers.

Saturday's game against Florida is the highest-ranked matchup to be played in Baton Rouge since No. 1 LSU beat No.

3 Ole Miss 7-3 in 1959.

That day, Billy Cannon took a fourth-quarter punt back 89 yards for the game's only touchdown. The play would become the highlight of the Heisman Trophy winner's career.

Cannon's distant successor, sophomore Jordan Jefferson,

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Picks Column



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It's amazing this guy still has a job.

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He's got a national championship under his belt, and he's great with members of the media.

But his fans are getting unruly, craving — nay, demanding — a change.

His southern charm makes him an affable personality, and he has accomplished a lot during his time at his Florida school. Yet the recent run of reprehensible results seems to warrant a firing. Disgruntled boosters are calling for his head. His bosses, however, seem unwilling to pull the trigger due to all the good will he has accumulated in previous years.

He is, of course, Palm Beach Post beat writer — and dear friend of the Alligator — Ben Volin.

The last time out, our panel of experts here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column logged a banner week.

Volin? He managed a pathetic 3-7 mark. His reaction? Bliss.

Those three wins were a 300 percent increase from his previous two weeks combined.

Without further ado, here's our Boston College-Virginia Tech debate:

BC WILL UNQUESTIONABLY CRAP ALL OVER THE +13.5-POINT SPREAD BECAUSE... The Eagles own a three-game regular-season winning streak against the Hokies. So BC may have lost the last two ACC Championship games. Big deal. The last time I checked, it was still October. More importantly, Boston College has covered in eight of its last 11 games against Virginia Tech, including six of the last eight in Blacksburg. If you need one more reason to agree with me, just consult the picks column standings.

—MIKE DiFERDINANDO

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In this Oct. 7, 2007, file photo, LSU's Tiger Stadium is shown from the air during second half of the LSU-Florida game in Baton Rouge. LSU has won 32 straight Saturday night home games.

Who wants to be the one to tell Tebow he's not playing?

It's 15 minutes from kickoff, deep in the bowels of Tiger Stadium.

Urban Meyer and John Brantley are huddled together in a dimly lit hallway, just outside the Florida Gators' locker room.

They speak in hushed but passionate voices.

Brantley: "You said this was my chance! You said even if the doctors clear him to play, you still had to make a decision. You told me yesterday I was going to be the starter. My family drove all the way out here, and the receivers even promised they'd try this week. You have to go in there and tell him!"

Meyer: "How am I supposed to do that?"



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to catch one out of every three deep balls. Then we can bring in Moody to grind out the tough yards."

Meyer: "Who?"

I've got kids, man."

A loud thump comes from inside the locker room, and the two jump back, startled.

Brantley: "Look, the offense can still be great with me playing. Demps and Rainey are fast as lightning, and Deonte is bound

They are interrupted again by the sound of crashing and growling on the other side of the door.

Meyer: "Well, I guess I better go get this over with."

Meyer enters the locker room and is shocked at the scene before him.

A single, naked light bulb swings from the ceiling.

The room is empty, save for three tigers whimpering in the corner.

Tim Tebow is seated in front of a mirror, calmly crushing Nalgene bottles with one hand and writing with the other.

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TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ There's a new trend in luxury living among college coaches and ADs. Newly hired Marshall AD Mike Hamrick was given temporary housing in a dorm room on an all-girls floor. Score! ... If you watched Hard Knocks, you know any play that starts with DeDe ends in TD. That was true for DeDe Dorsey last night — playing for the UFL's Las Vegas Locomotives.

INSIDE

■ Florida's soccer, volleyball and cross country teams are all in action this weekend. Volleyball and cross country both hit the road while soccer is set to host Alabama and Auburn. See Pages 9 and 10 for stories.

POLL RESULTS

Previous questions:

Who will start at QB for UF this Saturday?

	Percent (Votes)
Brantley	55% (137)
Tebow	45% (111)
248 TOTAL VOTES	

Who should start at QB this Saturday?

	Percent (Votes)
Brantley	66% (174)
Tebow	34% (89)
263 TOTAL VOTES	

UF SWIMMING

Florida kicks off season at UVA

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

When UF travels to Virginia for its season opener this weekend, the Gators will have two experienced seniors leading the way.

On the women's side, senior Gemma Spofforth will head a strong squad into Virginia when competition gets underway Friday.

"We're probably returning one of the best women's teams in the country," coach Gregg Troy said. "We don't have any weaknesses that are obvious at the moment."

Last season, Spofforth broke UF records in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes, and the 200 individual medley.

She also defended her NCAA and Southeastern Conference titles in both the 100 and 200 back, and she was named the SEC Swimmer of the Year.

"She's got a lot of leadership, a lot of background and certainly a

lot of experience," Troy said.

She also represented Great Britain in the 2008 Olympics and finished fourth in the 100-meter backstroke.

Spofforth said the experience she gained in the Olympics will help push her to do better this season.

"Coming fourth in the Olympics, although a lot of people said it was really great, it's something that has made me hungry for more," she said. "Every disappointment I've had in the past year just gives me a little bit more hunger to swim faster every time I get in the pool."

Spofforth said she is accustomed to the expectations placed on her because of the success she has had, so she just focuses on her performance in the pool.

"I've had a while to get used to the pressure," Spofforth said. "I've already had pressure from world competitions and the NCAA, so I don't really think about it. I just use each match as a

stepping stone for the next one."

On the men's side, UF is without two of last season's top three performers — Bradley Ally and Rex Tullius graduated last year. The third, Shaune Fraser, returns as the senior pace setter for UF this season.

Fraser will enter this weekend's meet at Virginia with a great deal of experience.

Last season, he had six All-America honors at the NCAA Championships, capturing the 200-yard freestyle and the 200 butterfly.

He also broke four individual UF records — the 50, 100 and 200 free and the 200 fly.

Troy said that after the summer Fraser had, he expects the senior to take on some of the leadership responsibilities.

Fraser said he would use his performance to lead the younger swimmers.

"I try to just lead by example and just do the best that I can," he said.

UF advances four at ITA All-American

By **GREG LUCA**
Alligator Writer

Despite having to face three ranked opponents in the previous two days, UF freshmen Allie Will and Lauren Embree looked as strong as ever in first-round wins at the ITA All-American Championships. Also recording first-round victories were Marrit Boonstra on the women's side and Alex Lacroix on the men's side.



Tennis

Embree's 6-2, 6-2 win over Marta Lesniak of SMU brings her to 6-0, while Will improved to 11-1 with her 6-3, 6-3 victory over Boise State's Pichitra Thongdach. The freshmen complemented their singles victories with a 8-3 win on the doubles court. over Jennifer Stevens and Emily Fraser of Virginia.

Boonstra also advanced with a 6-2, 6-3 win over qualifier Natasha Marks of Arizona.

"Those three were extremely resilient today and didn't let anything phase them," UF women's associate head coach Dave Balogh said. "It was probably one of the best days I've seen from a Gator team in many many years."

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Staunch UF defense could give Jefferson trouble

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has played well this year for the Tigers, throwing for 920 yards, seven touchdowns and just two interceptions — a marked improvement from the 18 interceptions LSU quarterbacks threw in 2008.

Jefferson is also coming off the biggest win of his young career on the road against Georgia last week.

He led LSU on a game-winning 13-play, 88-yard drive.

He could struggle, though, against a Florida defense which is giving up just 7.25 points (second

nationally) and 212.75 yards (first in the nation).

LSU's offensive line has allowed 13 sacks through five games, including six against Georgia.

Assuming the offensive line can keep Jefferson standing and the defense can keep the Gators out of the end zone, Tiger Stadium will show why it's thought of as one of the toughest places to play.

The school has issued an advisory for fans, and an overflow crowd is expected to top the 93,000 capacity.

But Meyer said he's seen the

"It's when those guys wearing the jerseys are really good that it gets loud. I remember coming there with Colorado State, and we beat them and their team wasn't very good. It was pretty quiet that day."

Urban Meyer
UF football coach

softer side of Death Valley.

"It's when those guys wearing the jerseys are really good that it gets loud," he said. "I remember

coming there with Colorado State, and we beat them and their team wasn't very good. It was pretty quiet that day."

The game Meyer was referring to was a 17-14 Colorado State victory in 1992 when he was the Rams' wide receivers coach. The Tigers finished 2-9 that season and 1-7 in the SEC.

Since 1939, a total of 11 No. 1 teams have gone into Tiger Stadium. LSU has won just one of the 11, a 1997 victory vs. Florida.

The winner of the last three Florida-LSU games has gone on to win the national title (UF in 2006 and 2008, LSU in 2007).

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"Uh, hey Tim," Meyer says nervously.

"Hi, coach," Tebow responds, carefully using a Sharpie to write on an eye black strip.

Meyer: "What Bible verse are you going with this week?"

Tebow: "Oh, it's one of my favorites. It's from Isaiah, chapter 33, verse 1. 'Woe to you, O destroyer, you who have not been destroyed! Woe to you, O traitor, you who have not been betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed.' I think it's really important not to betray people, don't you, coach?"

Meyer shudders and tugs on his collar.

Meyer: "Listen, Tim. You know I'd love to see you play tonight, but..."

Tebow: "But what?"

Meyer: "But I can't risk you getting hurt again. If you go down on my watch, I'm done for. I promise, just sit out tonight and I'll let you run on every play against Arkansas."

Tebow pauses, then gives a lighthearted chuckle.

Tebow: "Coach, were you nervous about telling me this? Don't worry about it. I'm fine taking the night off. I know Johnny has it covered."

Meyer is visibly relieved. As he walks back out into the hallway to tell Brantley the good news, a hooded figure approaches and sneaks up behind

Brantley.

Meyer: "Dan? Is that you? What are you doing here?"

The hood slips off, revealing Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen. He pulls out a club, smacks Brantley's knee and runs off down the hallway, where he high-fives Tebow.

Tebow glares at Meyer for a moment, then slips his helmet on and leads his teammates onto the field.

Meyer: "Well, at least I don't have to give Moody any carries now."

Editor's Note: The above exchange is purely fictional and meant for comedic purposes.

To the best of our knowledge, Dan Mullen has not been contracted for a hit on John Brantley.

by the NUMBERS

32 Consecutive Saturday night home wins for LSU

14 Consecutive wins for UF, the nation's longest streak

321.6 Yards of total offense per game for LSU

321.6 Yards of total offense per game for LSU's opponents

11 Touchdown passes thrown by LSU starting quarterback

Jordan Jefferson in 201 career attempts

7 Touchdown passes thrown by UF backup quarterback John Brantley in 58 career attempts

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INJURY REPORT

OUT

- CB Jeremy Brown (back)
- WR Carl Moore (back)
- S Dorian Munroe (knee)
- DB Moses Jenkins (concussion)

DOUBTFUL

- FB Steven Wilks (knee)

QUESTIONABLE

- QB Tim Tebow (concussion)
- DT Brandon Antwine (shoulder)

PROBABLE

- DT Lawrence Marsh (ankle)
- WR Deonte Thompson (hamstring)

statistical breakdown

UF		LSU
45.5	Points Per Game	27
7.2	Points Allowed Per Game	14.8
218.8	Passing Yards Per Game	186.2
307.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	135.4
120	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	204.8
92.8	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	116.8
29/49 (59%)	3rd Down Conversions	28/66 (42%)
18/64 (28%)	3rd Down Defense	36/86 (42%)
19/21 (67%)	Red Zone Scoring Efficiency (TD %)	14/18 (44%)
5/7 (29%)	Red Zone Defense (TD%)	10/14 (50%)
+2	Turnover Margin	+7

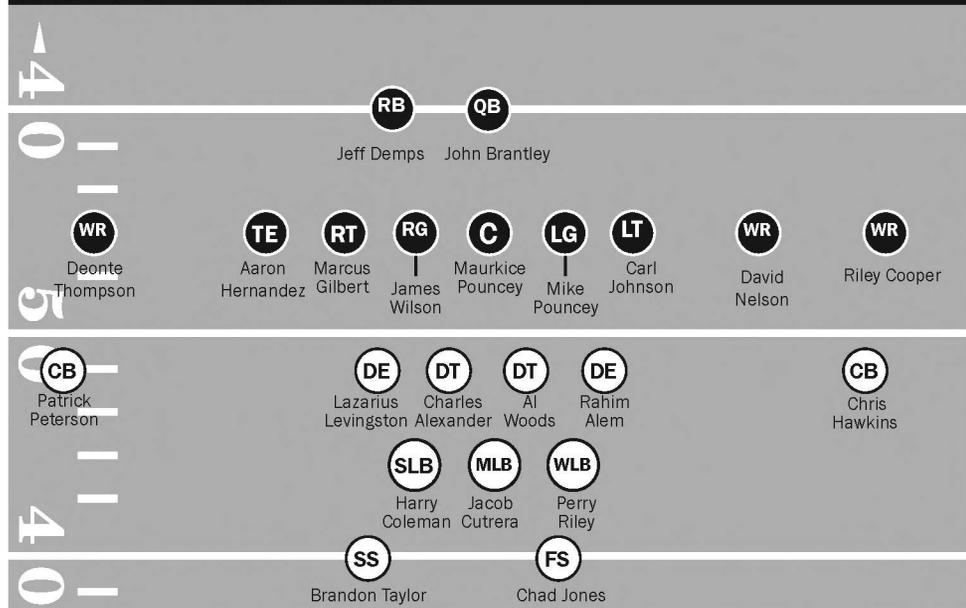


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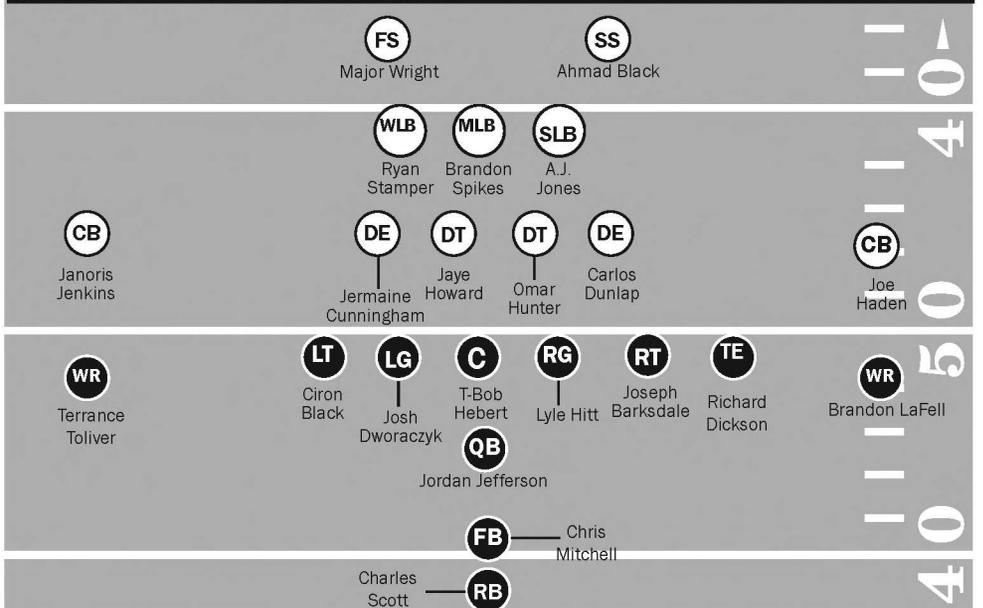
PROBABLE

- G Lyle Hitt (concussion-like symptoms)
- DE Chancey Aghayere (undisclosed)
- DT Josh Downs (knee)

UF offense vs. LSU defense



UF defense vs. LSU offense





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LSU FOOTBALL

Scott moves back to RB

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Fullback isn't where senior Charles Scott was supposed to be lining up four games into LSU's season.

Yet the preseason All-Southeastern Conference first-team running back selection found himself laying blocks for senior Keiland Williams before being moved back to his natural position against Georgia last week.

Scott responded with 95 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns in the final three minutes of the Tigers' 20-13 win against the Bulldogs.

"He has a very strong game with or without the ball," LSU coach Les Miles said. "When the game is on the line, you can put the ball in his hands. He runs with passion, and he refused to go down on the last play."

The last play was a 33-yard bruising run in which Scott ran through two defenders in the hole at the line of scrimmage and broke another tackle before getting into the end

zone for the game-winning score.

Last season, Scott rushed for over 1,000 yards and an SEC-high 18 touchdowns.

Florida defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said Scott's running style isn't anything the Gators haven't seen already.

"I don't think he really does anything different," Strong said. "He's similar to (Tennessee running back Montario) Hardesty."

Hardesty gashed UF for 96 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries in Week 3, though Scott didn't enjoy similar success the last time he faced the Gators.

UF's defense held Scott to 35 yards on 12 carries in a 51-21 win in The Swamp in 2008.

The last time the Gators went to Death Valley, however, then-LSU running back Jacob Hester had his way with UF's defense, going off for 106 yards on 23 carries including two fourth-and-1 conversions on the game's final drive.

He would later cap off that drive by scoring the go-ahead touchdown with just more than one minute remaining to seal the Tigers' 28-24 victory.

PICKS, from page 17

VT WILL WITHOUT A SHADOW OF A DOUBT COVER THE -13.5-POINT SPREAD BECAUSE ... BC is about as untested as Derrick Rose. Unless you count the Golden Eagles' win against a Volin-led ... I mean, Bobby Bowden-led FSU team. BC is yet to even play a ranked opponent, nevermind beat one. VT, on the other hand, has won two out of three games against ranked opponents, with its lone loss coming against No. 3 Alabama. Plus, Volin picked BC.

— KYLE MAISTRI

Now, on to the picks!

Leading the pack of journalists with a 28-21 record is Mike "I feel too connected" DiFerdinando, who recently made the switch to an iPhone and decided to read the Alligator on his phone's Web browser rather than the print copy less than a foot away.

In second place with a 24-25 record is Mike "How many different kinds of alcohol did you say are in a hand grenade?" McCall, who wants no part of our plans to bomb out on New Orleans' most famous drink. If he can't handle a grenade, imagine what a Hurricane might do to him ...

Locked in a three-way tie for third at 23-26 is Ed "The youth of a nation" Aschoff, who directly contradicted our implications that golf doesn't exactly reach out to America's "hip-hop" culture. To be fair, Ed also scored 120 out of 129 on the "Stuff White People Like" list, including scarves, having gay friends and Juno.

In the middle of the manwich is Bobby "Enough with the short jokes" Callovi, who will be buckled up in the back seat as per law on our trip to Baton Rouge. Luckily, his girlfriend is coming along so we don't have to worry about keeping his bottle filled this weekend.

Moving into the top half of the table for the first time is Kyle "I meant to bubble 'F'" Maistri, who forgot to answer a multiple-choice exam question despite no penalties for wrong answers.

In sixth place with a 22-27 record is Phil "I got stuff to do" Kegler, who should have cured cancer, discovered new planets and won a Nobel Peace Prize considering how many times he turns down social interactions. We suspect he's actually sitting around the apartment feeding his

knitting, pottery and quilting addictions.

First in a line of poor-performing "real" journalists with a 21-28 record is Jeremy "I wish I were back at the Alligator" Fowler, whose life is so boring that he literally waits on this picks column e-mail in the middle of the week. I guess having a wife and a job at a major newspaper just isn't enough for some people.

Nipping at his heels with a 20-29 record is Mike "How do I reach these keeeds" DiRocco, who thought it would be funny to flip off a couple of us while waiting at a stop light. He's no longer our favorite grandpa.

After an epic fall from grace, in second-to-last place and also with a 20-29 record is Joe "Gator Clause" Goodman, whose blog name makes him sound like a red-and-green-clad Albert.

And rounding out our collection of hard-working wordsmiths is Ben "Is being compared to Bobby Bowden that bad?" Volin, who requested we leave out other similarities like involuntary bowel movements, balding and a creepy old man affinity for co-eds.

BC (+13.5) @ VT	MDF	MM	EA	BC	KM
BAMA (-5.5) @ MISS	BC	VT	BC	VT	VT
UGA (+1) @ UT	BAMA	BAMA	MISS	BAMA	MISS
GT (+2.5) @ FSU	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA
OU (-3.5) @ UCLA	FSU	FSU	GT	FSU	FSU
AUB (-2.5) @ ARK	OU	UCLA	OU	OU	OU
UM (+7) @ IOWA	AUB	AUB	ARK	ARK	AUB
HOU (+1) @ MSU	UM	UM	UM	UM	UM
SU(PICK) @ OSU	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU
UF (-7.5) @ LSU	SU	SU	OSU	SU	OSU
	UF	UF	UF	UF	UF
	PK	JF	MDR	JG	BV
BC (+13.5) @ VT	VT	BC	VT	BC	BC
BAMA (-5.5) @ MISS	BAMA	BAMA	BAMA	MISS	BAMA
UGA (+1) @ UT	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	UT
GT (+2.5) @ FSU	GT	FSU	GT	FSU	FSU
OU (-3.5) @ UCLA	OU	OU	UCLA	OU	OU
AUB (-2.5) @ ARK	AUB	AUB	AUB	AUB	AUB
UM (+7) @ IOWA	UM	UM	IOWA	UM	IOWA
HOU (+1) @ MSU	HOU	HOU	HOU	MSU	HOU
SU(PICK) @ OSU	SU	SU	SU	SU	OSU

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